

state of europe FORUM 2023



MAY 5 & 6 STOCKHOLM

ON FAITH IN EUROPE'S PUBLIC SQUARE

the price of FREEDOM & PEACE



THE SWEDISH
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CLAPHAMINSTITUTET

S:TA CLARA KYRKA & BETLEHEMSKYRKAN

PROGRAMME:

* TO BE CONFIRMED

Friday, May 5, 18.00 S:ta Clara Kyrka

18.00 • MOMENTS OF GRACE?

Reflections on the role of faith and religious freedom in post-war reconciliation, European integration and the current Ukraine conflict.

Rev Mats Nyholm, Olof Edsinger, Jeff Fountain, Ruth Nordström, Dr Evert Van de Poll, Tunne Kelam,

Saturday, May 6, 9.00-18.30 Betlehems kyrkan

9.00 • PLENARY ONE:

The roots of freedom & peace

Jan Figel, Dr Andrej Zubov, Dr Evert Van de Poll

11.00 • PLENARY TWO:

Ukraine: peace or victory?

Dr Henrik Syse, Dr Andrej Zubov, Tunne Kelam, Maksym Kiyak, Olof Edsinger

13.30. • SEMINARS: THREATS TO FREEDOM

1. *Freedom is a fragile thing...*

Dr Mari Blaj, Ineta Lansdowne

2. *The first right: religious freedom*

Jacob Rudenstrand, Julia Doxat-Purser

3. *Towards environmental shalom*

Dr Stefan Swärd, Dr Evert Van de Poll

4. *Does secularism bring 'freedom'?*

Dr Per Ewert

15.30 • SEMINARS: FREEDOM TO FLOURISH

5. *Faith at work*

Andreas Nordli & Tove Poulsen

6. *'Letter to the peacemakers': Polanyi for today* Dr John Hess

7. *Holocaust remembrance*

Dr Evert Van de Poll, Mikael Oscarsson MP*

8. *Disability, dignity and freedom*

Therese Swinthers, Martina Köninger

17.00. • PLENARY THREE: conclusions

Faith in the public square

THE STATE OF EUROPE FORUM, held on or near EUROPE DAY, MAY 9, in the capital of the country holding the EU presidency, reflects on Europe today in the light of Robert Schuman's vision for a 'community of peoples deeply rooted in Christian values'.

EUROPE DAY, MAY 9, commemorates the SCHUMAN DECLARATION presented on this day in 1950 by Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, the birth of the process of European integration which has led to the present European Union.

THIS THREE-MINUTE SPEECH, which laid the foundation for the 'community of peoples' in which today 500 million Europeans live together in peace, proposed that former enemies would cooperate for the rebuilding of Europe. Rooted in the Christian values of forgiveness, human dignity, solidarity and commitment to the common good, Schuman's plea for reconciliation, mutual accountability and cooperation have enabled seven decades of peaceful development.

WHAT HAPPENS TO PEACE AND FREEDOM, however, when these roots are ignored? Democracy, human rights, religious freedom, security, social harmony and the dignity of life are all under threat in Europe today because our roots have been neglected. What role can the faith community in Europe today play in recovering foundations for sustainable, just and flourishing societies?

THE STATE OF EUROPE FORUM seeks engagement among believers from different nations and denominations on this and related questions.

REGISTRATION & INFO: a registration fee of €35/SEK400 is required for the Saturday forum, when lunch and fika will be served.

See: stateofeuropeforum.eu/info-and-registration/