The Right to the Truth

Sweden's Disappeared and the long Search for Justice

The 3rd Raoul Wallenberg International Roundtable
14-15 September 2017  Stockholm
14 September

Raoul Wallenberg and other disappeared Swedes - The Long Search for Justice

Welcome 9:00 - 9:15

Panel 1 9:15 - 10:30  Denial of Complexity = Denial of History

Susanne Berger  Vadim Birstein  
An inquiry steered from the top? The official handling of Sweden's Cold War disappearance cases

Christer Lokind  Roger Älmeberg  
What Sweden knew: The Swedish military authorities and the DC-3 investigation

Kerstin von Seth  Peter Johnsson  
The disappearance of the Sten Sture in 1947 - The use of Swedish commercial vessels in Swedish Cold War espionage operations

Coffee - Tea 10:30 - 10:45

Panel 2 10:45 - 12:30  Testing international human rights law the rules of access and secrecy

David Matas  
A 'Right to the Truth'? The legal aspects of the Raoul Wallenberg case

Ivan Pavlov  Daria Sukhikh  
Freedom of Information in Russian Constitutional Law (Update on Russian Litigation)

Staffan Dahllöf  Mats Deland  
Sweden's 'Principle of Openness' - opportunities and limitations

Angela Gui  
My father Gui Minhai and the struggle for the 'Right to Information' in China
Lunch 12:30 - 13:30

Panel 3  13:30 - 15:00  Enforcing the 'Right to the Truth'

Irwin Cotler  Mats Johansson, in memoriam
The fight against impunity - Why a Global Magnitsky Act is needed now

Manuel Vergara Céspedes
The power of Universal Jurisdiction

Percy Bratt  Esayas Isaak
The utility of 'Habeas Corpus' and the case of Dawit Isaak

Magnus Christiansson  Martin Schibbye
The benefits and risks of silent diplomacy

Press Conference  15:00 - 16:00

Participants

Family Members

Marie von Dardel  Cecilia Ahlberg
Esayas Isaak  Bethlehem Isaak
Angela Gui
Roger Älmeberg
Kerstin von Seth

Featured Cases

- Raoul Wallenberg
- Dawit Isaak
- Gui Minhai
- DC-3
- Swedish sailors

Legal Experts/Advocates

Ivan Pavlov  Daria Sukhikh  Percy Bratt
Manuel Vergara Céspedes  Martin Schibbye

Historians and Experts

Vadim Birstein  Susanne Berger  Ingrid Carlberg
Peter Ruggenthaler  Matthias Uhl  Marvin Makinen
15 September

Why the Raoul Wallenberg case remains unsolved

9:00 - 11:00

Russia The decisive years 1945-1957

Peter Ruggenthaler Stalin’s attitude towards Sweden and the Raoul Wallenberg Case 1944-1953

Vadim Birstein Glaring gaps in the official Russian and Swedish case record

Matthias Uhl The Archives of the Russian Ministry of Defense: What researchers can learn from the recent discovery of Heinrich Himmler’s calendars

Coffee 11:00 - 11:15

11:15 - 12:30

Germany Germany’s 'Freedom of Information Law', Nazi War Crimes and the 'Right to the Truth'

Gabriele Weber* (video) The search for documentation about Adolf Eichmann and other Nazi war criminals

Irmtrud Wojak The German culture of remembrance and the unsolved death of German Prosecutor Fritz Bauer

Lunch 12:30 - 13:30
Sweden Roundtable Discussion: Gaps in the Swedish Panel

Panel 1 13:30 - 14:30 The business and intelligence aspects of Raoul Wallenberg's humanitarian mission

Susanne Berger
Why did Iver Olsen hire Raoul Wallenberg?

Georg Sessler
Raoul Wallenberg's and Kálmán Lauer's private code of communication in Budapest

Göran Rydeberg Gellert Kovacs
Swedish intelligence operations in Hungary in 1943-1945: The intelligence contacts of Raoul Wallenberg and Per Anger

Coffee 14:30 - 14:45

Panel 2 14:45 - 16:00 "No Passion for the Truth"? How to fill the Swedish gaps in the Raoul Wallenberg case record

Bengt Jangfeldt* [video]
Colleagues and Antagonists? Carl Ivar Danielsson and Raoul Wallenberg

Ingrid Carlberg Henrik Arnstad Hans Magnusson Bo Theutenberg et al [discussion panel]

- The strange silence of Swedish Foreign Minister Christian Günther
- Staffan Söderblom's attitude toward Raoul Wallenberg
- The actions of the Wallenberg family
- Untapped resources in Swedish, Russian and other international archives