

# Conference Schedule

FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER, 2011

Venue: Eigtveds Pakhus, Asiatisk Plads, 1402 Copenhagen K

Moderator: Ms. Lotte Folke Kaarsholm; International Editor, daily newspaper 'Information'

## 09:00 - 09:20

Arrival and registration

## 09:20 - 09:30

Welcome, Why a conference in Copenhagen on non-violent strategies?

Anders Jerichow

Chair of Humanity in Action Denmark

## 09:30 - 10:00

Opening speech: Learning From Nonviolent Struggles

Srdja Popovic - Co-founder of Otpor and CANVAS, Serbia

## 10:00 - 10:45

First Panel presentations by: Introduction and presentation by leading civil society activists

Kudakwashe Chakabva - Press Secretary in ZINASU (Zimbabwe National Student Union)

Sebit Ernest Apuktong Anyay - South Sudan Coordinator at the Institute for Development of Civil Society, South Sudan

## 10:45 - 11.00

Coffee break

## 11:00 - 12:00

Second Panel presentations by: Introduction and presentation by leading civil society activists

Mai Ali - works for the NGO "Act for Transformation", Sudan

Yahia Ramadan - founder of the Nubian Democratic Youth Union, Egypt

Rodrigo Diamanti - President of "Un Mundo Sin Mordaza/A World Without Censorship", Venezuela

## 12:00 - 12:45

Lunch

Within Eigtveds Pakhus, ground floor

## 12:45 - 14:30

Key actors in the fight for democracy from Burma, Syria and Belarus telling their stories:

Emancipation of the Oppressed

Judith Chiyangwa - Human Rights activist and trainer, Zimbabwe

Reporting on a Regime

Rima Marrouch - Journalist from the leading opposition city of Homs, Syria

Changing Europe's Last Dictatorial Regime

Mikita - Leading Student Activist and former Candidate for the Opposition Party, Belarus

## 14:30 - 15:00

KEYNOTE: What are the Global Trends for Democracy Across the World - How Can Global Activists Create Networks and Support Non-Violence?

Steve Crawshaw

Chief of Staff for the Secretary General, Amnesty International and co-author of Small Acts of Resistance

In partnership with **British Council**

### **15:00 - 15:30**

Speech: The Visions and the Role for Denmark in the Global Fight for Democracy

Christian Friis Bach Confirmed  
Minister for Development & Cooperation in Denmark

### **15:30 - 15:45**

Coffee break

### **15:45 - 16:45**

Rotating interviews on stage with: What are the lessons for non-violent struggles - can movements learn from each other? What is the role of external partners? Has the Arab Spring and the momentum for democracy across the world withered?

Steve Crawshaw, Srdja Popovic, Kudakwashe Chakabva, Rodrigo Diamanti, Mai Ali, Mikita and Yahia Ramadan

### **16:45 - 17:00**

Closing remarks and wrap up  
Lotte Kaarsholm & Anders Jerichow

**SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER, 2011**

Venue: [Danish Institute for International Studies, Strandgade 71, 1401 Copenhagen K](#)

### **9:30 - 9:40**

Welcome and introduction to the day

Morten Østervang  
Director of Humanity in Action Denmark

## 9:40 - 10:40

KEYNOTE: "Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategy of Non-Violent Conflict" with Q&A

Dr. Erica Chenoweth,

Advisor to International Center on Nonviolent Conflict

Ass. Prof. Stanford University & Wesleyan University

## 10:50 - 12:20

First module of workshops

- KEYNOTE The Internet Movement for Women's Rights in Iran

Dr. Massoumeh Torfeh, The School of Oriental and African Studies - University of London with Q & A - In Partnership with British Council

// Gitte Young, web editor of the website [www.womendialogue.org](http://www.womendialogue.org) at KVINFO (Danish Centre for Information on Gender, Equality and Ethnicity)

Senior Fellow, Sahra-Josephine Hjorth

- The Role of External Partners

Slobodan Djinovic, CEO of the telecommunications company Orion Telekom, Serbia

Judith Chiyangwa, Human Rights activist and trainer, Zimbabwe

// Facilitator TBA

Senior Fellow, Niels Peter Berg

- The Role of Youth Striving for Lasting Democracies

Rodrigo Diamanti, President of "Un Mundo Sin Mordaza/A World Without Censorship", Venezuela

Sebit Anyang, South Sudan Coordinator at the Institute for Development of Civil Society, South Sudan

Mikita, Leading Student Activist and former Candidate for the Opposition Party, Belarus

// Susanne Branner Jespersen, Ass Prof. Africa Studies at Copenhagen University

Senior Fellow, Rune Justesen

- Non-Violent Strategies

Dr. Erica Chenoweth, Advisor to the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict

Mai Ali, representative from the NGO "Act for Transformation"

// Rasmus S. Søndergaard, Senior Fellow in Humanity in Action and student assistant at the Centre for Advanced Security Studies at Copenhagen University

Senior Fellow, Theis Spaanheden Dencker

- Social Media - A Helpful Tool in the Struggle for Democracy

Rima Marrouch, journalist from the leading opposition of Homs, Syria

Yahia Ramadan, founder of the Nubian Democratic Youth Union

// Peter Åttingsberg, Programme Manager, Online and Social Media at IMS (International Media Support)

Senior Fellow, Isa Gry Lindemann Elowsson

- The Importance of Youth Empowerment

Serdja Popovic, founder of Otpor! and CANVAS (Center for Applied Non-Violent Action and Strategies)

Kudakwashe Chakabva, Press Secretary in ZINASU (Zimbabwe National Student Union)

// Ulla Bisgaard, Administrator at the Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy

Senior Fellow, Zaeem Usman Asharaf

**12:20 - 13:00**

Lunch

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Senior Fellow, Ida Miranda Pedersen

- Women in Cyber Activism

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- Revolutionary in Exile

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## **14:30 - 15:45**

How to support non-violent struggles for Democracy? 10 recommendations for Governments across the world

Moderated by

Rasmus Grue

Executive Director Danish Red Cross Youth, Senior Fellow and Board member of Humanity in Action Denmark

## **15:45 - 16:00**

Wrap up and closing remarks

Morten Østervang & Rasmus Grue