

## THE ROLE OF YOUTH ACTIVISM FACING THE PROCESS OF GLOBALIZATION

### Panel Discussion of the Conference *Democracy and Human Rights in Multiethnic Societies*

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Since the collapse of the Berlin Wall, the role of the activist as a player in the political decision-making process has greatly increased. The massive demonstrations in Seattle, Genoa and Davos in recent years account for such interpretation. Furthermore, the level of participation by young people in such transnational movements has heavily increased as well. The number of NGOs led and comprised by young people augments rapidly. However, young people are still considered ignorant, self-interested misfits, while the continuously come out in great numbers to be heard and make a difference.

In our increasingly interdependent world, the challenges we face are global, and global responses are required. Young people, having become pioneers of the communication revolution, are increasingly communicating with their peers around the world, and forming international alliances to find solutions.

The workshop subject will be considered around the right of young people to participate in decision-making processes on all levels, through local, national, regional and global youth councils, and institutional platforms. Most specifically, the workshop will interlink the effects of globalization on the ability of young people to advocate freedom and equality in their communities and at a global reach.