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# **2017 IACFS Conference**

**12 – 13 October 2017**

**The Principle of Equality in Diverse States –  
Reconciling Autonomy with Equal Rights and Op-  
portunities**

## **Conference Programme**

Saal Grenette/Grenette Hall

Place de Notre Dame 4

1700 Fribourg, Switzerland

## Thursday, 12 October 2017: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Conference

Time		Location
08:45 - 09:15	<b>Registration and Tea/Coffee</b>	<b>Grenette Hall</b>
09:15	<p><b>Opening of the Conference in Fribourg</b></p> <p>Welcome Address by the Faculty of Law:  <b>Bernhard Waldmann</b>, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Fribourg</p> <p>Welcome Address by the IACFS:  <b>Francesco Palermo</b>, President IACFS</p> <p>About the Conference:  <b>Eva Maria Belser</b>, Host of the 2017 IACFS Conference</p>	
10:00 - 11:15	<p>1<sup>st</sup> scientific session:  <b>Clarifying Concepts of Equality</b></p> <p>Chair: Francesco Palermo</p>	
10:00	<p><b>Anna Gamper</b>  “Suum Cuique Tribuere” – a Common Narrative of Federalism and Equality? (12’)</p>	
10:15	<p><b>Nico Steytler</b>  Autonomy: the Quest for Equality and Inequality (12’)</p>	
10:30	<p><b>Eva Maria Belser</b>  Balancing Autonomy and Human Rights: Can We Accept Unequal Human Rights Standards in Federal States? (12’)</p>	
10:45	<p><b>Debate</b>  Chaired by Francesco Palermo (max. 30’)</p>	
11:15 - 11:45	<b>Refreshments</b> (30’)	

11:45 - 13:00	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> scientific session: <b>Handling Constitutional Asymmetry</b></p> <p>Chair: Peter Haenni</p> <hr/> <p>11:45     <b>Patricia Popelier &amp; Maja Sahadzic</b> Asymmetry and Equality in Multinational Federations (12')</p> <hr/> <p>12:00     <b>Ajay Kumar Singh</b> Equality, Special Rights and Asymmetry within Indian Federalism: Constitutional Theory and Praxis (12')</p> <hr/> <p>12:15     <b>Jaap de Visser</b> The Western Cape Controversy: Asymmetry in an Equal Federation (12')</p> <hr/> <p>12:30     <b>Debate</b> Chaired by Peter Haenni (max. 30')</p>	
13:00	<b>Lunch</b> (90')	<b>Notre-Dame Hall</b>
14:30 - 16:00	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> scientific session: <b>Reconciling Equality and Multinationalism</b></p> <p>Chair: Alain Gagnon</p> <hr/> <p>14:30     <b>Assefa Fiseha</b> Reconciling Right to Self-rule with Right to Equality: The Evidence from Ethiopia (12')</p> <hr/> <p>14:45     <b>Soeren Keil</b> The Problem of Equality in a Multinational State – Bosnia and Herzegovina and Its Many People(s) (12')</p> <hr/> <p>15:00     <b>Gilberto M.A. Rodrigues</b> Indigenous Peoples and Brazil's Federalism (12')</p>	<b>Grenette Hall</b>

	<p>15:15 <b>J. Wesley Leckrone</b> Trump's America, Federalism and Inequality: Varying Visions of the Federal Government and (Some) States (12')</p>	
	<p>15:30 <b>Debate</b> Chaired by Alain Gagnon (max. 30')</p>	
16:00	<b>Refreshments</b> (30')	
16:30 - 18:00	<p>4<sup>th</sup> scientific session: <b>Dealing with Differentiated Equality</b>  Chair: Andrew Banfield</p>	
	<p>16:30 <b>Rekha Saxena</b> Union Territory (UT) Model: Principle of Weighted and Differentiated Equality in Indian Federation (12')</p>	
	<p>16:45 <b>Victoria O. Isawa-Elaigwu</b> Balancing Autonomy and Equality in the Nigerian Federation (12')</p>	
	<p>17:00 <b>Pau Bossacoma</b> Equality in Need of Autonomy (12')</p>	
	<p>17:15 <b>Erika Arban</b> Italy: the Principle of (Federal) Solidarity as a Principle of Equality (12')</p>	
	<p>17:30 <b>Debate</b> Chaired by Andrew Banfield (max. 30')</p>	
18:00	<b>Conclusion of the First Day of Conference</b>	
18:15	<b>Visit of the Espace Jean Tinguely – Niki de Saint Phalle</b>	<b>Meeting point</b> <b>Hotel de la Rose</b>
19:30	<b>Dinner at Café des Arcades</b>	

## Friday, 13 October 2017: 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Conference

Time		Location
09:00	<b>Opening of the Second Day of Conference</b> Eva Maria Belser	<b>Grenette Hall</b>
09:15 - 10:45	5 <sup>th</sup> scientific session: <b>Representing Unequal Groups Equally</b>  Chair: Gisela Faerber	
09:15	<b>Dejan Vanjek</b> Federalism, Consociation and Constitutionality: Positioning of Collective Rights on the Continuum between Autonomy/Self-Rule and Shared Rule in the Political System of Bosnia and Herzegovina (12')	
09:30	<b>Sérgio Ferrari</b> Federal States and Equality in Political Representation. Federalism Superseding Democracy? (12')	
09:45	<b>Kirsten Nussbaumer</b> The Varieties of Electoral Federalism: Top-down, Bottom-up, or Separate Spheres (12')	
10:00	<b>Yonatan Tesfaye Fessha</b> In the name of diversity: The "disenfranchisement" of linguistic minorities in Ethiopia	
10:15	<b>Debate</b> Chaired by Gisela Faerber (max. 30')	
10:45	<b>Refreshments</b> (30')	
11:15 - 12:45	6 <sup>th</sup> scientific session: <b>Protecting the Weak in Federal Settings</b>  Chair: Nico Steytler	

	<p>11:15    <b>Andrea Filippetti</b> Does Regional Autonomy Lead to Equality? The Case of Public Services in European Regions (12')</p> <p>11:30    <b>Marcelo Ponte</b> The Bolsa Família Program as a Way of Achieving Dignity and Reducing Social and Regional Inequalities in Brazil (12')</p> <p>11:45    <b>Thea Baechler</b> Equality Among Individuals in Need and Among the Subnational Entities Supporting Them: Reviewing the Provision of Social Welfare in a Federal State (12')</p> <p>12:00    <b>Gabriella Saputelli</b> The Principle of Equality and Social Care Policies in the Italian Regional System between Autonomy and Centralisation (12')</p> <p>12:15    <b>Debate</b> Chaired by Nico Steytler (max. 30')</p>	
12:45	<b>Lunch</b> (90')	<b>Notre-Dame Hall</b>
14:15	<p><b>Introduction of the Recipient of the Ronald L Watts Young Researcher Award</b></p> <p>Chair: Gisela Faerber (5')</p> <p><b>Ronald L. Watts Young Researcher Award:</b> Presentation of the Award-Winning Paper and Discussion (25')</p>	<b>Grenette Hall</b>
14:45 - 16:00	<p>7<sup>th</sup> scientific session: <b>Sharing Resources while Respecting Autonomy</b></p> <p>Chair: Jaap de Visser</p>	

	<p>14:45 <b>Peter Haenni</b> Fiscal Federalism: The Tension between Cantonal Autonomy and the Principle of Equality (12')</p>	
	<p>15:00 <b>Elisabeth Goodyear-Grant &amp; Kyle Hanniman</b> Reconciling Efficiency and Solidarity: the Role of Fiscal Councils (12')</p>	
	<p>15:15 <b>Gisela Faerber</b> The Equivalence of Living Conditions in Germany – Myths and Realities (12')</p>	
	<p>15:30 <b>Debate</b> Chaired by Jaap de Visser (max. 30')</p>	
16:00	<b>Group Photo</b> (15')	
16:15	<b>Refreshments</b> (30')	
16:45 - 17:30	<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> scientific session: Case Studies &amp; Country Reports</b> Chair: Assefa Fiseha (60')</p>	
	<p>16:45 <b>Miguel Angel Asensio</b> Equality, Development Equivalence and Federal Finance in Argentina (12')</p>	
	<p>17:00 <b>Jayampathy Wickramaratne</b> Assuring Equality, Autonomy and Territorial Integrity in Sri Lanka (12')</p>	
	<p>17:15 <b>Andrew Banfield</b> Judging Morality: Moral Policy and the Supreme Court of Canada (12')</p>	
17:30 - 18:00	<p><b>Concluding observations</b> Francesco Palermo Eva Maria Belser (30')</p>	

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18:30	<b>Historic Walking Tour through Downtown Fribourg</b> with Bernhard Altermatt, Historian	<b>Meeting point</b> <b>Hotel de la Rose</b>
19:30	<b>Dinner at the Café du Midi, Fribourg</b>	



## Saturday, 14 October: Special Event (facultative)

Time		Location
08:30	<b>Departure from Fribourg</b>	<b>Meeting point Hotel de la Rose</b>
	Cable car up to Mount Moléson with mountainous lunch and a beautiful view over the Fribourg Alps (good weather), or Excursion to the historical castle and town of Gruyères and visit of the Chocolate Factory of Callier (bad weather)	
14:30	<b>Arrival at the Hotel de la Rose (at the latest)</b>	