

Abstracts

Rodoljub Etinski, Jovan Jablan, Draft Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law

Abstract: Artificial intelligence was not born in a legal vacuum. Despite that, new national and international regulations are necessary to strengthen the positive potential of AI and to prevent or mitigate its negative potential. This article was written to underline the importance of the preparation of a Draft Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law within the Council of Europe. The article will also point to eventual shortcomings of the Draft.

Keywords: artificial intelligence, human rights, Draft Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Council of Europe

Roland O. Thomasson, General Stefan Gusa, the Soviets, and the Ghost of Pavel Corut in the Indictment of the Revolution File

Abstract: The author shows in this article that the toxic legacy of the Ceausescu regime's appropriation, exploitation, and use of anti-Soviet/anti-Russian nationalism is critical for understanding how historical research on and judicial investigations of the Ceausescu and initial post-Ceausescu eras, especially the Romanian Revolution of December 1989, have been packaged, marketed, received, and circulated in post-communist Romania. He illustrates this point by looking at the claims made in the Indictment of the Revolution File regarding Army General Stefan Gusa and his alleged forestalling of direct Soviet intervention in Romania in December 1989, and the concomitant alleged non-existence of counterrevolutionary forces; and the reactions of Romanian media and intellectuals to the Indictment's claims.

Keywords: General Stefan Gusa, Soviets, Pavel Corut, Securitate, Indictment of the Revolution File,

Gabriel Andreescu, Repression of groups that promote “sacred eroticism” – the international pattern of an injustice (I)

Abstract: The study is based on the panel “Militarized raids and the rebirth of brainwashing theory - Emic and ethical perspectives”, part of the CESNUR Conference in June 2024, dedicated to the repressive actions taken against members of groups that follow “sacred eroticism” practices. The first part of the study analyzes the role of CESNUR in building academic knowledge on new religious movements, raises the issue of the legitimacy of state intervention in the private space of these movements and puts it in the context of the child protection system, considered to be the mandatory benchmark. The use of force by the authorities against practitioners of sacred eroticism - which includes inhuman and degrading treatment - is documented and assessed as excessive and unjustified. I also discuss the marginalization of the theme of discrimination in the case of the followers of sacred eroticism. I evaluate the repressive actions against groups in Romania, the Czech Republic, Italy, France, Argentina with reference to the human rights protection system developed by the Council of Europe.

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