



European Court of Human Rights elects two new Section Presidents

The European Court of Human Rights has today elected two new Section Presidents – Judges **Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska** (“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”) and **Angelika Nußberger** (Germany).

They have both been elected for a two-year term and will take up their respective duties on 1 November 2015.

The Court is composed of one judge in respect of each of the 47 States to have ratified the European Convention on Human Rights. Judges work in five Sections from which Chambers of seven judges are constituted. The Court also sits as a Grand Chamber of 17 judges. The Court has two Vice-Presidents both of whom also preside over Sections, the other three Sections each having a Section President.

Judges' CVs

Judge Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska

Born on 5 November 1963 in Strumica, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

Law studies, Faculty of Laws, Ss Cyril and Methodius, University of Skopje, 1982-1986

Bar exam, Ministry of Justice, Skopje, 1992

Master of law (LL.M.), Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2007

Doctor of law, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, 2012

Legal Representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Court proceedings, 1988

Member of working groups and Commissions set up by various Ministries and other State services, 1991-2003

Assistant Minister for Interior, heading the Department for administrative procedures, 1995-2001

Member of the Committee of experts on nationality at the Council of Europe, 1995-2004

Head of Department on Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2001-2003

Member of the Steering Committee for Human Rights at the Council of Europe (CDDH), 2001-2003

President of State Election Commission, 2002-2003

Judge of the Constitutional Court, 2003-2008

Member of the Venice Commission, 2004-2008

Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 1 February 2008

Judge Angelika Nußberger

Born on 1 June 1963 in Munich, Germany

Studies in Slavic languages and literature, 1982-1987; studies in law, University of Munich, 1984-1989

Magister Artium in Slavic languages and literature, University of Munich, 1987

Diploma in comparative law, University of Strasbourg, 1988

First and Second State exam in law, Universities of Munich and Heidelberg, 1989 and 1993

Doctor of Law, University of Würzburg, 1993

Research fellow at the Max-Planck-Institute for Foreign and International Social Law, Munich, 1993-2001

Visiting researcher Harvard University, 1994-1995

Legal advisor of the General Directorate Social Cohesion of the Council of Europe, 2001-2002

Full professor of law and Director of the Institute for Eastern European Law, University of Cologne, 2002-2010

Member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations of the International Labour Organisation, 2004-2010

Substitute Member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, 2006-2010

Vice-President of the University of Cologne, 2010

Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 1 January 2011

Vice-President of Section since 13 November 2012

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