

Venue

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Registration

We kindly ask to register until September 2, 2009. You will receive a confirmation.

Conference number

430709

Conference fee

Conference costs are reduced for members of Sri Lankan Diaspora because of subsidies.

Full board:

Double room 70,00 €
Single room 95,00 €
Without lodging & breakfast 30,00 €

For other participants (besides Sri Lankan Diaspora)

Full board:
Double room 111,00 €
(with shower/WC)
Single room 139,60 €
(with shower/WC)

Without lodging, & breakfast 47,20 €

All prices include VAT.

Conference leaders

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Sri Lanka after the "victory"

What's about minority rights,
liberty, democracy and peace?



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In co-operation with
Gesellschaft für Konfliktprävention,
Demokratie und Minderheitenrechte,
e. V. (GEKODEM)
International Network of Sri Lankan
Diaspora (INSD)
Sri Lanka Verein Stuttgart e. V.

Sri Lanka after the "victory": What's about minority rights, liberty, democracy and peace?

With the brutal end of the military battle actions, the civil war has been ended only in the first run. But reasons of the war like the violation of minority rights and the missing coming to terms of the human rights violations in Sri Lanka have not yet been removed. The more than 20 years lasting war created unbelievable misery, death, destruction, flight and migration especially among the Tamil and Muslim population. The conference will be dealing with the situation in the North and East of Sri Lanka and the future perspectives. The democratic political rights, the print media and the freedom of opinion are also violated in the South, journalists and human rights activists have to fear prosecution and threat.

Together with Sri Lankan speakers we want to discuss

- whether there will be a sustainable balance of powers,
- which role the international community plays,
- whether there will be a new civil war situation due to a missing political solution,
- and how will the disastrous economic situation impact the development of the country.

The Sri Lankan government mobilized the Sinhalese population in the South for the war with many initiatives. Therefore an anti-Tamil mood is dominating and many people are thinking that the "Tamil problem" has been "solved". That is why one major aim of the conference is to look for ways to decrease the tensions between the different groups of the population and to speak up for a sustainable political solution on the basis of democratic basic rights.

You are cordially invited to join this conference in Bad Boll. The conference language will be English with qualified translation between English, Tamil and Sinhalese.

Dr. Manfred Budzinski Hedwig Held Ranjith Henayaka-Lochbihler

Friday, October 2, 2009

- 18:15** **Arrival**
- 18:30** **Dinner**
- 19:30** **Welcome and Introduction to the conference**
Dr. Manfred Budzinski
Protestant Academy Bad Boll

Greetings Mangai Sivarajan International Network of Sri Lankan Diaspora e. V. (INSD), Stuttgart Dinusha Sepalage Gesellschaft für Konfliktprävention, Demokratie und Minderheitenrechte e. V. (GEKODEM), Munich	14:00	Which are the future perspectives of the Tamil society? Nadarajah-Suseenthiran Straube, INSD, Berlin afterwards discussion Coffee, Tea and Cake
Movie evening: Milla Soya Film about migrants from Sri Lanka to Europe afterwards discussion with the director Boodee Keerthiseena, Colombo	15:30	Freedom of the media and threats against journalists Sanath Balasooriya Journalist from Colombo afterwards discussion
Informal get-together at Café Heuss	16:00	Experiences of international NGOs in the conflict resolution work in Sri Lanka Stefani Schell-Faucon, Strasbourg former director of FLIKT in Colombo afterwards discussion Dinner
Morning prayer	17:30	Cultural evening
Breakfast	18:45	Word for the day
About the current human rights situation in Sri Lanka: an overview Prof. Jayantha Senevirathna Kalaniya University, Colombo afterwards discussion	20:00	Options for co-operation of the diaspora together with peace activists in Sri Lanka Results of the Kerala Conference and further options Krishna Subramania, Yoganathan Putra, Michaela Told, Ruvani Wijsekara, Ranjith Lochbihler Moderation: Hedwig Held
Unpunished violations of human rights in Sri Lanka Dr. Renate Müller-Wollermann, amnesty international Germany, executive committee representative for Asia, Tübingen	08:30	Workgroups on co-operation
Coffee and Tea Break	09:00	Break
About the situation in the North and East of Sri Lanka Shreen Saroor, Women for Human Rights and Democracy (MWFHRD), Mannar, Sri Lanka afterwards discussion	09:15	Reports from the working groups and plenary discussion with the speakers of the morning
Which are the future perspectives of the Tamil society? Nadarajah-Suseenthiran Straube INSD, Berlin afterwards discussion	10:30	Short summary and outlook N.N., INSD
Lunch	11:15	Lunch End of the conference
20:15	11:30	
21:45	12:45	
08:00	12:45	
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Saturday, October 3, 2009

Sunday, October 4, 2009