



Panel Discussion

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AS A WAY OF NORMALIZATION AND DEMOCRATIZATION IN A POST-AUTHORITARIAN SOCIETY

December 10, 2018/ 10 h. / Hotel Solun, Skopje

Dear Madame/Sir,

It is a great honor to invite you on panel discussion organized by Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities, Skopje on topic: “Transitional justice as a way of normalization and democratization in a post-authoritarian society”.

Participants that will take part in the discussion are: Gordan Georgiev, Xhabir Deralla, Harald Shenker and Katerina Kolozova (Moderator).

The aim of the event is to re-examine the existent methods of transitional justice and their necessary adaptations to Macedonian context. According to the initial assumptions of the transitional justice methods, as elaborated in the UN manuals, after the change of an authoritarian regime with a system that strives towards democratization, the road towards a legal state develops through the process of national re-conciliation. The process implies reducing the polarization of public speech, but also the non-court resolutions of traumatic experiences which in normal circumstances would be undertaken by the legal state. The initial assumption underlying transitional justice is that the judicial system in a society traumatized by corrupted institutions, has neither absorption capacity nor a professional capacity or integrity to “share justice” adequately. Therefore, the basic instruments of the transitional justice model are the committees of truth and re-conciliation, gradual and (rarely) full amnesty and court verdicts for felonies too great to be legally sanctioned by other forms of transitional justice.

The discussion will take place on December 10 (Monday) at 10.00 at Hotel Solun, Skopje.