Day I: 15th September 2016

Registration/ coffee: 8.45-9.15

Welcoming talks: 9.15-9.30

Elçin Aktoprak, University of Ankara, Faculty of Political Science, Turkey
Representative of the Minority Rights Working Group (MRWG) in Turkey

Gaetano Pentassuglia, Liverpool Law School, UK

9:30-11.00

Session 1: Minority Groups and the International Institutional Framework

Chair: Julija Sarderlic, Liverpool Law School, UK

- Gudmundur Alfredsson, Riga Graduate School of Law, Latvia
- Eprahim Nimni, Queen’s University, School of Politics and International Studies, UK

Discussion

Coffee break: 11.00-11.15

11.15-12.45

Session 2: Human Rights, Autonomy, and the Nation-State

Chair: Olgun Akbulut, Kadir Has University, Faculty of Law, Turkey

- Gaetano Pentassuglia, Liverpool Law School, UK
- Derya Bayır, Queen Mary University of London, School of Law, UK
- Julija Sarderlic, Liverpool Law School, UK

Discussion
Lunch: 12.45-14.00

14.00-16.00

Session 3: Autonomy Arrangements in Europe

Chair: Gudmundur Alfredsson, Riga Graduate School of Law, Latvia

- Sia Spilopoulou Akermark, The Åland Islands Peace Institute, Finland
- Alessandro Rotta, Senior Political Adviser, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, The Netherlands
- Markku Suksi, Åbo Akademi University, Finland

Discussion

Day II: 16th September 2016

9.00-11.00

Session 4: Political and Legal Background for Autonomy Arrangements in Turkey

Chair: Osman Isci, Hacettepe University, Turkey

- Olgun Akbulut, Kadir Has University, Faculty of Law, Turkey
- Cengiz Günes, Political and International Studies, The Open University, UK

Discussion

Coffee break: 11.00-11.15

11.15-12.45

Session 5: Middle East: Minority Rights and Self Determination

Chair: Alejandro Fuentes, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, University of Lund, Sweden

- Thomas Schmidinger, Political Science, University of Vienna, Austria
- Thomas Phillips, Liverpool Law School, UK

Discussion

Concluding remarks: 12.45-13.00