

PROGRAM

NATIONAL YOUTH ENCOUNTER

Estoril Conferences YOUTH SUMMIT special edition

DECEMBER 13

Estoril Congress Center

11h30

DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE MULTICULTURAL ERA

We are now living times of great social unrest, intensified by the clash between cultures, ways of life, and different values. As such, the debate means to discuss what we take to be the great paradox of globalization, which purports to the existing tension between attempts to universalize some values and promote respect for cultural specificities, and how that relates to the globally recognized Declaration of Human Rights.

JOANA BALSEMÃO, Councilwoman of Cascais (to be confirmed)

CHRIS ARNOLD, CEO World Merit

MARIA JOÃO MARQUES, journalist of "Observador"

Moderator (to be confirmed)

15h30

ACTIVISM AND NEW FORMS OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

During this discussion, our aim is to address the way in which the current crisis of democracy relates to the re-emergence of political activism and social movements, and what refreshing approaches further unveil the essential inability of governments and institutions to address serious and material issues. We would like to have you debate, along with other speakers engaged in activism, the strengths and limitations of non-traditional ways of political participation.

TERESA VIOLANTE, Director of the Estoril Conferences

RICHARD KEMP, CBE, Director of World Merit

PEDRO NETO, Executive Director of Amnesty International Portugal

Moderator (to be confirmed)

19h

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN DUTIES

Addressing the issue of human rights inevitably implies the existence of duties that are associated with them. It was from that recognition that the urge to complement a Universal of Human Rights arose with the idea of "positive duties", a task already carried out by some international organizations. The Declaration of Human Responsibilities and Duties, for example, was proclaimed in Valencia in 1998 with the support of UNESCO and the United Nations High Commissio-

ner for Human Rights. The idea of human duties was further constituted in other documents, such as the Millennium Declaration, the Rome Statute, the Global Compact, the Earth Charter, the Kyoto Protocol, as well as other declarations and conventions of UNESCO.

Are we already on a process of transition from a merely formal equality to a substantial one? Or are we witnessing the return to a time when duties were not horizontally considered? Could this emphasis on duties and responsibilities have counterproductive effects in some sectors of society? How is this ethic of duty compatible with our liberal democracies, on the one hand, and neoliberal economic systems, on the other?

JOANA GORJÃO HENRIQUES, journalist “Público”

Moderator (to be confirmed)



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