

# Towards New Democratic Milestones

*Conference*

*hosted by*

*Marija Aušrinė PAVILIONIENĖ*

*Member of the Seimas*

## Goals of the Conference

Today we aim to discuss strategies to advance and consolidate the activities of human rights activists in Eastern Europe who work to advance the region's democratic development, highlighting the importance of political will and coordinated efforts in pursuit of social progress

## Agenda

10:00 - 10:30

**Registration**

10:30 - 11:00

**Opening Remarks**



**Prof. Marija Aušrinė PAVILIONIENĖ**

Member of the Lithuanian Parliament (Seimas)  
Member of the Seimas Human Rights and European Affairs Committees  
Chairperson of the Seimas Women's Parliamentary Group  
Parliamentary Group for Development Cooperation and Reproductive Health and Rights



**Stuart MILK**

President and Co-Founder of the Harvey Milk Foundation  
Activist for LGBT and human rights worldwide  
Accepted the Medal of Freedom at the White House from President Barack Obama in 2009, on behalf of his uncle, Harvey Milk

**Representatives of the foreign diplomatic corps in Vilnius**

11:00 - 11:15

**Political will in the defense of human rights:  
Practical insights**



**Ulrike LUNACEK**

Member of the European Parliament (The Greens / EFA)  
Vice President of the European Parliament.  
Designated Co-President of the EP's LGBT Intergroup  
LGBT Rights Activist  
Prominent Feminist Thinker  
Author of various articles regarding gender issues

11:15 - 11:30

## Genocide, policy and attitude: What history can teach us about prevention



### Prof. Saulius SUŽIEDĖLIS

Professor Emeritus of history at the Milledale University, Pennsylvania, USA  
Honorary Doctorate from Vytautas Magnus University  
Recipient in 2011 of an award from the Ministry of Education and Science for outstanding international achievement in science and collaboration with Lithuania by a member of the Lithuanian Diaspora

11:30 - 11:45

## Report from the Harvey Milk Foundation



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11:45 - 12:05

## Coffee Break

12:05 - 12:20

## Diversity in the Jewish Community



### Faina KUKLIANSKY

President of the Lithuanian Jewish Community  
Recipient of the Knight's Cross Medal for Service to Lithuania, awarded by President, Dalia Grybauskaitė  
One of Lithuania's most prominent attorneys

12:20 - 12:35

## Formation of national democratic movements: a case study of Eastern Europe



### Tetyana BOHDANOVA

Election monitoring and Civil Society development specialist  
Prior work experience in Ukraine, Russia and the United States  
Graduate of the University of Berlin, with a Degree in Eastern European Studies  
Now serves as a Political Programs Officer with the National Democratic Institute, Belarus program

12:35 - 12:45

## LGBT community in Belarus: a status report

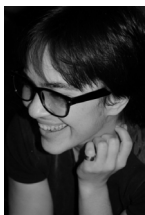


### Natalia MANIKOUSKAYA

Deputy Chairperson of the LGBT rights project "GayBelarus"  
Pride festival organiser, Minsk

12:45 - 12:55

## LGBT community in Ukraine: a status report



**Olena SHEVCHENKO**

Executive Director of *Insight*, a public organisation working for LGBTQ equality in Ukraine

Human rights activist from Kiev

Delivered a statement at the United Nations on December 11, 2012

12:55 - 13:05

## LGBT rights in Latvia: 10 years in the EU



**Kristine GARINA**

Master's Degree in economics from the University of Latvia

Human rights activist in Latvia and Chairperson of, *Mozaika*, an association of LGBT and their friends

*Mozaika* has been issued a permit to hold Euro Pride in 2015

13:05 - 13:15

## Building political coalitions in defense of LGBT rights in Lithuania



**Artūras RUDOMANSKIS**

Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, Master's degree in Law

Expert on NGO work and human rights advocacy

Founder and Chairperson of the Board of the Tolerant Youth Association

13:15 - 14:00

## Discussion

14:00 - 14:20

## Closing Remarks

**Stuart MILK**

**Marija Aušrinė PAVILIONIENĖ**

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