



Václav Havel Human Rights Dialogues

Women's Rights in the Time of Crisis

13 October, Prague

Women's rights in the time of crisis are on the program of the [Václav Havel Library](#) on Tuesday night and Wednesday, October 13 and 14, 2020.

Václav Havel Human Rights Dialogues: Women's Rights in the Time of Crisis continue in the series of traditional autumn conferences to honor the laureates of the Václav Havel Human Rights Award, presented each year by the Library together with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Charter 77 Foundation. Due to the Covid-19 pandemics, the award for this year will be presented at the first non-virtual session of the Council of Europe at the beginning of next year. The Library will mark this occasion by another conference-type event.

The series of on-line events on women's rights will be streamed in real time on [Havel Channel](#) and the [facebook page of the Václav Havel Library](#).

The program will commence at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, with a **Respekt magazine debate on the situation of women in contemporary Czech society**. The debate will be moderated by the Respekt journalist Silvie Lauder. The guests on the panel will be the sociologist Macela Linková, the co-founder of the Konsent organization Johanna Nejedlová and the lawyer Pavla Špondrová. The debate will be conducted in the Czech language.

On Wednesday, October 14, the program will continue with the main event, the Václav Havel Human Rights Dialogues: Women's Rights in the Time of Crisis, organized in co-operation with this year's virtual conference Forum 2000 as a part of the Václav Havel Symposium on Human Rights. The program will start at 4 p.m. with the **International Dialogue on Women's Rights in the Time of Crisis** featuring **former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the leader of the Belarussian opposition Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya and the Polish sociologist and journalist Karolina Wigura**. The event will be moderated by Michael Žantovský, executive director of the Václav Havel Library. Questions to the speakers in the dialogue, which will be conducted in English, can be put forward on the Václav Havel Library facebook page.

Immediately following the end of the international dialogue at 4:45 p.m. the series will continue with **interviews by the journalist Jakub Szántó** with two leading personalities in the area of women's rights, **Najia Nasim**, the director of Women for Afghan Women, one of the three finalists of the Václav Havel Human Rights Award in 2015, and **Hülya Gülbahar**, a Turkish human rights lawyer, who appeared in the Václav Havel Human Rights Award conference in 2018. The interviews will be conducted in English, with Czech subtitles.

The on-line series **Václav Havel Human Rights Dialogues: Women's Rights in the Time of Crisis** will conclude with short interviews of **Three Questions** for the **philanthropist Michaela Bakala**, **TV reporter Nora Fridrichová**, **diplomat and sociologist Magda Vášáryová**, and **journalist Tereza Engelová**.

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