1. **Monday, October 19, 2015**

The notion of minorities, a changing concept? - Minority rights: individual or collective rights?

The main instruments of protection - an overview: the national Constitutions (selected examples), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (in particular article 27), the Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, the European Union Fundamental Rights of Charter (in particular articles 21 and 22)

2. **Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

Minority protection and the guarantee of human dignity, nondiscrimination and equality: minority protection as protection of human dignity - the different dimensions of the principle of equality

3. **Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

National constitutional law and jurisprudence on minority rights: selected issues in a comparative view - the right to keep identity - the right of cultural and political autonomy - the right of secession?

4. **Thursday, October 22, 2015**

The principle of self-determination of peoples – minorities in multi-ethnic states - political co-determination of minorities - the rights of indigenous peoples

5. **Friday, October 23, 2015**

Human rights and minority protection: common principles in national, supranational and international law

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