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The ECTR announces the establishment of the Kantor Prize for Secure Tolerance, which is named after ECTR' President and award founder Moshe Kantor.

The Prize will amount to one million Euro and will be awarded bi-annually. The first recipient is to be selected in 2020.

Kantor Prize for Secure Tolerance will be awarded for original thinking and research on how the theory and practice of tolerance should be re-imagined to meet the new challenges of a globalized world and the highly diverse and sometimes fragmented societies it contains.

In the recent past tolerance has been understood in negative terms as a condition that exists whenever human rights are properly respected. Understood in this way tolerance is a by-product of a right-based society, which can be promoted by a policy of non-interference in basic freedoms. But tolerance that is based only or mainly on a passive approach of this kind cannot be secure when society contains groups and movements that do not accept the value of peaceful coexistence that tolerance serves.

Organizations and ideologies that target particular groups with hatred, promote ethnic nationalism, racism and anti-Semitism or launch terrorist assaults on society at large are a growing challenge that a regime of rights cannot by itself resist. Far-right parties and violent Islamist networks are at one in rejecting the underlying objective of tolerance, which is a creative *modus vivendi* among different religions, communities and lifestyles. This goal of *modus vivendi* must be actively promoted as an end in itself, rather than expecting it to emerge as an automatic result of protecting rights. Areas of concern relevant to this end include increasing inequalities in wealth, income and opportunity, changing patterns of immigration and the growth of sub-cultures that have not internalized or actively reject the practice of tolerance.



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MOSHE KANTOR



Moshe Kantor is a prominent Jewish leader and philanthropist. Along the former President of Poland, Aleksander Kwaśniewski and other European statesmen, he has established the ECTR in 2008. He has also served as the President of the European Jewish Congress since 2007.

Moshe Kantor is known worldwide for his fight against antisemitism, racism, neo-Nazism and intolerance. He has greatly contributed to revitalizing Jewish life in Europe and beyond.

Dr Kantor is also Chairman of the Policy Council of the World Jewish Congress, President of the World Holocaust Forum Foundation, Vice Chairman of the Council of Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, President of the International Luxembourg Forum on Preventing Nuclear Catastrophe.

ECTR RESEARCH *Grants for Secure Tolerance*



To support forward thinking on secure and sustainable concepts of tolerance, the ECTR launches in 2018 a new Research Grants Programme. New thinking on secure tolerance needs to be developed in a variety of contexts and disciplines. Especially philosophy and theology, history and law, sociology and political science together with literature and the arts can contribute to re-imagining tolerance so that it can meet new challenges. The ECTR seeks applications from practitioners of all these disciplines and others, whether they are individuals, groups or organizations, and from those who practice cross-disciplinary approaches. Applications will be judged on how they contribute to thought on that subject.

Up to 10 Research Grants amounting 20-50 thousand Euro each will be available for 2018-2019. The decision on the awarded amount will depend on the programmatic or scientific content of an application. It can be awarded to begin new research or continue research that is ongoing.

The nominations review and selection of Prize recipients would be carried out by the ECTR Academic Advisory Group. The Group comprises of eminent scholars: John Gray (Chair), Antony Beevor, Timothy Snyder, Alexandr Dynkin and Ireneusz Bil (Secretary).

The Group is tasked with general overview of the Kantor Prize and Grants Programme and selection of incoming applications. Within the selection process, the Group can decide on the amount of funding contributed to each selected application.

MEMBERS OF THE ECTR

Academic Advisory Group:

JOHN GRAY

is an English political philosopher and – until 2008 – a School Professor of European Thought at the London School of Economics and Political Science. John Gray contributes regularly to The Guardian, The Times Literary Supplement and the New Statesman, where he is the lead book reviewer. He has written several influential books, including 'False Dawn: The Delusions of Global Capitalism' (1998), 'Straw Dogs: Thoughts on Humans and Other Animals' (2003), 'Al Qaeda and What It Means to Be Modern' (2005), 'Black Mass: Apocalyptic Religion and the Death of Utopia' (2008), 'Seven Types of Atheism' (2018), a critique of utopian thinking in the modern world.



TIMOTHY SNYDER

is an American author and historian specializing in the history of Central and Eastern Europe, and the Holocaust. He is the Richard C. Levin Professor of History at Yale University and a Permanent Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna. Snyder is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Conscience of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He has authored i.a. 'On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century' (2017); 'Black Earth: The Holocaust as History and Warning' (2016); 'Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin' (2012).



ANTONY BEEVOR

is the award-winning military historian and writer. His books have appeared in more than thirty languages and have sold over seven million copies. A former chairman of the Society of Authors, he has received honorary doctorates from the Universities of Kent, Bath, East Anglia and York. He is also a visiting professor at the University of Kent and a Fellow of King's College London. Antony Beevor's latest book is 'Ardenne 1944 – Hitler's Last Gamble'. His work 'The Second World War' was a No. 1 international bestseller.



ALEKSANDR DYNKIN

is a Russian economist and academic. He is the long-year president and former director of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), of the Russian Academy of Science. Between 1998-1999 he held the position of the economic adviser to the Prime-Minister of Russia. His research interests and publications have been in growth, political and economic forecasting, international comparisons, technological innovation and energy studies.



NOMINATIONS

The ECTR welcomes nominations to the Kantor Prize for Secure Tolerance and applications for ECTR Research Grants at the e-mail: office@ectr.eu and by traditional post to: ECTR, Avenue de Messidor 200/7, 1180 Brussels, Belgium

ABOUT THE ECTR

The ECTR is an opinion-making and advisory body on international tolerance promotion, reconciliation and education, and fosters understanding and tolerance among peoples of various communities. Among its prominent members are Tony Blair (ECTR Board Chairman), Jose María Aznar, former Prime Minister of Spain, Göran Persson, former Prime Minister of Sweden, Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, former President of Latvia and Rita Süssmuth, former Speaker of the German Bundestag. Founding member of the ECTR was the late Vaclav Havel, one of the principal leaders of the democratic transformation in Central Europe.