

## The Use of Solitary Confinement as a Disciplinary Measure

Provisional Program, International Seminar  
Monday, 3 April 2017



- 09.00**     **Welcome**  
Karin Verland, Director General of DIGNITY
- Message by UN Special Rapporteur on Torture**
- 09.15**     **Panel 1: How can international legal standards be best implemented to curb the excesses of solitary confinement?**
- Sir Malcolm Evans**, Chair of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT), and Professor of Public International Law at the University of Bristol
- Dr. James McManus**, Member of the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)
- Stephanie Selg**, Advisor on Torture Prevention at the Organisation for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE)
- Moderator: Therese Marie Rytter*, Chief of Legal Department DIGNITY
- 10.30**     Refreshment Break
- 11.00**     **Panel 2: What are the health consequences of solitary confinement?**
- Dr. Jens Modvig**, Chair of the United Nations Committee against Torture, and Director of Health Department at DIGNITY
- Ida Koch**, Psychologist, and Member of the Isolationsgrupp, on *'The mental, physical and social consequences of solitary confinement'*
- Sharon Shalev**, Research Fellow at the University of Oxford, and Fellow at the Mannheim Centre for Criminology, LSE, on *'Solitary confinement, mental health and "meaningful human contact"'*
- Peter Scharff Smith**, Associate Professor, Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law at the University of Oslo, and Member of the Scandinavian Solitary Confinement Network
- Moderator: Marie Høgh Thøgersen*, Deputy Head of Rehabilitation and Chief Psychologist, DIGNITY
- 12.15**     Lunch

**13.15 Panel 3: How is solitary confinement as a disciplinary measure used in Denmark (“strafcelle”) and what are areas of concern?**

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**Annette Esdorf**, Centerdirektør for Center for Straffuldbyrdelse, Kriminalforsorgen

**Morten Engberg**, afdelingschef, Folketingets Ombudsmand (NPM)

**Jonas Christoffersen**, Director of Danish Institute for Human Rights

**Bo Sørensen**, Forbundssekretær, Fængselsforbundet

*Moderator: Tomas Max Martin*, Researcher, Prevention of Torture in Detention, DIGNITY

**14.45** Refreshment Break

**15.15 Panel 4: International experience using alternatives/reducing the use of isolation**

**Jamie Bennett**, Governor of HMP Grendon & Springhill, England, and Editor of the Prison Service Journal

**Are Høidal**, Governor of Halden Prison, Norway, on *‘Prisoner Association as an Alternative to Solitary Confinement - Lessons Learned From a Norwegian High Security Prison’*

**Peter Scharff Smith**, Associate Professor, Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law at the University of Oslo

**Keramet Reiter**, Assistant Professor of Criminology, Law and Society at University of California at Irvine, on *‘Lessons and Liabilities in American Solitary Confinement Reform’*

*Moderator: Andrew Jefferson*, Senior Researcher, Prevention of Torture in Detention, DIGNITY

**16.30 Conclusions and Recommendations**

**17:00 End of Seminar**

**17:30 Reception and dinner at DIGNITY**