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Year 2000 was the first year of the new millennium, and for the Centre the last year in the House of Grundtvig in Studiestræde. Very symbolically the Centre has had its offices in a house named after one of the founding fathers of the Danish democracy. To the Centre this was a decade in which we seriously started exploring the correlation between democracy and human rights, both in theory and practice. Through dynamic interaction between practice and theory we have contributed to the global and local democratisation process. A number of early initiatives still appear in this annual report, although in more advanced forms. This applies not least to subjects such as human rights and development, discrimination and tolerance, and human rights in a Danish context.

At the beginning of the new decade several new subjects have emerged, requiring research in the coming years. In recent years the Centre has thus started to examine how business and industry can become fellow players in relation to the work of ensuring better protection of the human rights. This project is carried out together with the Confederation of Danish Industries (Dansk Industri) and the Industrialization Fund for Developing Countries (Industrialiseringsfonden for Udviklingslandene). Another focus area is the development of methods for local capacity building in societies that have outlived a conflict. Here the Centre has cooperated closely with Danish NGOs and the Environment, Peace and Stability Fund (Miljø-, Freds- og Stabilitetsrammen) of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to contribute to the fragile democratisation processes in the Balkans. This annual report also describes other projects pointing towards new challenges in the human rights field.

These two projects illustrate the new sunflower strategy of the Centre. Like a sunflower, we must have a hard core of peak competencies. Competencies to be developed and elaborated on a continuous basis. The gorgeous yellow petals symbolise our short- and long-term relations with other institutions. These relations will give us inspiration and ideas for new ways to solve human rights problems. The world is so complex that only by cooperating closely with people with other approaches to the same problems can we hope to make a constructive contribution to local and global development.

Morten Kjærum
Director



RESEARCH

Focus on the global problem RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

One of the major topics of the work of the Research Department in 2000 was 'discrimination and tolerance'. This was also the theme of a series of internal seminars for researchers, and it led to several public activities.

The largest venture was an international, interdisciplinary conference held on the theme of 'Discrimination and Toleration' in May 2000, which attracted 250 participants from 35 countries.

See also the description of the Centre's Research Partnership Programme and the Centre's participation in the European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratization, which is an inter-European study programme covering 15 European universities.

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INFORMATION

Large literary production NEW PUBLICATIONS EACH MONTH

A total of 22 publications were produced at the Centre in 2000. They were six books, ten reports, four journals and various brochures.

The opinion of the Centre has also been requested by various media in 2000. The views and activities of the Centre were mentioned 743 times in the printed press, which makes an average of two references to the Centre a day. In addition to coverage in 54 dailies, magazines and journals, Centre staff have given interviews or participated in radio and television discussion programmes 89 times, making an average of a little more than two radio/television clips a week.

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Teaching of human rights POLICE WANTS TO KNOW MORE

The Centre continued its national initiatives in the field of teaching, e.g. by increased cooperation with the Police School (Politiskolen). The international work also continued. As in previous years, the Centre held courses for human rights activists and civil servants, particularly from the Centre's partner organisations and institutions in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the former East bloc countries.

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DOCUMENTATION

A library filled with facts THOUSANDS WANT MORE KNOWLEDGE

The library is the only special library in Denmark in the human rights field. The library collection includes works of a legal, philosophical, economic and developmental nature as well as some descriptions of the human rights situation in other countries. In 2000 the library completed 3,762 lending transactions, which is an increase of 7.9 per cent compared with 1999.

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PROJECT WORK

We also work internationally GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHTS

Since 1993 the Centre has accomplished long-term projects in third world countries. Year 2000 saw particular focus on Africa, Asia and Europe, whereas the Centre accomplished less projects and consultancy assignments in the Caucasus and Central America. Most projects are concentrated in countries receiving development aid from the Danish government or otherwise of strategic importance to the development of peace and stability in selected regions.

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Part of the objective of the Danish Centre for Human Rights is “initiating an innovative and independent Danish research effort in the field of human rights”.
From the Statute of the Danish Centre for Human Rights

Research must lead to new acknowledgements of and form the basis for implementing existing human rights standards globally, regionally and nationally.
From the 1999-2001 Strategic Plan of the Danish Centre for Human Rights



Areas of competency

Human rights standards

- Interaction between economic, social and cultural rights and civil and political rights
- Danish citizenship of national minorities in a historical and international context
- Protection against racism and racial discrimination
- Legal assessment of technology
- Human rights in Denmark - Status 2000
- The European Convention on Human Rights
- Fair trial at international tribunals

Human rights in the development of society and capacity building

- Human rights in China
- Right of health
- Danida's development work in a legal perspective
- Human rights and business

Human rights and protection of vulnerable groups

- The legal regulation of the reception of asylum-seekers in a European context
- Protection of family life - a comparative study
- International human and minority rights in a legal, metalegal and interdisciplinary perspective

Human rights in social and cultural practice

- Human rights and culture
- The genesis of human rights
- Human rights

For an elaboration of the research projects see www.humanrights.dk

RESEARCH

Employees of the Research Department represent various professional backgrounds and research traditions that complement each other for the investigation of human rights. A central element is the legal research on the human rights instruments and their importance, supplemented by broad social science and cultural anthropology research concerning the history, fundamental values and practical implementation of human rights.

A characteristic of human rights is that they are normative and value-laden. It makes heavy demands on scholarship that the research must have an approach of critical analysis to a field that is generally considered universally applicable and positive. Critical analysis is, however, a prerequisite for ensuring that human rights do not become stereotyped dogmatic perceptions, but can be upheld as a meaningful standard of law and a living comment on both local and global development.

Four areas of competency

Research efforts focus on the four areas of competency described in the Centre's strategic plan:

1. Human rights standards;
2. Human rights in the development of society and capacity building;
3. Human rights and the protection of vulnerable groups;
4. Human rights in social and cultural practice.

These are broad areas, each of them a potential subject for interdisciplinary study, and all interconnected with the work of the other departments of the Centre. The Research Department has to make fairly equal contributions to all areas.

Human Rights & Business

Margaret Jungk

Ph.D. in Political Science, M.Phil. in International Relations

In the 1990s the world saw how the emphasis on human rights shifted into the 'private' sphere, whereby business managers also became confronted with an ever greater variation of disagreements about 'rights'. Very few businesses have techniques or staff capable of treating human rights issues in the serious and thorough way deserved. The intention of the Human Rights & Business project, which was launched in June 1999, is to meet this requirement. This three-year project aims at developing a Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) with the intention of assisting Danish businesses in assessing the influence of their businesses on peoples' rights in areas where the businesses carry on activities.

The project is unequalled in respect of the scope of the cooperation between the human rights world and the commercial world. The Confederation of Danish Industries, the Industrialization Fund for Developing Countries and the Danish Centre for Human Rights are joint sponsors of the project, which is carried out by an advisory committee meeting every three months. The research activities are managed by Margaret Jungk of the Danish Centre for Human Rights, and member companies of the Confederation of Danish Industries and the Industrialization fund for Developing Countries are playing an active role in the research by serving as case studies and by giving constructive feedback on the development of the HRIA.

Focus area

STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM

One of the major topics of the work of the Research Department in 2000 was 'discrimination and tolerance'. This was the theme of a series of internal seminars for researchers, and it gave rise to several public activities. As a special focus area, it must be seen in the light of the World Conference against Racism scheduled for September 2001. As a prelude to this conference the Centre found it essential to examine a number of concepts and presumptions on which both the international human rights standards and the public debate are based.

New knowledge on discrimination

The largest venture was an international, interdisciplinary conference held on the theme of 'Discrimination and Toleration' in May 2000, which attracted about 250 participants from about 35 countries. At this conference new perspectives of race, sex, refugees and dissidents were reviewed in 22 speeches. A publication is on its way. A position paper also developed from this conference and has now become an official UN document for the World Conference against Racism.

In December 2000 a conference was held on

the penetration of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in Danish legislation, and another conference will be held in the spring of 2001 on compensation for historical injustices committed against groups on the basis of race or the like. One of the overall results of this focus area is updated knowledge on discrimination as a composite phenomenon. Racial discrimination is far to often accompanied by, or transformed into, other forms of social and cultural discrimination.

Researcher seminar on methods

In addition to this large theme, the research of the Centre has also focused on a number of central problems of human rights law, not least how to translate them in practice into different cultural and social contexts.

In that connection the Centre also focused on how business and industry can incorporate human rights into their corporate strategies. This research project is carried out together with the Confederation of Danish Industries and the Industrialization Fund for Developing Countries. As in a number of other research projects, this project focuses on both civil and political rights and economic, social and



Facts and figures about researchers

In 2000 the Centre had 16 researchers, two of whom were unpaid guest researchers. These researchers were five Ph.D. students, a research assistant, eight senior research associates and two professors.

The average production in 2000 was as follows:

1.6 research seminars per researcher. 1.5 articles in important journals. 2.9 lectures per researcher. 2.1 statements per researcher. 2.3 international delegations or committees per researcher. 2.5 national delegations, committees or working groups per researcher.

Quantity indicators for 2000

Three articles in foreign journals.
Six articles in Nordic journals.
Seven articles in foreign books.
Six articles in Danish books.
One Danish book and two English books.
Four research and development analyses and reports.
48 statements.
Four evaluations and reviews.
One Ph.D. thesis handed in.
One international conference.

cultural rights. At the same time many research projects are based on and support the interdisciplinary dynamics that are a characteristic of the research carried out at the Centre.

These dynamics also find expression in the weekly researcher seminars at which the researchers take turns in presenting their scientific considerations, including considerations on research methodology. In the spring of 2000, the overall topic was, quite naturally, discrimination, and the series of lectures held in the autumn were headed 'New Challenges in Human Rights Research'. A cross-institutional conference on challenges in human rights research was held in August 2000, and the speeches given there will form the basis of the publication 'Menneskerettighedernes rækkevidde' (Scope of Human Rights), which is being prepared.

International researcher network

The Research Department cooperates naturally with the other departments of the Centre about specific projects concerning analysis, education and training. This means that researchers also participate in the fairly comprehensive lecturing activities offered by the Centre both in Denmark and abroad. Furthermore, researchers provide methodology teaching and tutoring to guest researchers coming to the Centre under the Research Partnership Programme. During the academic year 1999-2000 we had five partners at New Year; and in 2000-2001 we have four.



Research and Development Analysis

- 'Menneskerettighederne og den politiske situation i Burundi' (Human Rights and the Political Situation in Burundi)
- 'Politi og menneskerettigheder i overgangssamfund' (Police and Human Rights in a transition society)
- 'Human Rights Indicators'

The reports can be ordered on:
www.humanrights.dk
 or the e-mail address:
center@humanrights.dk

Another commitment is the Centre's participation in the European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratization, which is a one-year inter-European study programme, coordinated by the University of Padua and involving 15 universities, one from each EU member state. In the autumn term all students (about 90) attend courses in Venice, and in the spring term they are spread out among the participating institutions. Involvement in this programme has established contact between our researchers and a large and influential European researcher network. A similar source of enrichment is the group of young researchers who, on their own initiative, apply for association with the Centre based on their own projects and whose applications the researchers discuss with them and support.

Research Partnership Programme

This is the guest researcher programme of the Centre. The programme enables the Centre to invite guest researchers from developing countries to Denmark for periods ranging from three months to one year. Guest researchers form an integral part of the Centre's research staff. The programme is financed through a framework agreement with Danida.

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Participation in the legislative process

Apart from teaching, researchers make a huge contribution by drafting official statements and replies to consultation papers to public authorities. This involves both questions of interpretation and other fundamental legal questions concerning observation of conventions, and various analyses. Further, the researchers contribute to the dissemination of Centre analyses in various other contexts. To a certain extent the researchers also take part in public debates and in opinion formation. Primarily, they do so by the effect that their research findings have on the debate. Secondly, they do so through the more popular publications that supplement the researchers' academic articles in journals, compilations or monographs. In 2000, 48 statements and consultation papers were written. They can be downloaded from: www.humanrights.dk

Status of human rights in Denmark

For the second time the Centre published a comprehensive report on the fields in which Denmark has experienced difficulties in observing her international obligations in respect of human rights. 'Menneskeret i Danmark. Status 2000' (Human Rights in Denmark - Status 2000) was presented live on the Internet at a global press conference on 10th December 2000, the International Human Rights Day. The status report can be downloaded from: www.humanrights.dk

INFORMATION



Publications

A total of 22 publications were produced at the Centre in 2000. They were six books, ten reports, four journals and various brochures, folders and other leaflets.

Some of the publications are:

- 'Religion og menneskeret' (Religions and Human Rights) by Eva Maria Lassen in cooperation with the publishing house of Lindhardt & Ringhof
- 'Menneskeret i Danmark. Status 2000' (Human rights in Denmark - Status 2000). Preparation Karen Hald.
- 'National Human Rights Institutions' by Birgit Lindsnæs, Lone Lindholt and Kristine Yigen.

The Centre also published the journal 'Mennesker og rettigheter' (People and Rights) together with the other Nordic human rights centres and others; and together with members of the Joint Informal Working Group of the Council of Europe project 'Police and Human Rights 1997-2000', the Education Department of the Centre contributed to the book 'Policing in a Democracy'. The book is aimed at police forces in the member countries of the Council of Europe, and so far it is available in English, French, German and Russian.

UPDATE, the newsletter of the Centre, is published ten times a year in both Danish and English. Subscription to UPDATE is free, and it is also available on the website of the Centre. See UPDATE and the list of all publications on www.humanrights.dk

The public debate

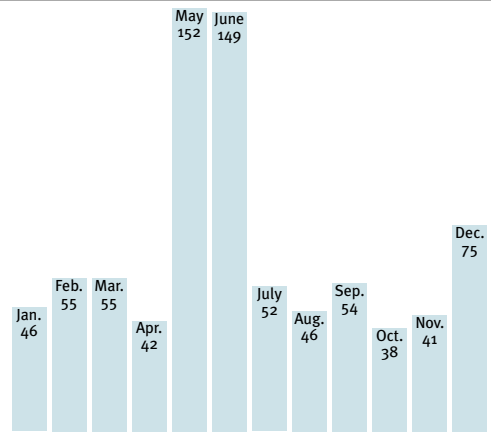
The Centre has always felt that part of its mandate is to participate actively in the public debate. The analyses of the Centre have also been requested by various media in 2000. The views and activities of the Centre were mentioned 743 times in the printed press. In addition to the coverage in 54 dailies, magazines and journals, Centre staff have given interviews or participated in radio and television discussion programmes 89 times. 24 public meetings, seminars and conferences were held and organised by the Centre. In addition the Centre staff gave 130 lectures on various human rights subjects in other organisations and at schools and other institutions.

Part of the objective of the Danish Centre for Human Rights is "being responsible for the communication of general human rights information for the use of voluntary organisations, researchers, public authorities, and interested members of the general public".

From the Statute of the Danish Centre for Human Rights

The information work of the Centre is to ensure external information and support internal communication. The overall objective is to communicate knowledge of the Centre's research achievements and other activities, including in general to communicate knowledge on human rights.

From the 1999-2001 Strategic Plan of the Danish Centre for Human Rights



Press Coverage Statistics for 2000

IT and human rights

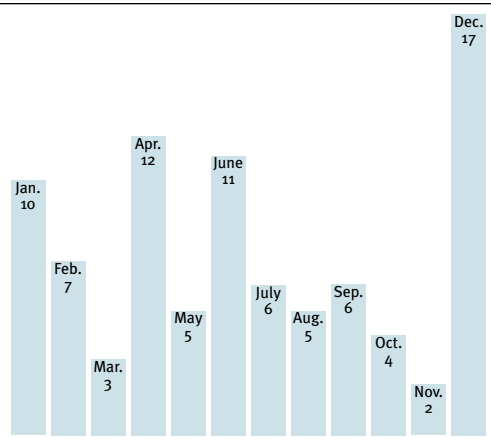
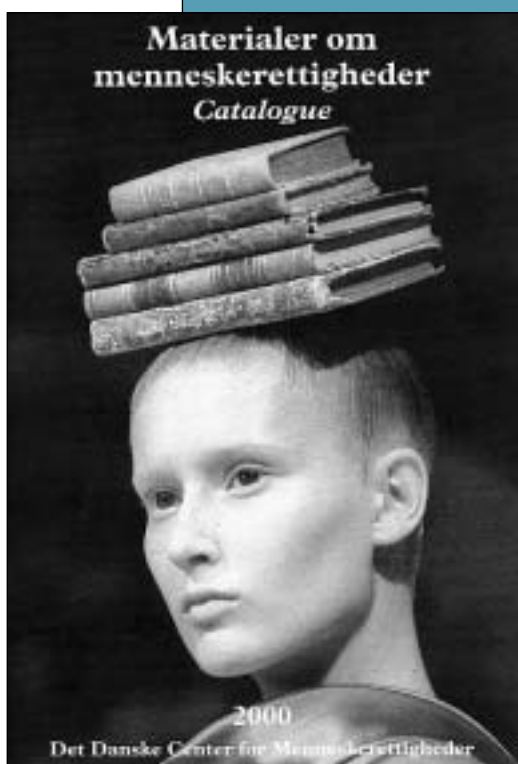
The Centre launched three major IT projects in 2000. The largest is www.menneskeret.dk, which is a partnership project between the Centre, the Danish Broadcasting Corporation (Danmarks Radio) and six humanitarian organisations.

www.menneskeret.dk

This website was launched on 1 November 2000 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. Some of the possibilities on www.menneskeret.dk are access to news and information on themes and conventions, and some interactive features. Four major Danish newspapers (Politiken, Berlingske Tidende, Aktuelt og Information) contribute with daily news. The website is supported financially by the Danish Ministry of Research and Information Technology.

In connection with www.menneskeret.dk we started preparing for the website 'Youth for Human Rights', which will open as a debate forum for young people all over Europe in 2001, the purpose being to create a 'plan of action for human rights and democracy in Europe'.

www.nordichumanrights.net is another IT project, which is supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers (Nordisk Ministerråd), and as from the summer of 2001 it will function as a portal with changing themes on human rights conditions in the Nordic countries. www.nordichumanrights.net has been set up by the Centre and the other Nordic human rights institutions. Finally, the Centre intends to develop its own website, www.humanrights.dk, and improve its internal communication by means of an intranet.



Radio/Television Coverage Statistics for 2000

Contacts to the public

Publications 22

Visits to website 23,883

Lectures 130

Seminars, conferences and other public events 24



**'Dementes menneskerettigheder - Etik og ret i Danmark'
(Human Rights of Senile Demented People in Denmark)**

Editor Eva Ersbøll

This book gives information on demential diseases and the legislation of relevance to people suffering from dementia. From a human rights perspective the authors discuss difficult issues of treatment and ethics in relation to people with dementia and try to give an answer to the question of how to secure the demented people a life of dignity. This book is for everyone interested in people with dementia and their situation.

**270 pages. DKK 275.00.
ISBN 87-90744-23-3**

**'Religion og menneskerettigheder'
(Religions and Human Rights)**

By Eva Maria Lassen

In this book the author examines the fractures occurring when old world religions and the new human rights meet.

Based on the holy scriptures, the Bible and the Koran, the approach to human rights in three religions is discussed. Modern Jewish, Christian and Muslim approaches to human rights are examined, for instance as they are expressed by legislators and religious groups in the state of Israel, by liberal and conservative Muslims in Islamic countries, and by Roman Catholics and Lutherans in the Western World. A separate chapter focuses on the three religions in Denmark.

**171 pages. DKK 150.00.
ISBN 87-595-1463-9**



Lectures by Subject

All subjects presented less than three times are listed under miscellaneous.

Human rights in general	13	Democracy and development	6
The Danish Centre for Human Rights		Culture and human rights	6
Miscellaneous	12	Education and training	6
Discrimination and racism	9	Ethics and human rights	5
Religions and human rights	8	Universality	3
Regional systems	8	Police and human rights education	3
Rights of the child	7	Right of health	3
Methodical research in human rights	7		

Human rights on the Web

www.humanrights.dk

Website of the Danish Centre for Human Rights.

Both a Danish and an English version are available.





'Menneskeret i Danmark. Status 2000' (Human rights in Denmark - Status 2000)

Preparation Karen Hald

Report on the human rights situation in Denmark. The report mentions the areas in which Denmark may risk offending against our international obligations.

The book further sums up the on-going work of the Danish Centre of Human Rights in the form of statements on legislation, etc. The report also has a list of decisions from Danish courts of law.

140 pages. DKK 50.00.

ISBN 87-90744-21-7

Conferences and seminars

Below is a list of 24 conferences, seminars and events organised by the Centre alone or together with others in 2000.

For more details on each event see www.humanrights.dk

<p>February Seminar: 'Cultural Rights: An Instrument of Discrimination?'</p>	<p>October Seminar on 'Minority Rights' for the Latvian Naturalization Board.</p>
<p>March Course for human rights activists and civil servants working with the subject in countries where the Centre has partnership projects. Participants came mainly from partner organisations and institutions in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe.</p>	<p>November To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights, the Centre launched the website www.menneskeret.dk. One of the events in that connection was an online debate on human rights and democracy in Europe. Participants at Christiansborg, the Danish parliament building, were Minister of Foreign Affairs Niels Helveg Petersen and Mr Per Stig Møller (conservative MP), Mr Henning Gjellerod (social democratic MP) and Mr Søren Søndergaard (MP for the Red-Green Alliance), who are members of the European Affairs Committee of the Danish Parliament (Folketingets Europaudvalg).</p>
<p>April Seminar on the democratic development in China for a group of Danish journalists.</p>	<p>International Conference on 'Discrimination and Toleration'. Course: Introduction to the most important human rights instruments and mechanisms as well as central subjects, such as human rights and development.</p>
<p>May Workshop: 'Information and Education'. Participants came from Vietnam, Nigeria, Nepal, Georgia, Tanzania and Malawi.</p>	<p>Human rights course with lectures in French for French speaking partners of the Centre. 15 persons from Rwanda, Niger, Cambodia and Benin participated.</p>
<p>International Conference on 'Discrimination and Toleration'. Course: Introduction to the most important human rights instruments and mechanisms as well as central subjects, such as human rights and development.</p>	<p>Evaluation seminar on the preparation of textbooks on 'Police and Human Rights'. Representatives from Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa and Albania participated.</p>
<p>Seminar on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights</p>	<p>December The Centre held an online debate on www.menneskeret.dk with Mr Erling Olsen, who presented the new EU Charter of Fundamental Rights prior to the EU summit in Nice.</p>
<p>June Seminar for Danish NGOs on development based on rights.</p>	<p>Seminar on 'The Convention against Racial Discrimination and Danish law - Dialogue and Responsibility'.</p>
<p>August Meeting/seminar for Danish consultants and NGOs on human rights indicators.</p>	<p>Publication of 'Menneskeret i Danmark. Status 2000' (Human Rights in Denmark - Status 2000), which is a white paper on the human rights situation in Denmark prepared on the occasion of the international human rights day on 10th December. Mr Morten Kjærum, Director of the Centre, presented the publication.</p>
<p>Workshop - Soietas Ethica conference on 'Pardoning Past Wrongs?'. The workshop dealt with experience from the settlement of past encroachments of human rights in South Africa and Guatemala.</p>	<p>Seminar and launch of the book 'Policing in a democratic society' in Strasbourg.</p>
<p>Seminar on 'Challenges to Human Rights Research'.</p>	<p>Ms Pia Justesen defended her PhD thesis in law 'Lighedskravet for etniske minoriteter på arbejdsmarkedet - et menneskeretligt perspektiv' (Requirement of Equality for Ethnic Minorities on the Danish Labour Market - A Human Rights Perspective) at the University of Copenhagen.</p>
<p>September Course for human rights activists and civil servants working with the subject in countries where the Centre has partnership projects.</p>	
<p>Course for resource group from Bangladesh. The participants discussed content, training methods and implementation in connection with the development of training manuals for use in the training of senior police officers at the Police Staff College in Dhaka on the subject 'Police and Human rights'.</p>	
<p>Seminar in connection with the publication of Eva Maria Lassen's book 'Religion og menneskeret' (Religions and Human Rights). Panel: Bishop Kjeld Holm, Imam Abdul W. Pedersen, Chief Rabbi Bent Lexner and Ms Eva Marie Lassen.</p>	

www.menneskeret.dk

This is a new collaboration project focusing on Europe and human rights.

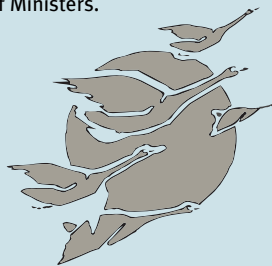
Supported by the Danish Ministry of Research and Information Technology.

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www.nordichumanrights.net

An IT cooperation project between the five Nordic human rights institutes in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland. Supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers.



Part of the objective of the Danish Centre for Human Rights is "undertaking and promoting education in the field of human rights at all educational levels, including general adult education".

From the Statute of the Danish Centre for Human Rights

In cooperation with the institutions training the target groups of the Centre, the Centre is to develop basic courses and courses on central human rights problems and develop teaching material.

From the 1999-2001 Strategic Plan of the Danish Centre for Human Rights

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Cooperation with the Police School

In February 2000 the Centre held two internal courses for Centre staff on educational methods together with the Further Training Section (efter- og videreuddannelses-sektionen) of the Police School.

The Centre has contributed for several years now to Danish police courses, both in the third year of the basic training at the Police School and in the compulsory further training. The basic training course is incorporated in the general curriculum of the School. The course is based on teaching material prepared specifically for the Police School by the Education Department of the Centre. The material comprises cases, current questions, video clips, etc.

The Centre has also participated in four seminars for police managers, giving general speeches on 'Police and Human Rights'.

See more about the 'police project' on www.humanrights.dk

Courses for partners

The Centre holds semiannual human rights courses, offered particularly to staff from the Centre's partner organisations in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the former East bloc countries. Such 15-day courses have been held since 1995.

The course gives an introduction to the most important international and regional human rights instruments. 35 to 40 person participated in both courses. An evaluation of the course was published in 2000 as 'Evaluation of Human Rights Courses 1995-1999'.

A novelty is an eight-day human rights course with lectures in French for the French speaking partners of the Centre. 15 persons from Rwanda, Niger, Cambodia and Benin attended the course. It was offered with support from



EU and China

The Danish Centre for Human Rights is in charge, together with a consortium of European organisations, of teaching Chinese prosecutors, advocates and judges. This programme is the largest judicial cooperation programme between the EU and China. The programme runs from 2000 to 2004, and the consortium is coordinated by British Council (on behalf of the European Commission) and the Chinese Ministry of Justice. The overall objective of the programme is to give the participants a thorough knowledge of the rule of law in practice. In Denmark the participants are taught Danish and European criminal procedure and criminal law as well as human rights. The teachers at the courses are permanent staff of the Centre and practitioners within their fields. In addition to the lectures given, the participants also get the chance to visit various institutions and authorities, such as the Danish Parliament, a court, a police station, a prison, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (det Internationale Rehabiliteringsråd for Torturofre) and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute in Lund, Sweden.

the Democracy Fund (Demokratifonden).

International Courses

At a request from its partners, the Education Department of the Centre held special team courses in both Denmark, Bangladesh and South Africa. The course subjects have been information and training strategies, and evaluation and preparation of textbooks. The participants at these courses have come from our partners in Bangladesh, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa and Albania.

Courses for Danish organisations

Two semiannual courses have been held in May and November for Danish civil servants and organisation employees. The courses introduced the essential human rights instruments and mechanisms as well as central subjects, such as human rights in developing countries. About 25 persons participated in each course.

Documentary collections

The Education Department has made and printed two documentary collections in Danish and English, respectively. These collections are particularly intended for use at the Danish and international human rights courses held by the Centre. Both documentary collections comprise the central international and regional human rights conventions, the most important protocols, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights in 1993.

Facts and figures about education

National courses	8
Participants at national courses	50
International courses	2
Participants at international courses	150

PROJECT WORK

Partnership and dialogue

Since 1993 the Centre has accomplished long-term projects in several countries. Year 2000 saw particular focus on Africa, Asia and Europe, whereas the Centre accomplished less projects and consultancy assignments in the Caucasus and Central America. Most projects are concentrated in countries receiving development aid from the Danish government or otherwise of strategic importance to the development of peace and stability in selected regions.

The purpose of the project work is to contribute to the development of methods for the national implementation of human rights. In 2000 the Centre made a comprehensive planning process in order to further strengthen and specialise the international project work. The key words of the strategy are development of method, collection of experience, partnership and dialogue with authorities, independent institutions, NGOs and university centres working with human rights, focus on building up knowledge about human rights and institutional capacity as well as internal strengthening of the capacity of the Centre.

In 2000 the Centre also gave the internal project work procedures a major overhaul, and as a consequence the Centre prepared a manual for the project work and revised work specifications for project staff.

Thematic focus and strategic work

In connection with the strategic planning process the Centre decided to specialise its international project and consultancy work further and to combine this specialisation with a greater focus on regional and national strategic work. As from 2001 the project work will mainly be organised under three thematic headings:

- Reform of law and state
- Access to justice
- Civil society and research

This means that the Centre has determined to scale down the work on preparing country analyses, realising that such analyses are prepared regularly by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Danida and FRESTA) and that such a type of analysis risks getting outdated quickly. Consequently the Centre intends to strengthen the current analysis, monitoring and assessment work and the strategic reasoning.

Networks and reform efforts

The Centre focused regionally on the network cooperation with NGOs in the Balkans, in Africa and in Asia, including support to capacity building of the African Human Rights Commission.

In 2000 the Centre also provided consultancy work to parliaments, ministries and law reform commissions in order to give advice on strategic planning, and reform and capacity building. The Centre also contributed to the preparation of national human rights and ombudsman institutions and to the training of civil servants in human rights.

“The Centre shall, on an interdisciplinary basis, contribute independently to the further development of human rights, both nationally and internationally.”

From the Statute of the Danish Centre for Human Rights

Project work must contribute to the implementation of human rights globally, and in particular in

developing countries and countries undergoing a democracy development process. The Centre must train and advise partners in the public and private sector on human rights standards and capacity building. The Centre must also contribute to networks between partners and other relevant institutions.

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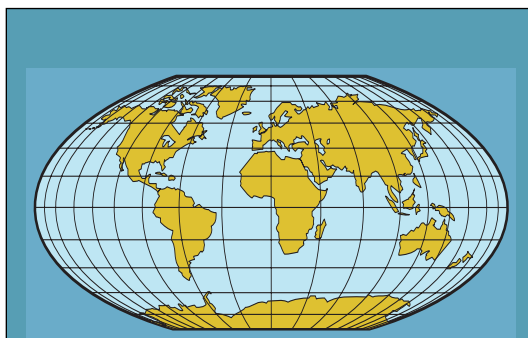
Rwanda

In Rwanda between 500,000 and 1.2 million people of a total population of just under 8 million were killed during three months of 1994 in a genocide, rivalling that of the Nazis in efficiency. As a consequence of this genocide, ten thousands upon ten thousands of people were arrested in Rwanda, the surrounding countries and in several European countries, including Denmark. All of them were suspected of involvement in the outrages to a greater or lesser extent. In the wake of the killings an urgent lack of lawyers arose. Acknowledging the need for persons trained in law to defend people in court, which is a necessary component of the trials bringing the perpetrators to justice, Rwanda decided to introduce a six-month legal course, and thereby the concept of judicial defenders came into existence. The Danish Centre for Human Rights launched the Judicial Defenders project together with the Rwandan Ministry of Justice in 1998, the purpose of the first phase being to train judicial defenders. Today about 100 judicial defenders have been trained. The results so far in the second phase of the project are detailed information campaigns to the Rwandan people at grassroot level on the Genocide Act and other relevant provisions, advice to the inmates in lock-ups and prisons, and since January 2000 also appearance as counsel in court. In the present project phase the activities are carried out in close cooperation with the Rwandan Corps of Judicial Defenders, which is the professional institution responsible for many aspects of the judicial defenders' work.

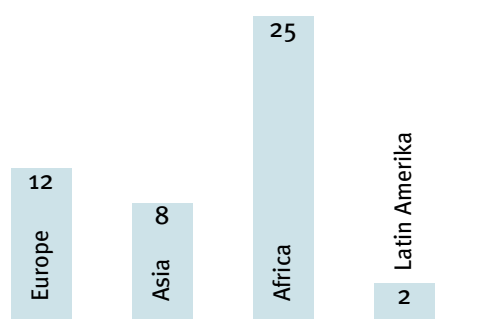
Evaluations and reports

In 2000 the Centre published seven new evaluations focusing on the partnership projects of the Centre. In 2000 the series grew to a total of 14 publications. We expect another ten publications in 2001, including an evaluation of the human rights courses held at

the Centre, the training of human rights officers and the Research Partnership Programme. Happily we have seen a fairly good demand for the evaluations – not least from persons in countries in which the Centre is running partnership programmes. Most of the projects of the Centre are financed under the Danida Cooperation Agreement (the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs). The other activities are financed through contracts with other departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the most important being FRESTA. The reports can be ordered on tel. +45 32 69 88 88 or center@humanrights.dk



List of country projects



For a detailed description of the individual projects see www.humanrights.dk

Projects and consultancy by selected theme:



Opening hours

The library is open all weekdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for external users.

Wilders Plads 8 H - Copenhagen.



Part of the objective of the Danish Centre for Human Rights is “ensuring up-to-date public library and documentation facilities”.

From the Statute of the Danish Centre for Human Rights

The documentation work of the Centre must ensure that knowledge on human rights, nationally and internationally, is available in the most efficient way for both internal and external users. The documentation work is to be performed, e.g., by the means made available by information technology.

From the 1999-2001 Strategic Plan of the Danish Centre for Human Rights

DOCUMENTATION

Denmark's human rights library

The library of the Centre is the only special library in Denmark in the human rights field. The library collection includes descriptions of the human rights situation in other countries and works of a legal, philosophical, economic and developmental nature.

In 2000 the library completed 3,762 lending transactions, which is an increase of 7.9 per cent compared with 1999. Please note that the total number of visits paid by users is considerably larger, as the library only records the inquiries for which the library staff provides assistance.

Get an overview of the literature on the library shelves: Visit www.humanrights.dk



Facts and figures about the library

Inquiries	3,762
Books	8,935
Journal articles	1,871
Journals	300
Annual reports	200
Users of e-mail service	70

International documentation network

The Centre participates in a European network, the European Coordination Committee on Human Rights Documentation (ECCHRD), made up of organisations working with human rights information and documentation. The Documentation Department was represented at the annual ECCHRD meeting, held in Barcelona on 23 to 25 March.

The Centre also participates in another network, the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI). The Documentation Department was represented at the EADI Information Management Working Group seminar on 6 to 9 September in Bergen, where Centre staff gave a presentation of search strategies for human rights information.

As in previous years, the Centre has been actively involved in the international human rights documentation network HURIDOCS (Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems). The library uses the HURIDOCS standard format for bibliographical references for recording library stock in the database of the library.

Visit the international network:

www.huridocs.org

Documentation course

The Centre held a two-week course on human rights documentation in June 2000. The participants came from Albania, Cambodia, Gambia, Malawi and Tanzania. The Centre also held a course on electronic information searches for research partners of the Centre. Library introduction sessions have also been held for law students from the University of Aarhus and students from the Centre of African Studies at the University of Copenhagen and others.



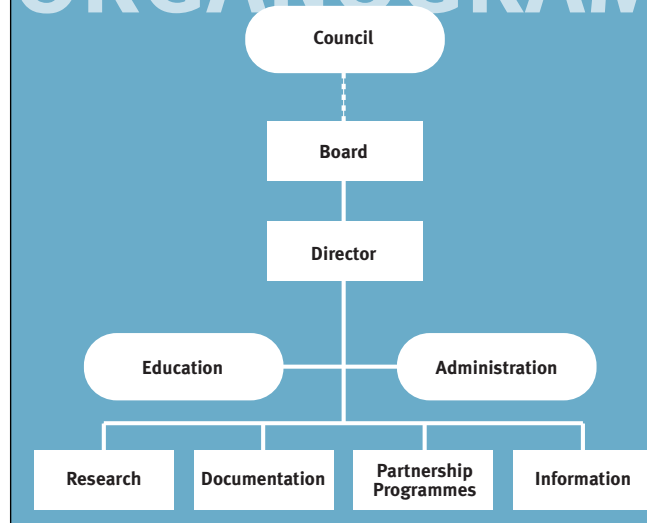
MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

The Danish Centre for Human Rights is managed by a Board of 12 members appointed by the universities and the Council of the Centre. The Council is composed of representatives of a number of humanitarian and public organisations, all the political parties in Parliament, labour market organisations, the Danish Bar and Law Society (Advokatrådet), ministries and individuals. The Centre is organised with six departments, which also reflect the focus areas of the Centre: Research, Information, Documentation, Education, Partnership Programmes and Administration.

For further information on Board and Council meetings see www.humanrights.dk



ORGANOGRAM



Management of the Centre

The Chairperson of the Board is professor Claus Haagen Jensen, Aalborg University.

The Chairperson of the Council is Mr Bjørn Elmquist, attorney, and the Vice-chairperson is Ms Ebba Strange of the Socialist People's Party.

The Director of the Centre is Mr Morten Kjærum, LL.M (cand.jur.).

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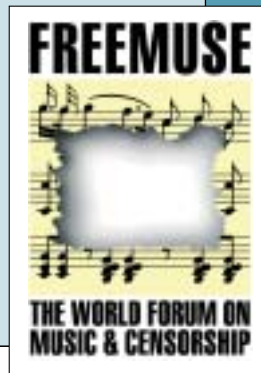
The Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN)

The EMHRN, which became an independent network in January 1997, consists of more than 60 human rights organisations in over 20 countries in the Mediterranean area. Its overall objective is to contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights principles as expressed in the Barcelona Declaration of November 1995 and in the bilateral association agreements between the EU and its Mediterranean partners.

The network functions as an organiser and coordinator of the work made by the member organisations in projects about subjects such as human rights and development assistance, women's rights, and migration & refugees. The network also organises regular missions to Turkey, Morocco, Lebanon and Palestine among others.

Freedom of Musical Expression (FREEMUSE)

The objective of the international organisation FREEMUSE, the World Forum on Music and Censorship, is to promote musicians' and composers' right to freedom of expression. FREEMUSE has prepared reports on censorship of music in Afghanistan, Rumania, Zimbabwe and Tunisia among other countries and initiated a seminar of ideas in South Africa (March 2001), which discussed the effect of the policy of censorship of the Apartheid regime. The website www.freemuse.org opened at the end of 2000. Here you can find introductions to the subject music and censorship as well as documentation, interviews with musicians and composers and of course speeches and addresses given at the 1st World Conference on Music and Censorship (Copenhagen 1998), which was the conference that brought about the founding of FREEMUSE.



Description of Centre staff

Year 2000 saw an influx of staff primarily in the fields concerning projects and information. This influx reflects increased project activities and the start of IT projects. Thus at the end of the year the Centre had 65 employees as well as interns and students on an ad hoc basis.

Many resources were used in 2000 to find new, suitable premises for the Centre, needed because the Centre had been split on three different locations since 1999. At the end of 2000, the Centre managed to find a lease on Wilders Plads in Copenhagen.

A long-term work of revising the Strategic Plan of the Centre and a staff manual was completed in 2000, and as follow-up on a job satisfaction survey, a working group was set up to look at the future structure of the Centre.

For further information on staff, departments and the Strategic Plan see

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The Centre also houses two independent projects: the secretariat of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN) and FREEMUSE, which is an international organisation working with music and censorship.

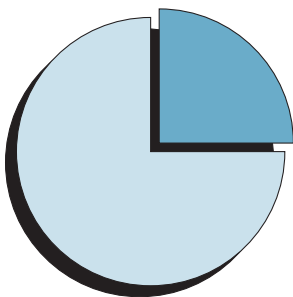


FINANCES

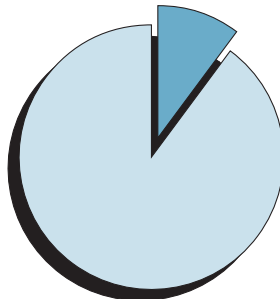
The Centre had a total turnover (receipts less savings) of DKK 62.7 million in 2000 against DKK 54.6 million in 1999. Total expenditure increased by DKK 10.0 million to DKK 65.1 million. This increase is due to the fact that DKK 5.1 million was appropriated over two years to the setting-up and operation of a website on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The ratio between ordinary activities (22 per cent of the expenditure) and the externally financed activities (78 per cent) has hardly changed from 1999 to 2000.

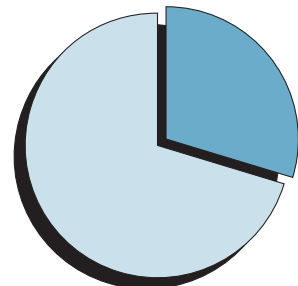
The Centre spent 29 per cent of its Finance Act appropriations on research, 25 per cent on information, 10 per cent on documentation and 4 per cent on education and training. Finally 11 per cent was spent on management and administration and 21 per cent on auxiliary functions.



Information



Documentation



Research

The work on finances, human resources and internal logistics must ensure dynamic support of the Centre's strategies at centre, department and personal level. At the same time it is essential to serve the partners of the Centre rapidly and at a high professional level.

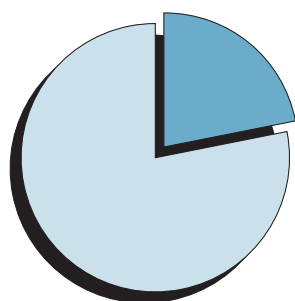
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External financing and activities

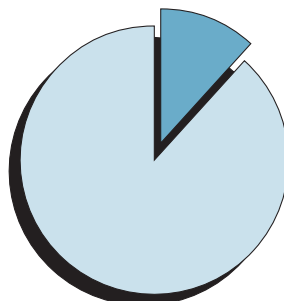
In 2000 the Centre defrayed expenses over external accounts for DKK 47.1 million, exclusive of commercial activities. 54 per cent of all externally financed activities of the Centre could be categorised as projects in support of institutional capacity building, and 10 per cent of the funds were spent on research, development and analyses. 15 per cent concerned secretariat expenses, and 12 was for financing courses, conferences and seminars. About 7 per cent of the expenditure was spent on pilot studies and consultancy

work, while the remaining about 2 per cent of the expenditure financed the publications. 37 per cent of the funds paid out by the Centre in 2000 were channelled to Africa. European and CIS countries received 15 per cent of the funds, and 11 per cent went to Asia. The Middle East received 7 per cent and Central America and Denmark each 4 per cent. The remaining 21 per cent to various countries cover projects involving several countries and regional projects.

Externally financed activities	Expenditure 1999	Expenditure 2000
Research	0.9	1.5
Information	0.6	0.1
Education and training	2.9	3.9
Project work	33.0	38.4
Documentation	0.2	0.2
General management and administration	1.2	1.4
Auxiliary functions	1.4	1.6
Total	40.2	47.1



Auxiliary functions



Management and administration

Nearly 82 per cent of external financing in 2000 came from the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of which 58 per cent originated from a five-year framework agreement and 24 per cent came from the other parts of the Ministry. 15 per cent were financed by foreign institutions like the EU, the British Council, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other donors.

For further financial details see www.humanrights.dk

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- Danish Ministry of Culture
- Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Danish Ministry of Research and Information Technology
- Danish Nurses' Organization (Dansk Sygeplejeråd)
- Danish Social Science Research Council (Statens Samfundsvidenskabelige Forskningsråd)
- Defence Command Denmark (Forsvarskommandoen)
- Democracy Fund (Demokratifonden)
- Department for International Development, United Kingdom (DFID)
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