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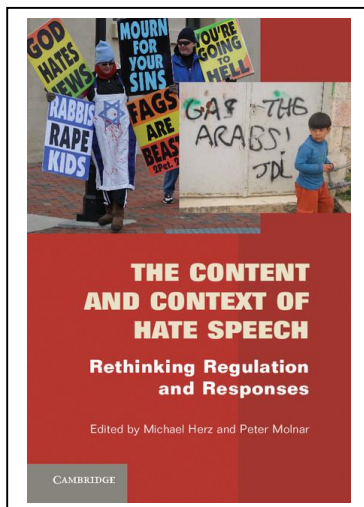
Would You Ban "Hate Speech"? **Examining content-based restrictions and speech leading to imminent danger**

Thursday, May 30th 2013, 12:45 – 7:00 PM
Auditorium, Central European University, Nador u. 9.

Despite the growing frequency and nastiness of "hate speech," there is no consensus on what the legal responses should be. Neither proponents of banning "hate speech" because of its content, nor proponents of banning incitement to hatred only when it causes imminent danger can clearly identify the legal limits of speech. This forum aims to shed new light on two schools of legal responses to "hate speech". The event builds on discussions outlined in a recent publication *The Content and Context of Hate Speech - Rethinking Regulation and Remedies* (Edited by Michael Herz and Peter Molnar, Cambridge University Press, 2012). Following the discussion, there will be a theater performance by CEU students and Peter Molnar, produced by his Department of Public Policy course *Enabling Policies for Responding to "Hate Speech" in Practice*.

12:45: Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:00-3:00: Would you ban "Hate Speech" based on content, and if so what content would you ban? With **Andrei Richter** (OSCE), **Miklós Haraszti** (Former OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media), **Michel Rosenfeld** (Cardozo School of Law), **Rita Izsák** (UN Human Rights Council), **Andres Moles** (CEU), **Péter Molnár** (CEU)



3:30-5:30: Would you ban "Hate Speech" only in cases of imminent danger, and if so how imminent should that danger be? With **Dunja Mijatovic** (OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media), **John Shattuck** (CEU), **Péter Molnár** (CEU), **Renáta Uitz** (CEU), **Sejal Parmar** (CEU), **Bernard Rorke** (Roma Initiative, Open Society Foundations)

6:00-7:00: Performance of the "Hate Speech"
Monologues

Detailed program:

12:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:00-3:00 Panel 1: Would you ban "Hate Speech" based on content, and if so what content would you ban?

This panel will challenge the view that "hate speech" must be banned based on its content. How do you draw the line between speech that offends the targeted groups and speech that is distinctively in the category of "hate speech"? Proponents of content-based restrictions of "hate speech" must reconcile cases where this concept is abused with the contextual, cultural, and normative distinctions and discriminatory applications. In discussing this, panelists will draw on examples from post-Soviet countries and discrimination of Roma.

Panelists:

Andrei Richter (Director of the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University)

Michel Rosenfeld (Justice Sydney L. Robins Professor of Human Rights and director of the Program on Global and Comparative Constitutional Theory, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law)

Rita Izsak (Independent Expert on minority issues of the UN Human Rights Council)

Andres Moles (Assistant Professor, Departments of Philosophy and Political Science, CEU)

Moderators:

Miklos Haraszti (Former OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, visiting professor, CEU)

Peter Molnar (Center for Media and Communication Studies, CEU)

3:00 3:30 Coffee break

3:30-5:30 Panel 2: Would you ban "Hate Speech" only in cases of imminent danger, and if so how imminent should that danger be?

This panel will challenge the view that even the most vile incitements to hatred should be banned only when it creates imminent danger. Must the incitement be intentional? Should only incitement that causes imminent danger of violence, or

imminent danger of unlawful discrimination be banned? The role of context will be an especially crucial part of this discussion: Should the imminent danger test be conceptualized differently in Bosnia-Herzegovina from Hungary, or from the United States?

Panelists:

Dunja Mijatovic (OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media)

John Shattuck (President and Rector, Professor at Legal Studies Department, CEU)

Peter Molnar (Center for Media and Communication Studies, CEU)

Sejal Parmar (Assistant Professor, Legal Studies Department, CEU)

Moderators:

Renata Uitz (Head of Legal Studies Department, Director of Comparative Constitutional Law Program, CEU)

Bernard Rorke (Research Director, Roma Initiatives, Open Society Foundations)

5:30-6:00 - Coffee break

6:00-7:00 Performance of the Hate Speech Monologues

A one-hour long theater piece on examples of prejudices and hatred in very different cultural contexts performed by CEU students and Peter Molnar, produced by his Department of Public Policy course Enabling Policies for Responding to "Hate Speech" in Practice.

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