



The Catalan Ombudsman, Rafael Ribó, and the president of the International Association of Language Commissioners, Graham Fraser, are pleased to invite you to the International Symposium on Language Rights and Social Cohesion in Plurilinguistic Societies, that will take place in March 2014.

The Symposium will be held within the framework of the Tricentenari Commemoration Events.

The Symposium will be focused on language rights in Catalonia, in Spain and in other plurilinguistic societies. Thoughts will be established taking into account the work carried out by the institutions defending people's rights (ombudsman and language commissioners) within the framework of an historical, social and legal approach.

To that end, ombudsman/commissioner office holders as well as national and international experts on the matter will be attending to the symposium.

Symposium organized by the Catalan Ombudsman in cooperation with the International Association of Language Commissioners (IALC).

LOCATION

Born Centre Cultural
Plaça Comercial, 12 Barcelona
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INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Registration is free but seats are limited.

To register for the Symposium, please contact by phone at +34 933 018 075 or by email at gabinet@sindic.cat.

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Barcelona
March 19-20, 2014



International Symposium on Language Rights and Social Cohesion in Plurilingual Societies

March, 19th

8.30 h Welcoming

9.00 h Opening Session

Ferran Mascarell, Minister of Culture of the Catalan Government
Xavier Trias, Mayor of Barcelona
Rafael Ribó, Ombudsman of Catalonia

9.45 h From the lack of officiality to a partial constitutional recognition

Antoni Milian Massana, Professor on Administrative Law at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB)

Chairperson:
Maria Jesús Larios, Catalan Ombudsman's Deputy for the Defence of Children's and Adolescents' Rights

10.30 h Discussion

11.00 h Coffee break

11.30 h Effective protection of language rights: language, rights and coexistence in Catalonia. Report of the Catalan Ombudsman

Rafael Ribó, Ombudsman of Catalonia

Chairperson:
Eva Pons, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Barcelona.

12.15 h Discussion

12.45 h Lunch break

14.30 h Plurilingualism in Spain: public authorities and promotion of official languages

Iñigo Urrutia, Professor on Administrative Law at the University of the Basque Country

Chairperson:
Ester Franquesa, Director of linguistic policies of the Catalan Government

15.15 h Discussion

15.45 h Coffee break

16.15 h Ombudsmen and language rights in the system of autonomous regions (guided discussion)

Iñigo Lamarka, Ombudsman of the Basque Country

Javier Enériz, Ombudsman of Navarra

José Cholbi, Ombudsman of Valencia

José Julio Fernández, Ombudsman of Galicia

Chairperson:
Jordi Sànchez i Picanyol, Catalan Ombudsman's Deputy General

17.00 h Discussion

17.30 h Session closure

March, 20th

9.00 h Defence of minority languages by supranational institutions: Council of Europe

Alexey Kozhemyakov, Head of Secretariat of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
Chairperson

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Jaume Vernet, Adviser of The Catalan Council for Statutory Guarantees

9.45 h Discussion

10.15 h Coffee break

10.45 h Plurilingualism with equality of rights and duties at state level. The Canadian model

Graham Fraser, Federal Language Commissioner of Canada

Chairperson:
Albert Branchadell, Vice-dean at the Faculty of Translation and Interpreting of Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB)

11.30 h Discussion

12.45 h Lunch break

14.00 h Acknowledgement of a minority language at state level

Pär Stenbäck, Finland's former minister of Education and Foreign Relations

Chairperson:
Carles Torner, member of PEN

15.15h Discussion

15.45 h Language rights as human rights: Universal Declaration of Language Rights

Isidor Marí, Head of the Philological Section of the Institute of Catalan Studies

Chairperson:
Jordi Porta, president of Enciclopèdia Catalana

16.30 h Discussion

17.00 h Closure

Rafael Ribó, Ombudsman of Catalonia