

2001



The Danish Centre for Human Rights



2001 was a notable year both for the Danish Centre for Human Rights and for human rights in general. After a decade of democratisation and the manifestation of human rights as a key building block in the emerging democracies, the first year of the next decade has brought a different set of issues to light. In the wake of the heinous terrorist attack on New York, several new human rights problems have emerged, and with them a new discourse on human rights, the contours of which we are only beginning to see.



The Centre will have to follow and analyse developments in view of the new currents set in motion. Will the restrictive anti-terrorist legislation adopted by many countries legitimise further infringements on basic rights of freedom in societies with fragile democratisation processes, or can we sustain the positive momentum gained in the 1990s? Will the uncertainty and anxiety naturally born of terrorist attacks trigger greater rifts along cultural and religious divides, begetting violence and discrimination, or will we succeed in maintaining and developing the dialogue established across civilisations? Will the opposition to international criticism of national human rights conditions gain a momentum so strong as to render the international system insubstantial, or will we be able to uphold the universality of human rights and improve the international controls, e.g., the International Criminal Court?

These and many other questions pervade the daily work of all the various functions at the Danish Centre for Human Rights: research, international project work, education and training, information and documentation. But the Centre is aptly positioned to catch the new currents and endeavour to create the framework for understanding. Firstly, the Centre succeeded in 2001

in gathering the entire Centre at a single address. This opens up a wealth of new opportunities for holding courses and meetings, creating synergy between the Centre's various functions, receiving school classes and much more. Thus, already in the first year at the new premises in Copenhagen's Christianshavn district, the Centre welcomed over 1,000 people from around the world to the Centre's courses and conferences. The many visitors at the Centre for varying periods keep us constantly abreast of how other parts of the world consider human rights in the context of the changed situation. Secondly, the Centre's project staff continuously engages in an open and candid dialogue with politicians, government officials and NGOs in several countries on how human rights can realistically be better protected in individual societies. Thirdly, the Centre's inter-disciplinary and internationally oriented research forms the backbone of its endeavours to create a framework for understanding these and other trends from a legal, political-scientific or anthropological standpoint.

The major currents run outside Denmark's borders, but by analysing legislation and practice the Centre as a national human rights institution also keeps a close watch on domestic developments.

Like a sunflower, the Centre must contain a strong core of expert competencies. Competencies that should be constantly renewed and amplified. In the Centre's case, the bright yellow petals are a range of short- and long-term partnerships with other institutions. These partnerships are meant to give the Centre inspiration and ideas for new methodologies for solving human rights problems. The world is a complex place, and the challenges the Centre faces are so great that only by closely cooperating with people who approach the same problems from different angles can it contribute constructively to local and global developments.

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UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN DENMARK

Copenhagen as the hub of the world's national human rights institutions

On Tuesday, 27 November, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights visited the Danish Centre for Human Rights to inaugurate a new website for national human rights institutions. The inauguration was webcasted live, and in her speech Mary Robinson spotlighted several key subjects: the World Conference against Racism in South Africa, the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the vast need for emergency relief in places like Afghanistan. Mary Robinson emphasised that now was not the time to cut development assistance. The High Commissioner went on to answer audience questions and questions e-mailed during the webcast. In November 2002, the Danish Centre for Human Rights concluded a cooperation agreement with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights aimed at establishing a webportal for national human rights organisations.

In the course of 2002, the webportal will come to supply a wealth of information on national human rights institutions, from UN official texts to descriptions of regional institutions. Additionally, it will offer documentary material and various reports and studies as well as providing direct contact to the more than fifty national institutions currently existing around the world.

Read more at: National Human Rights Institutions Forum (www.nhri.net)

INFORMATION

800 daily hits on the Centre's website

In 2001, the Centre project-managed six national and international websites. The most extensive is the Danish-language www.menneskeret.dk, which registered more than 100,000 visitors. The Centre's own website, www.humanrights.dk was relaunched in a new both Danish and English version. The website contains, e.g., data on the Centre's spheres of action, publications and other activities.

The Centre gave 181 lectures and held 46 public meetings, seminars and conferences. The Centre produced 30 publications, including a video with 24 TV spots in which two well-known Danish actors gave their own introduction to various human rights aspects.

For the third year, the Centre's annual report on human rights in Denmark, this year called "Status 2001", was published on the International Human Rights Day, 10 December.

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EDUCATION

1,000 participants in the Centre's courses

In 2001, the Centre intensified both its domestic and its international lecturing initiatives.

The Centre continued its cooperation with the Danish Police Academy on lecturing third-year students, and it also held a range of courses for international law enforcement officials. The Centre held courses for the Danish Emergency Management Agency on the interrelations between human rights and humanitarian international law, and the Centre assisted in the course that the Agency gives those assigned to international emergency relief missions.

Students from higher education institutions made several visits to the Centre, at which times the Centre provided a general introduction to human rights and its own work. The cooperation with, e.g., Denmark's National Innovative Center for General Education has generated material for use in primary and lower secondary schools and a short preparatory course for the teachers.

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RESEARCH

International researchers arrive in Denmark to work on human rights

In 2001, the Centre hosted a regional conference prior to the UN World Conference against Racism, held in Durban. The second “Copenhagen Conference” on discrimination and tolerance opened the debate on the right to compensation and related legal remedies pertaining to racial discrimination. Through interdisciplinary networks, the Research Department became involved in a wide range of new activities in 2001.

The Centre’s project on “Business and Human Rights” continued in cooperation with the Confederation of Danish Industries and the Danish Industrialisation Fund for Developing Countries. In 2001, a guest professor and ten researchers from Africa and Asia were affiliated with the Research Department.

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DOCUMENTATION

10,000 books for more than 3,000 users.

The Centre has the only library in Denmark specialising in human rights, and the collection includes literature on human rights conditions in other countries as well as works dealing with the legal, economic, philosophical and developmental aspects of human rights.

In 2001, the Centre held a wide range of international courses, for example an international 2-week course in human rights documentation. The Centre also gave its research partners a course in conducting electronic document searches, and, lastly, the Centre held library presentations for participants in the Centre’s human rights courses and for visitors from China, Sweden and Germany.

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PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES

42 projects in Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa

A new, improved strategy plan and structure for the activities related to partnership programmes characterised 2001. The structure now reflects the themes of the various programmes rather than their geographic locations.

A significant activity in 2001 was the comprehensive capacity assessment of the entire Centre, instituted by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The assessment runs until April 2002.

The Centre continually strives to expand partnerships, and 2001 saw steps taken to expand and strengthen its cooperation with, e.g., the EU and the World Bank as well as with national NGOs. A common denominator of all partnership programmes is the goal of a sustainable rule of law with focus on human rights.

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Research

The sixteen Centre researchers represent an array of different disciplines and research traditions, each enhancing the other in exploring human rights. The Centre's activities revolve around legal research into conventions and other human rights instruments and their significance, but are supplemented by broad social and cultural science research into the history, core values and practical implementation of human rights. Human rights are normative and value-laden. This puts heavy demands on research to apply a critical-analytical approach to a field generally perceived as universally valid and positive. However, critical analysis forms the basis for preventing human rights from congealing into dogmatic conceptions, thus enabling them to remain meaningful legal standards and a powerful commentary on both local and global developments. Research activities concentrate on the four competence areas, described in the Strategy Plan. They are:

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 sweeping areas, each a potential subject for interdisciplinary studies, and all interconnected with the work of the Centre's other departments. The Research Department is meant to make fairly equal contributions to all areas. In 2001, the Research Department's primary achievement was to publish several significant research publications (articles in journals, edited works and books). Collectively, the publications generated wide, external recognition of the Department's scientific work. 2001 also marked the extension of the Department's researcher network, the establishment of new, joint research projects and a continuation of the work aimed at expanding and improving the Centre's knowledge base. The new framework boosted the Department, and 2001 left it with a better foundation for knowledge exchange and cooperation both internally and with external partners.

The Danish Centre for Human Rights is governed by an objective stipulating its "initiating an innovative and independent Danish research effort in the field".

From the Centre's Statute

Research must lead to new awareness of and form the basis for implementing existing human rights standards globally, regionally and nationally.

From the Centre's 2001-2003 Strategy Plan

FOCUS AREAS IN 2001

Against the backdrop of the intensified debate on the right to compensation for historical human rights violations, the Centre organised its second conference on discrimination and tolerance: “The right to compensation and related legal remedies in connection with racial discrimination” in April. A wide array of recognised academic experts and practitioners participated and presented papers and questions related to historical as well as current cases of discrimination. The papers took both moral and legal approaches. Like the first “Copenhagen Conference” in 2000, this conference engendered an objective, informed debate before the World Conference against Racism (Durban 2001), at which the Centre delegation used the conference results as its contribution.

Within the framework of the continued European cooperation on a European Master’s programme on human rights and democratisation (E.M.A.), the Research Department organised, in the spring of 2001, a series of seminars on the challenges posed by human rights in relation to the EU enlargement and integration (“The EU and Human Rights”).

The project is a prestigious partnership between leading European academic players in the area of human rights.

External presenters supplemented the Centre’s own researchers, thus strengthening the Centre’s researcher network and knowledge of the EU. This boost is extremely relevant - not least in light of the Danish EU Presidency in 2002.

“The validity and normativity of human rights” was the theme for the Centre’s own annual series of seminars in 2001. The seminars strived to determine how and in which settings various disciplines approach the theme and how human rights impel conviction and observance. At the weekly seminar the Centre’s own researchers

and invited guests, e.g., researchers from Aarhus University (Denmark) and from the Centre’s partnership programme for researchers, joined forces to reach a common clarification of how informal counterparts can supplement and challenge legal systems.

Additionally, the Centre researchers actively contributed to the political and scientific debate following in the aftermath of the disaster on 11 September. The researchers prepared an analysis of the legitimacy and legal foundation for military counterattacks, and in the autumn of 2001 a group of legal researchers prepared extensive consultative comments to the Danish Government’s bills (“the terrorism package”). Further, the Centre organised an internal and an external debate on 11 September, where researchers, other employees and board members gave presentations.

Research Partnership Programme

This is the Centre’s guest researcher programme. The programme enables the Centre to invite up to nine 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 and participate in the Department’s events.

The Research Partnership Programme aims to offer guest researchers the opportunity to prepare articles and other papers in a research environment conducive to their activities. For this reason, efforts are made to ensure that guest researchers work within the Research Department’s focus areas, and to attach a researcher to every guest researcher. The programme is organised in cooperation with the Danida Fellowship Centre, which is responsible for the practical and social matters related to the guest researchers’ stays. The programme is financed through the Centre’s framework agreement with Danida (Danish International Development Assistance).

Competence areas

Human rights standards

- Interplay between economic, social and cultural rights and civil and political rights.
- Danish citizenship in a historical and international perspective
- Business and human rights
- IT and human rights
- The law and rights strategies with focus on Denmark from the late 17th century to the early 20th century
- Human rights in Denmark, status 2001
- European convention on human rights

Human rights in the development of society and capacity building

- Social reform in China
- Protection of suspects and detainees in China
- Human rights and business

Human rights and the protection of vulnerable groups

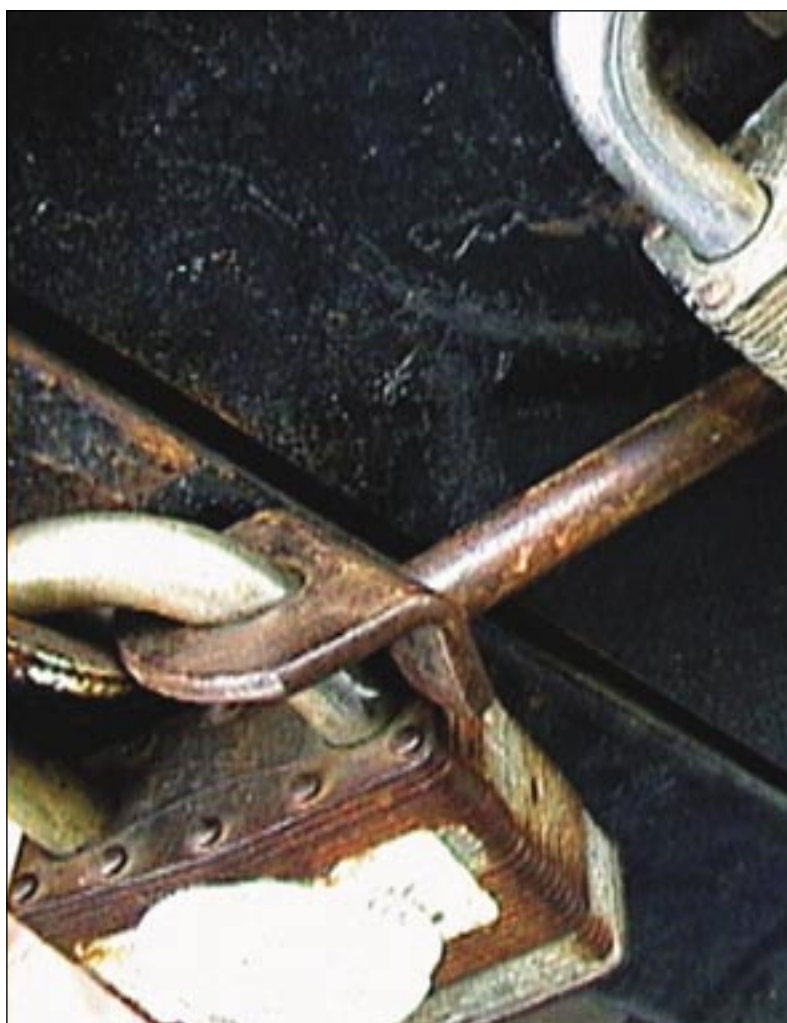
- Protection against racism and racial discrimination
- European asylum right - EU, Schengen and Denmark
- Refugees in Denmark
- Positive interception: Facilitating access to territory in EU asylum systems
- Theoretical foundations and current practices of refugee law in Europe
- Development of new research projects and programmes
- Protection of family life - a comparative study
- International human and minority rights in a legal, meta legal and interdisciplinary perspective

Human rights in social and cultural practice

- Human rights and the political situation in Burundi
- Human rights and post-conventional/ local standards and practice
- National human rights institutions
- Police and human rights in transitional societies - analysis and workshop
- Bridging human rights and good governance
- Rights-based approaches to development

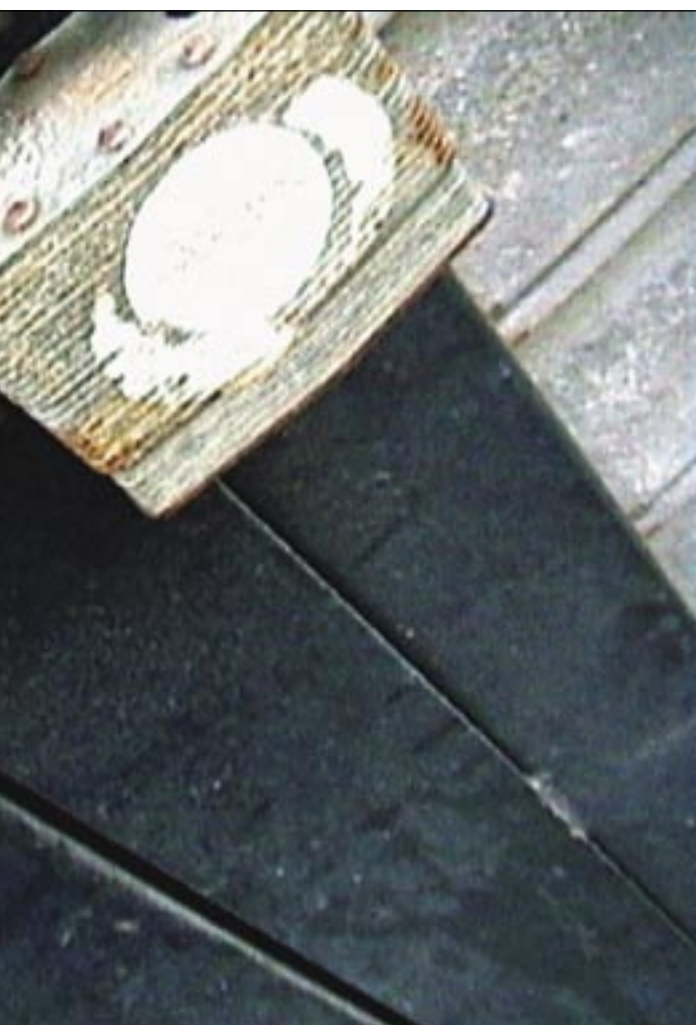
EDUCATION AND EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to their commitment to the European Masters Programme in human rights and democratisation, the Centre researchers regularly taught at the semi-annual internal Centre courses on human rights. Further, the Department taught at other programmes organised for the Centre project partners. Universities, human rights institutions and authorities in Denmark and abroad also regularly requested the Centre researchers to give lectures or offer courses within their areas of expertise. This indicates that the Centre is perceived as a prominent supplier of academic expertise in the field of human rights. Senior research associates are also engaged in guiding MA and LLM students from various universities and in counselling PhD students who turn to the Centre for special guidance.



A major part of the Department's external activities deal with preparation of consultative comments to Danish and EU bills and of an annual report on the status of human rights in Denmark. Both activities are rooted in the Department's research capacity and are seen as contributions to a well-informed debate on the legislative process. In the course of 2001, new steps were taken to reorganise the procedure for preparing consultative comments. The aim was to improve and streamline procedures. As always, all consultative comments are accessible at the Centre's website, while the status report is available both as a printed publication and electronically.

Finally, the Centre researchers take part in the general debate in Danish and international media. The Centre ensures that key research results are translated into easily comprehensible material, e.g., by publishing books and articles suited for public use.



Facts and figures on researchers

In 2001, the Centre had 16 researchers, including two PhD students, nine senior research associates, one research assistant, three senior research assistants and one professor. Five guest researchers were at the Centre in the first half of 2001, and six in the second half of 2001.

Output indicators based on publicised works in 2001:

14 articles in international journals
27 articles in Danish and international books
2 English books
1 analysis/report
57 notes and consultative comments
1 evaluation/review
2 submitted PhD theses
3 international conferences

Five researchers concluded their stay at the Centre in 2001:

George W. L. Kasozi Kikonyogo, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Lesotho
Vijayashri Sripathi, National Academy of Legal Studies, Human Rights Department, Hyderabad, India
Qu Xuewu, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China
Wen Xiaojie, Chinese University of Politics and Law, China
Mariama Cissé, Nigerian Human Rights Commission, Court of Appeal of Niamey, Nigeria

Fullbright Commission:

Fullbright professor, Darren G. Hawkins, Brigham Young University, Utah, USA

Five new guest researchers in 2001:

Laurence Okeyo Juma, the University of Nairobi, Kenya
Nsongurua J. Udombana, International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, Nigeria
Min Chen, China University of Political Science and Law, China
Eno-obong Bassey Akpan, the Gambia Committee on Traditional Practices (GAMCOTRAP), Gambia
Ghania Rajubu Mwamba, Tanzania Ministry of Education and Culture, Department of Adult Education, Evaluation and the Coordination Unit, Tanzania

Information

IT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

In 2001, the Centre project-managed six Danish and international websites. Together with a range of Danish humanitarian organisations, the Centre concurrently initiated an IT network, ERFA, with a view to exchanging experience on IT.

SIX TIMES WWW

The Centre's own website, humanrights.dk, is accessible in both Danish and English. It contains information on the Centre's spheres of activity, publications and other activities. Much of the information included in this report is available in greater detail on the Net. The site also enumerates the staff, all country projects, research areas and the Centre's notes and consultative comments.

At the end of 2000, the Centre launched a major Danish multi-media website jointly with seven

Danish organisations. Menneskeret.dk consists of a theme section, a news section, a convention section and a selection of interactive offers. Three Danish newspapers (Berlingske Tidende, Information and Politiken) and the Danish Broadcasting Corporation contribute daily news on the human rights area. The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation supports Menneskeret.dk.

Menneskeret.dk published 12 different themes, electronic journals offering a mix of articles, radio interviews, TV spots, quizzes, chat and other online activities. The themes encompassed women's rights, freedom of expression, registration, rights of the disabled, freedom of religion, capital punishment and torture.

One theme, the rights of elderly people, opened with a direct webcast debate, where Internet users from all over Denmark could pose questions to a panel of experts including professor, LLD Agnete Weis Bentzon, former Minister for Social Affairs Bent Rold Andersen, reporter Leif Larsen and social worker Hanne Reintoft. The inauguration of an extensive educational section with an associated music video and the Christmas sit-com "Today's Human Right", also shown on the Danish TV channel TV2 Zulu, represented two other multi-media events.

Human rights on the Net

www.humanrights.dk

Website of the Danish Centre for Human Rights. The site is available in both Danish and English. More than 25,000 visitors in 2001.



www.nordichumanrights.net

IT partnership between the five Nordic human rights institutions in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland. More than 3,000 visitors in 2001. (Launched in the autumn of 2001). Supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers. In English and the Nordic languages.



www.youthhumanrights.net

Debate forum for 100 young Europeans on action plan for human rights in Europe. In English.



www.menneskeret.dk

Comprehensive website on human rights in Denmark and Europe. More than 100,000 visitors in 2001. Supported by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation. In Danish.



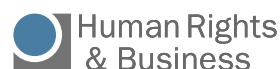
www.nhri.net

Official website of 50 national human rights institutions. Supported by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. In English.



www.humanrights.dk/business

The extensive "Human Rights and Business" project has its own website with information on companies' responsibility for human rights outside Denmark, etc. In English.



Nordichumanrights.net is a joint project between the Nordic human rights institutions, and is supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers. The site is an IT portal containing information on major events, book publications, debate forums and various themes. The themes in 2001 included education and human rights, human rights in Europe and economic, social and cultural rights.

A fourth Net project is named youthhumanrights.net and is a debate forum for about 100 young people from all Council of Europe member states. The participants are charged with preparing a "Plan of Action for Human Rights and Democracy in Europe" based on the European Convention on Human Rights and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

The fifth website is humanrights.dk/business. This site supports a comprehensive research project on human rights and business, which is being realised in cooperation with the Confederation of Danish Industries and the Danish Industrialisation Fund for Developing Countries.

The last website is nhri.net, an IT project for the national human rights institutions supported by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. The UN High Commissioner, Mary Robinson, visited Denmark on 27 November 2001 to inaugurate nhri.net. The national human rights institutions' website offers a wide range of international documents and information on global human rights activities.

THE PUBLIC DEBATE

The debate on human rights is gathering increasing momentum in both Danish and foreign media. Although it does not register any coverage in the Danish media, there were more than 1,300 selected news items in 2001 from the specific Danish media supplying material to the website www.menneskeret.dk

The Danish Centre for Human Rights was mentioned 706 times in the Danish press, encompassing 56 newspapers, trade magazines and journals. The Centre staff appeared on Danish radio and television 69 times. The Centre was mentioned in the web media 81 times. The Centre organised 46 public meetings, seminars and conferences, and the staff gave 181 lectures on various human rights themes, held at other organisations, schools and various institutions in Denmark.

The Centre is responsible for the communication of information for the use of voluntary organisations, researchers, public authorities and interested members of the general public.

From the Centre's Statute

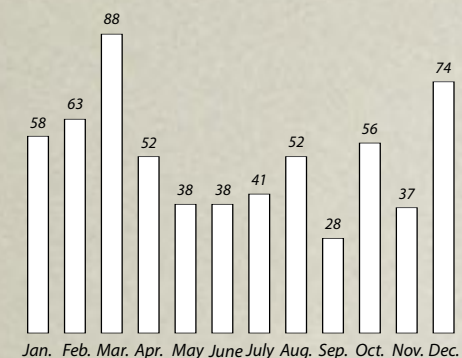
The information work of the Centre is to ensure external information and support internal communication. The overall objective is to communicate knowledge of the Centre's research achievements and other activities, including in general to communicate knowledge on human rights.

From the Centre's 2001 - 2003 Strategy Plan

Lectures by subject

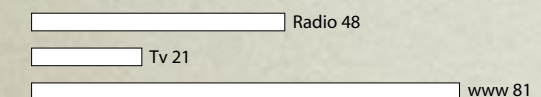
The Centre gave 181 lectures in 2001. All subjects presented less than three times are listed under miscellaneous.

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Police and human rights	12
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Methodical research in human rights	6
Human rights and education	6
Rights of children	6
Humanitarian intervention	6
Religion and human rights	5
Asylum rights	5
Miscellaneous	35



Press coverage statistics for 2001

Radio, TV and websites coverage statistics for 2001



PUBLICATIONS

The Centre produced thirty publications in 2001. They distributed on four leaflets, four journals, fifteen reports, six books and one video.

The Centre published ten new reports on its partnership programmes and consultancy work in various parts of the world. The reports dealt with human rights activities in Nigeria; activities in the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; legal aid work in Vietnam; juvenile justice in Uzbekistan; police training in Cambodia; strategic planning in Guatemala, etc. Page 21 contains more detailed information. Every year, the Centre publishes the journal "Mennesker og rettigheter" in cooperation with the other Nordic human rights centres as well as the yearbook "Human Rights in Development". Another joint publication was a revised edition of "Economic, Social and Cultural Rights", about 800 pages introducing, analysing and documenting economic, social and cultural rights.

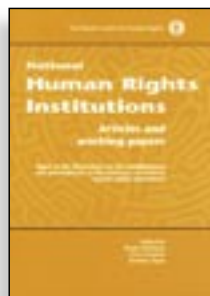
"Today's Human Right" was an entertaining video debate with two Danish actors, who in 24 TV spots introduced various human rights aspects, such as freedom of expression, racism, freedom of religion and the right to a dignified existence.

SELECTED 2001 PUBLICATIONS

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

Articles and working papers, 1st revised edition

This book focuses on the range of key questions relevant to national human rights institutions' analyses and practical work on protecting and promoting human rights. The book deals with the role and function of national institutions in both practical and theoretical contexts. It also presents individual case studies and comparative perspectives for the work performed by institutions in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America.



255 pages. DKK 225.00
ISBN 87-90744-18-7

REPORTS

Evaluations and Reviews of Partnership Programmes.

- **Human Rights Organisations in Nigeria**

93 pages. DKK 50,00.
ISBN 87-90744-34-9

- **The Research partnership Programme at DCHR**

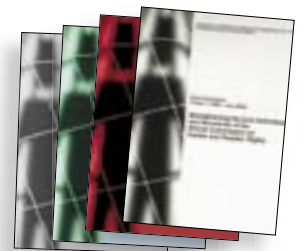
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- **Support for the National Legal Aid Agency in Vietnam**

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The series will hopefully be a source of insight and inspiration for others committed to the promotion and protection of human rights and democratic values.

LEGAL CULTURES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Challenge of Diversity

Editor Kirsten Hastrup



Cultural diversity, as expressed for instance in different normative orders or legal cultures, poses both a practical and

a theoretical challenge to the idea of universal human rights. In the present volume, the authors seek to address and contain this challenge with a view to the changing nature of the global society.

199 pages. DKK 399.00

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HUMAN RIGHTS ON COMMON GROUNDS

The Quest for Universality

Editor Kirsten Hastrup



The universality of human rights has been extensively discussed since their inception, and most often in terms

of contrasting viewpoints of universalism versus relativism. The present volume seeks to get beyond the polarization and to ask instead *in which sense* human rights are universal.

235 pages. DKK 399.00

ISBN 90-411-1657-5

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

This list enumerates 46 conferences, seminars, etc., organised by the Centre alone or jointly with others in 2001.

JANUARY

Seminar on the Danish book "Human Rights of the Senile Demented in Denmark".

Conference: "Equal Rights - Equal Opportunities". Jointly with the Danish UNESCO National Committee, Ibis and the Board for Ethnic Equality.

Course: Human Rights and Danish Police. For office and police managers. Jointly with the Danish Police Academy.

FEBRUARY

Study tour related to Albanian police project. Participants: Ranking Albanian police officers.

Series of public lectures "EU and Human Rights".

- "History of Ideas: Competing Visions of Europe" with Jan Ifversen, the Centre for European Cultural Studies, Aarhus University.

- "Recent Developments in Europe's Immigration Policy" with Morten Kjærum, the Danish Centre for Human Rights.

MARCH

International workshop: "Human Rights and the Police in Transitional Countries". Participants: international police officers involved in the EU project.

Series of public lectures "EU and Human Rights".

- "Human Rights; Law and Development; the Relevance of Human Rights" with Robert Seidman, Boston University.

- "European versus American Perspectives on Human Rights; the Social Dimension" with Henning Koch, University of Copenhagen.

- "The Work of the Court of Justice of the EC; the Role of Human Rights in the Jurisprudence of the Court: Perspectives in the European Charter" with Claus Gullmann, the Court of Justice of the EC.

- "Protection of Minorities within the EU Framework" with Zelim Skurbaty, the Danish Centre for Human Rights.

Seminar for delegates from Montenegro, Croatia, Bulgaria and Macedonia, in connection with study tour related to the police project on the Balkans.

Course in human rights for international partner organisations.

Course in human rights for international partnership organisations.

APRIL

Workshop for Ukrainian police officers. Jointly with the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims.

Series of public lectures "EU and Human Rights".

- "Protection of Immigrants and Refugees in Europe" with Gregor Noll, University of Lund.

- "The Question of Citizenship; Transnational Citizenship?" with Rainer Bauböck, Vienna/IMER Malmö.

- "International Human Rights in Domestic Courts" with Jens Vedsted-Hansen, Aarhus University.

International Seminar on "Protection of Suspects and Detainees in China", held in Beijing jointly with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS).

MAY

Course in human rights for Danish institutions and organisations.

2nd Copenhagen Conference on Discrimination & Toleration: "The Right to Compensation and Related Remedies for Racial Discrimination".

Forum for China and Human Rights I.

Introductory forum with panellists from the Danish Centre for Human Rights, the Confederation of Danish Industries, Ramboll, Politiken and Aarhus University.

JUNE

Workshop for representatives from the police and

the Ministry of the Interior of the Ukraine. Jointly with the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims.

Seminar on evaluation of police manuals. Participants from five different countries.

JULY

Course for Chinese prosecutors as an aspect of the EU-China Legal and Judicial Co-operation Programme.

AUGUST

Course on preparation of EU reports on civil and political rights held for representatives of NGOs and the ministries of the interior in Uganda and Tanzania.

Course: "Humanity in Action" for students.

Forum for China and Human Rights II. On Legal Reforms and Development of a Constitutional State in China.

Nordic Symposium: "Refugee Law", in partnership with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund.

SEPTEMBER

Seminar on human rights for young politicians from Balkan countries.

Course for teachers on children's rights. Together with the National Innovative Center for General Education.

Course for Chinese attorneys as an aspect of the EU-China Legal and Judicial Co-operation Programme.

Workshop and midway meeting for representatives of Balkan police project.

Seminar with visiting professor Darren G. Hawkins; International Human Rights Norms: from Principles to Prison Cells.

OCTOBER

Course on the role of NGOs in democracies. Participants: students from Central and Eastern European countries. Jointly with the Diakonhøjskolen (school for deacons).

Course in human rights for the Danish Organisation of Independent Schools.

Course for ranking Chinese representatives of the Chinese legal sector as an aspect of the EU-China Legal and Judicial Co-operation Programme.

Panel meeting "How did the terrorist incidents on 11 September and the Retaliation by the US and its Allies against Afghanistan Relate to International Law, World Order and Human Rights?" Panel: professor Ole Bring, Stockholm University, professor Claus Haagen Jensen, Aalborg University and Gregor Noll and Hans-Otto Sano, the Danish Centre for Human Rights.

NOVEMBER

Course for primary and lower secondary pupils in Denmark.

Course on children's rights for junior secondary pupils. Jointly with the National Innovative Center for General Education.

Course in human rights for staff from the Red Cross' refugee centre.

Seminar and evaluation related to development of tools for impact assessment of police manuals.

Human rights course for Danish institutions and organisations.

International expert conference: "Questions of Proof in the Asylum Procedure". Jointly with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Forum for China and Human Rights III: On Political Democratisation and Local Elections in China.

Round-table discussion: "Religious Diversity and Debate in America in a Time of Crisis", with Alan Wolfe, professor and director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College.

DECEMBER

Course on preparation of reports on civil and political rights for representatives from Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi and Nepal.

Read more about each event at www.humanrights.dk

The Centre must undertake and promote education in the field of human rights at all educational levels, including general adult education.

From the Centre's Statute

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 teaching material.

From the Centre's 2001-2003 Strategy Plan

Lecturing and Education

LECTURING IN DENMARK

In 2001, the Centre organised about 200 lectures and around 50 public events, all centring on human rights. In addition to such educational activities, the Centre performs a range of other key educational tasks. For many years, the Centre has lectured third-year students at the Danish police academy as an element of the academy's general curriculum. The course builds on lecturing material prepared specifically for the Danish academy by the Centre's Education Department. The material encompasses cases, current issues, video features, etc. Similarly, the Centre gives general lectures on police and human rights at seminars for police managers.

The Centre also holds courses for Danish institutions, organisations, etc., for example, two semi-annual courses for Danish government officials, organisation representatives, etc., intended to introduce participants to central human rights instruments and mechanisms as well as to key subjects like human rights and development. These courses have primarily drawn participants from central and local governments, from NGOs, trade and business, educational institutions and the press.

The Centre is responsible for lecturing at the Danish Emergency Management Agency on the interrelations of human rights and humanitarian international law, and also contributes to the Agency's course for people who may with short notice be called on to serve on international emergency relief tasks.

The Centre receives students from Danish universities several times a year. On such occasions, the Centre gives a general introduction to human rights. Further, the Centre endeavours to design the contents of the visits in a way that best accommodates the students' interests. The Centre has given lectures to law students from Danish universities on legal reforms in third-world countries and on human rights considerations in Danish development work policy. Correspondingly, Danish journalism students are offered such specifically targeted courses.

For more than ten years, the Centre has partnered, e.g., Denmark's National Innovative Center for General Education in educating primary and lower secondary pupils. Teaching on children's rights is primarily targeted at junior secondary pupils and based on the teaching material "A matter of coincidence". The Centre also offers a preparatory course for the pupils' teachers. Finally, the Centre held short courses for the organisation "Humanity in Action", the Danish Organisation of Independent Schools/Institute for Further Education and Training and for the staff from Danish Red Cross' refugee centres.

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT EDUCATION

National courses: **16**
Participants at national courses: **499**

International courses: **22**
Participants at international courses: **393**

COUNTRY REPORTS FOR THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

In relation to a multi-annual European police project, the Centre lectured at police academies in the Baltic States as an element of the Nordic Police Academy's course titled "High Level Strategic Management Programme".

The Centre held two courses in Denmark as an aspect of a project to support Tanzania's and Uganda's reporting to the UN Human Rights Committee. The project is primarily funded by the EU, but has also gained support from the Danish Democracy Fund (Ministry of Foreign Affairs). The project aims to strengthen the capacity of both governmental and non-governmental institutions in Uganda and Tanzania, to enable them to report on civil and political rights to the UN Human Rights Committee. The course had a total of 21 participants from Tanzania and Uganda, ten of which were from governmental institutions and the rest from various human rights organisations. The Centre's partners based their selection of participants on the criterion that they must be key persons involved in preparing and publishing the reports. The participants were divided into four groups, two governmental and two non-governmental.

At the first course, the participants were introduced to the UN reporting standards and other tools essential to reporting. The participants then went home to prepare draft reports. The four draft reports were presented and discussed at the second course, and were subsequently submitted to the UN Human Rights Committee and publicised in the countries as two governmental and two "shadow" reports.

HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICERS AND ADVISORS

The Danish Centre for Human Rights employs human rights officers for a one-year period. This programme primarily targets candidates that have completed their academic education within the last four years.

A month has been earmarked for the introductory phase, which includes, for instance, participation in the human rights course at the Centre. The selected human rights officers are subsequently stationed for about nine months with a human rights organisation that targets developing countries.

In many cases, the human rights officers are more closely affiliated with Centre projects and partners, so, to ensure qualified support to the projects, the new profile often presupposes several years' experience. In 2001, the Centre decided to employ human rights advisors designated to assist partner organisations. Human rights advisors differ from human rights officers in that they specialise in the specific areas required by the partner organisation and the project, e.g., law, case work or coaching.

Five human rights officers / advisors were stationed in 2001.



INTERNATIONAL COURSES

As in the past, the Centre held two 15-day courses for activists and government officials working in the sphere of human rights in the countries where the Centre has partnership projects.

Participants primarily come from the Centre's partnership organisations and institutions in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the former Communist countries.

The course starts by introducing the key international and regional human rights instruments. Next follows a series of thematic days addressing such topics as women's human rights, torture prevention, refugees' rights, training in human rights, national

implementation, etc. Work types range from lectures and guided self-studies to workshops and study trips to institutions and organisations. The Centre enrolls about 35-40 people in each course, including its own research partners and human rights officers and advisors.

In 2001, the Centre held several thematic courses, related, for example, to the Centre's support to international partners and the preparation of textbooks for the course "Police and Human Rights".

Refer to the overview of national and international courses on page 16.

EU AND CHINA

The Centre held a series of EU-China courses as elements in a comprehensive training programme for both Chinese prosecutors and attorneys: "the EU China Legal and Judicial Programme". The courses are EU financed and are an aspect of a partnership between, e.g., the British Council and the Centre. Lectures and dialogue are aimed at illustrating the rule of law in European legal systems. In Denmark, the courses deal with principles and practise in European legal usage, with special emphasis on prosecutors' and attorneys' work in the context of current human rights standards and on the courts' role in proceedings. The course structure encompasses lectures, primarily held by practitioners and university lecturers, and visits to relevant institutions.

In June-July, six Chinese prosecutors visited the Centre to participate in the course "Roles of Prosecution Services in Europe". In September-October, the Centre received fifteen Chinese attorneys, here to join a six-week course on "Criminal Law and Human Rights", and ranking representatives of the Chinese legal system. The participants came to Denmark to learn how access to justice can be ensured in criminal cases.



Documentation

DENMARK'S HUMAN RIGHTS LIBRARY

The Centre's library is Denmark's only special library on human rights. The library collection includes descriptions of the human rights situation in other countries as well as books covering the legal, philosophical, economic and developmental aspects of human rights. In 2001, the library handled 3,138 transactions. However, the total number of users is far higher, as the library only registers requests needing staff assistance.

Search the library book database at www.humanrights.dk

DOCUMENTATION NETWORK

The Centre is a member of a European network, European Coordination Committee on Human Rights Documentation (ECCHRD), consisting of organisations engaged in human rights information and documentation. The Centre is also associated with a documentation group under another European network named European Organisation of Development Research and Training Institutions (EADI). And as in previous years, the Centre sat on the board of the international human rights documentation network HURIDOCS (Human Rights Information and Documentation System). The library uses the HURIDOCS standard format for bibliographic references to record its stock in its database.

For additional information on HURIDOCS, please visit www.huridocs.org

COURSE IN DOCUMENTATION

The Centre organised a 2-week course in human rights documentation in October 2001. Participants enrolled from Benin, China, Malawi, Nepal and Tanzania. A course in electronic information retrieval was organised for the Centre's guest researchers, and the Centre's international course "Human Rights Reporting" also taught information retrieval. Finally, the Centre offered library presentations for participants in the human rights courses and for guests from China, Sweden and Germany.

The Centre must accumulate public library facilities and a computerised documentation centre.

From the Centre's Statute

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 Centre's 2001- 2003 Strategy Plan

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE LIBRARY

Inquiries:	3,138
Books:	9,915
Journal articles:	1,983
Journals:	300
Annual reports:	200
Users of e-mail service:	84

Opening hours: The library is open weekdays 11 am - 3 pm for external users.

Partnership programmes

PARTNERSHIP AND DIALOGUE

In 2001, a new and improved strategy plan and structures engendered several significant changes in the Danish Centre for Human Rights' partnership programmes.

Based on the Centre's overall strategy, the new strategy plan covers the period 2001 - 2003.

The Centre's activities are now divided into three programme areas and one planning unit. After in-depth deliberations and discussion, the Centre opted for a thematic rather than a geographic structure, the structure now reflecting the contents of the programmes instead of their geographic locations in the world. The strategy operates on the principle of partnership between equals, but with different partners possessing differing strengths and weaknesses.

NEW PROGRAMME AREAS AND TEAMS

The three thematic programme areas are: Reform of Law and State Institutions, Access to Justice, and Civil Society. Charged with launching new, interdisciplinary activities, a planning unit supplements these areas.

The new structure promotes both competence development and rights-based access to international partnerships, while also fostering more efficient utilisation of available resources, e.g., by delegating more responsibility to teams and individual employees. The partnership concept is a subject of constant debates and development, internally in the Centre and externally with its partners. A range of interviews with partners will form the basis for a publication on partnership as methodology. The publication "Partners in Progress" will be out in 2002.

Constant monitoring and evaluation are crucial to the continued development. 2001 also saw another 10 publications produced in the series "Evaluations and Reviews of Partnership Programmes", and eight are planned for 2002 (see page 14).

CAPACITY ASSESSMENT OF THE DANISH CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Launched by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the end of the year, the comprehensive capacity assessment of the entire Centre became a key activity.

The Centre is maintaining its efforts to expand and consolidate its international partnership programmes and to diversify the funding base. In 2001, the Centre took steps to expand its cooperation with the Department for International Development in Britain, with the EU, with SIDA (Swedish International Development Assistance) and with the World Bank.

Throughout the year, the Centre also bolstered its cooperation with Danish NGOs and, in particular, the synergy between research and education.

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

From the Centre's Statute

Project work must contribute to the implementation of human rights globally, and in particularly in developing countries and countries undergoing a democracy development process. The Centre must train and advise partners in the public and private sectors on human rights standards and capacity building. The Centre must also contribute to networks between partners and other relevant institutions.

From the Centre's 2001- 2003 Strategy Plan

DIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Centre was engaged in 42 projects in 2001 in Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa. Several of the partnership programmes are multi-annual, while others run for shorter periods. Several projects focus on, e.g., the legal system, while others centre on, for instance, training of lawyers in Rwanda.

A common denominator of all partnership programmes is the goal of sustainable rule of law with focus on human rights.

The table on page 23 presents the Centre's partnership programmes under general keywords that encompass a range of specialised subprojects. The heading "Strategic planning", for instance, may cover contributions to modernisation and consolidation of the Guatemalan Ministry of the Interior - including the police, prison system and immigration authorities - with a view to ensuring observance of human rights and democracy and with special focus on concluded peace agreements. Another sphere of work "Capacity building" may, e.g., assist in strengthening the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights by supporting core functions and strategic planning tools. In addition to general counselling and cooperation focused on capacity and institutional building, the Centre also provides specific counselling related to the continued development of the Commission's strategy plan.

In Vietnam, the "Legal Aid" project strives to reinforce and improve the legal aid activities performed by two provincial legal aid centres in the Gia Lei and Dak Lak provinces. An additional goal calls for a stronger national legal aid body under the Ministry of Justice. The project operates at several levels. It grants financial assistance, thus enabling the fitting-out of legal aid offices with basic facilities and ensuring continuity in a range of activities, and also provides consulting assistance. One project component pivots on training the staff in giving legal aid. The training targets both legal aid centres in the provinces and the national legal aid body. In 2002, training will primarily focus on property rights and ethnic minority matters, two major problems in Dak Lak and Gia Lei where most of the cases submitted to legal aid offices concern these issues.

Finally, the project "Training in Human Rights" covers the Centre's interaction with the Ugandan Human Rights Commission in training many Ugandan police officers in human rights and the observance of these rights in their work.

Refer to the overview of the various areas of intervention on page 23, and find more details on individual projects at www.humanrights.dk



SERBIA

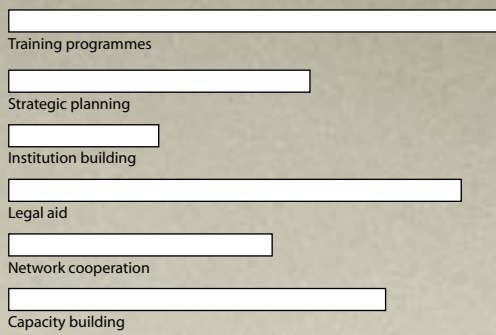
In 2001, the Danish Centre for Human Rights joined forces with the Serbian Ministry of Justice and the Serbian Ministry of the Interior. Together, the two ministries encompass all relevant institutions and functions in the Serbian legal sector. The objective was to adopt a strategic approach supporting the ministries' legal sector reforms. With backing from the Fund for Peace and Stability under the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the project helped set up a think-tank in the Ministry of the Interior and a steering committee in the Ministry of Justice. To underpin the reform process, the Danish Centre for Human Rights offers a methodology for strengthening the Serbian ministries. The project divides into four pillars; the first two support the Ministry of the Interior and the strategic process in the Ministry of Justice. The third centres on the preparation of training and information material as well as analyses of the human rights situation in Serbia. The fourth covers the preparation of a bill to prevent juvenile crime. The Centre's long, rewarding cooperation with the "Belgrade Centre for Human Rights" as its sounding board proved indispensable for gaining access to ministers and ministries. Further, the Centre participated in preparing vision documents in the Serbian Ministry of the Interior's think-tank. The first phase of the vision documents was sent for consultation in the ministries' civil service system and in civil society organisations. Working groups have been set up for each key area, and the work of planning the areas in more detail will begin in the second project phase.

CAPACITY ASSESSMENT

Launched by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the end of the year, the comprehensive capacity assessment of the entire Centre became a key activity (Capacity Assessment of the Danish Centre for Human Rights). In addition to the Centre's international project activities, the analysis examines the Centre management and administration, while also assessing the interrelations between project activities, especially between research, analysis and education, as well as the Centre's cooperation with other national or international players. A preliminary, exhaustive sub-report based on a field trip to Malawi was extremely positive. The capacity assessment concludes in April 2002.



**PROJECTS AND CONSULTANCY
DISTRIBUTED ON SELECTED THEMES:**



**INDICATORS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
SITUATIONS IN PARTNERSHIP
COUNTRIES**

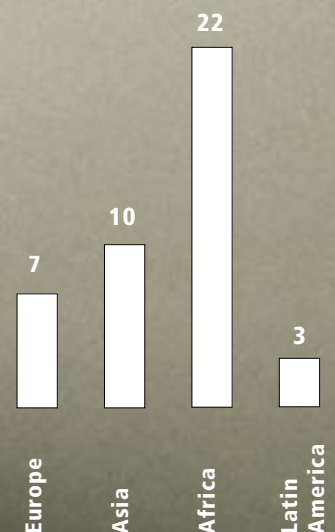
As an aspect of its strategy and priority discussions, the Centre decided in 1999 to prepare indicators as a tool to assess human rights situations in the Centre’s partnership countries. 2001 saw the publication of Human Rights Indicators 2000 (Country Data and Methodology), based on analyses conducted by Lone Lindholt and Hans-Otto Sano. The publication contains a methodology section, explaining methodology and technical choices, and an indicator section, containing indicators for about 70 countries of relevance to Denmark.

The Centre set up indicators revealing states’ formal acceptance of human rights conventions, but it seems equally important to determine whether the states actually respect human rights. This is why the authors endeavour to measure states’ respect for and behaviour in relation to civil and political rights as well as economic, social and cultural rights. The indicators also assess states’ behaviour in eliminating gender discrimination.

The activities serve three main purposes: first of all, they can be used in priority discussions and thus for planning programmes and projects. Secondly, they can be included in overall evaluations of efforts in the human rights areas. Thirdly, they constitute a useful contribution to methodology development aimed at determining whether and how human rights analyses can be used to compare countries.

See www.humanrights.dk/indicators2000.

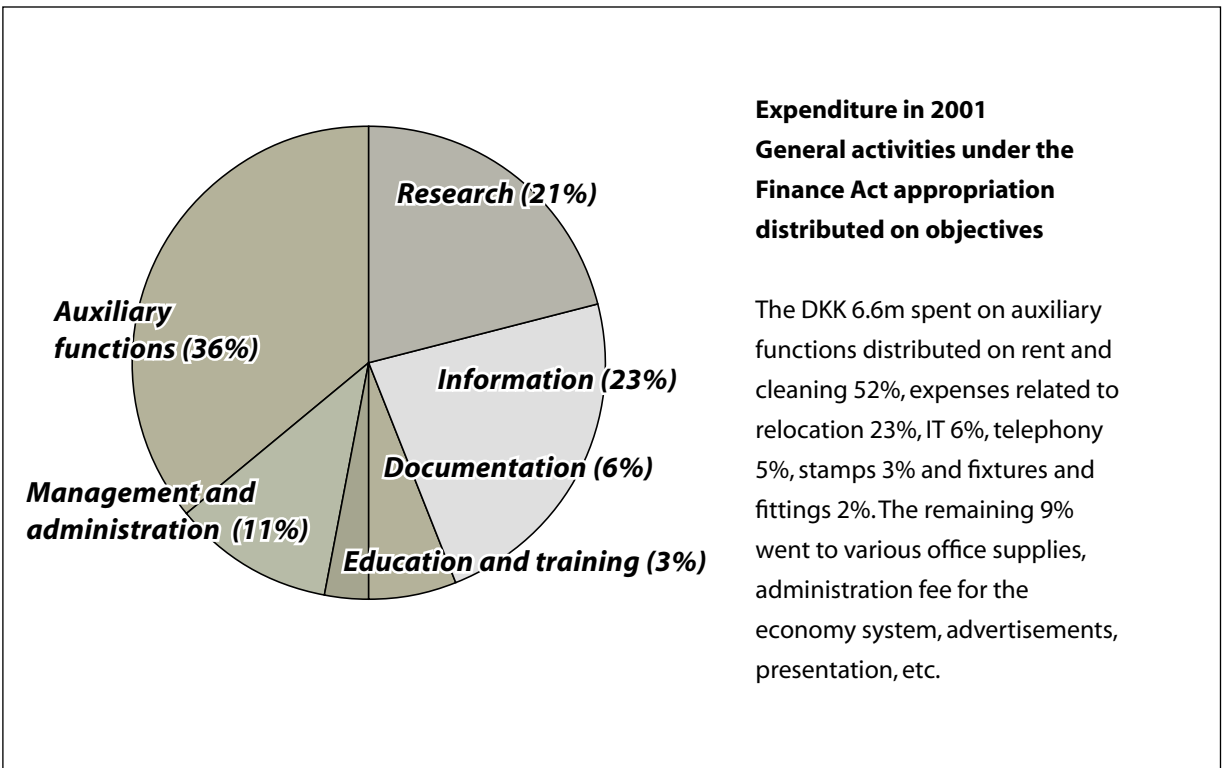
TABLE OF COUNTRY PROJECTS



Finances

In 2001, the Centre generated a total turnover (receipts less savings) of DKK 87.6m against DKK 62.7m in 2000. Total expenditure rose by DKK 22.7m to reach DKK 87.8m. Compared to 2000, the Danish Finance Act appropriation increased by DKK 4.7m, attributable to a larger appropriation for rent related to the Centre's relocation in April 2001 and to a relocation loan totalling DKK 2.5m. In 2001, more project activities were financed externally than in 2000. Expenditure to, e.g., research and information also increased.

The ratio between general activities (23% of expenditure) and the externally financed activities (77%) remains largely unchanged from the two previous years. In 2001, the majority of external financing (74%) also stemmed from the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which has entered into a five-year cooperation agreement with the Centre. The chart below breaks down the Danish Finance Act appropriation as well as the externally financed activities by objective.



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

From the Centre's 2001- 2003 Strategy Plan

Externally financed activities

- Research*
- Information*
- Education and training*
- Project work*
- Documentation*
- General management and administration*
- Auxiliary functions*
- Total*

In 2001, the Centre defrayed expenses over external accounts to the amount of DKK 63.1m. In 2001, 55% of the Centre's externally financed activities could be categorised as projects, which is unchanged from 2000. Twelve percent of the funds went to research, exchange and analysis. Eleven percent related to expenses to secretariats hosted by the Centre, and 13% to financing of courses, conferences and seminars. About 6% of expenses went to pilot studies and consultancy work, while the remaining about three percent financed publications.

In 2001, 27% of externally financed funds were channelled to Africa, compared to 37% the previous year. "Miscellaneous" countries accounted for 23% (a range of courses, analyses, Research Partnership Programme, etc.). Europe and CIS countries received 19% of the funds and Asia 16%. The Middle East accounted for 7%, Denmark 5% and Central America 4% of the funds.

About 74% of the Centre's 2001 external financing stemmed from the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 46% from the five year cooperation agreement and 28% from other sections of the Ministry, including FRESTA, earmarked for activities in the Balkans. Twenty-one percent originated from foreign institutions like the EU, the UN, the Nordic countries and other donors.

See the Centre's complete accounts at www.humanrights.dk

<i>expenses 2000</i>	<i>expenses 2001</i>
1,5	2,3
0,1	0,6
4,0	4,3
39,6	50,7
0,3	0,0
1,4	1,8
1,7	3,4
48,6	63,1

THANKS TO CONTRIBUTORS IN 2001

In 2001, individual projects and activities were supported by the following foundations and institutions, which the Centre would like to thank for their generous contributions.

- Danida
- Danish Democracy Fund
- Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte
- EU
- Chief of Defence, Denmark
- Hermod Lannung Foundation
- Hvass Foundation
- IBIS
- IRCT
- Karl and Mrs Pedersen Industrial Foundation
- Kopifon
- Danish Ministry of Culture
- Women's Developing Countries Committee
- Nordic Council of Ministers
- Managing Development Unit, Danish Council for Development Research
- Roskilde Charity Society (related to Freemuse)
- SIDA
- Danish Social Science Research Council
- William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- British Council
- Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- UNHCR (Sweden)
- UNICEF CARK
- UNDP (UN Geneva)
- World Bank

Staff

The Centre's interdisciplinary approach to human rights is reflected in the staff's broad professional expertise. Consisting of 64 employees and the ad hoc students and trainees in 2001, the staff's professional profile covers a wide spectrum of expertise, engendering a dynamic, multifarious approach to the wide-ranging scope of the Centre's work. In the spring of 2001, the Centre moved to a new location in Copenhagen's Christianshavn district, which naturally impacted heavily on employees' daily work for a period of time. The new address enabled the Centre to house all employees at one location, instead of three. The relocation also offered a unique opportunity to examine the Centre's structure and the departments' interrelations, also in the context of previous working groups' results on strategy, structure and job satisfaction. This process triggered several major changes in the individual departments, especially in the Project Department, where the staff began to work in thematic programme areas. On the same occasion, the Project Department changed its name to the Department for Partnership Programmes.

For more details on staff, departments and strategy plans, visit www.humanrights.dk

At its new address, the Centre also hosts three independent projects: the secretariat of the Euro Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EuroMed), International Media Support, and Freemuse, an international organisation focusing on music and censorship.

MANAGEMENT

Professor Claus Haagen Jensen, Aalborg University, chairs the Centre's Board.

The Centre Council is chaired by attorney Bjørn Elmquist with Ebba Strange holding the vice-chair.

Morten Kjærum is the Executive Director of the Centre.

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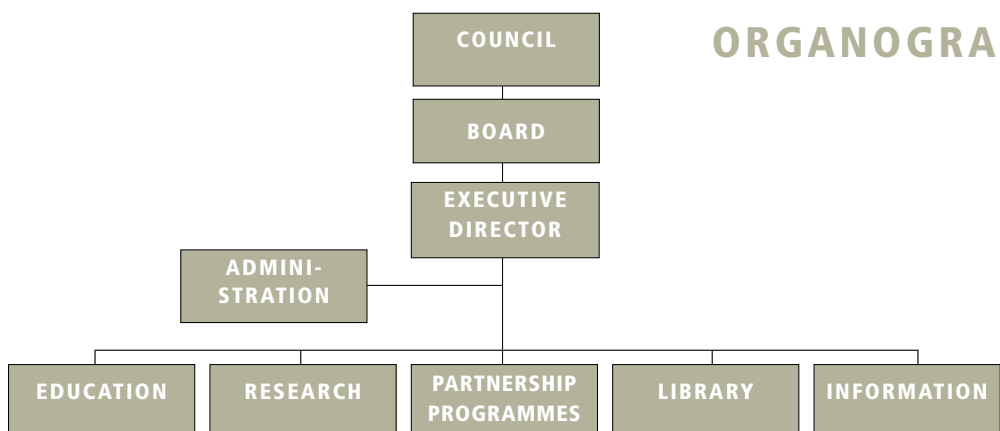
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