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ENHANCING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF ETHNIC MINORITIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL: LEGISLATIVE RESPONSES AND POLICY STRATEGIES AMID PERSISTENT CHALLENGES

INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

Monica Diluca, Vice - Rector for Research and Technology Transfer, University of Milan

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OPENINGS

Marilisa D'Amico - University of Milan, President of the Equal Opportunity Committee

FIRST SESSION

ETHNIC MINORITIES AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN CONTEMPORARY DIVIDED SOCIETIES

Chair: **Antonia Baraggia**, University of Milan

Marina Garcés, Friendship as a political experience of dignity - Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

Ashley M. Moran, Blending Constitutional Strategies to Foster Diverse Group Participation in Divided Societies - University of Texas at Austin

Costanza Nardocci, Constitutional and European Union Law Backdrop on the Public Participation of Ethnic Minorities - University of Milan

Roberta Medda Windisher, Participation of Minorities in Public Life: Navigating Between Securitisation and Recognition - Institute for Minority Right



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SECOND SESSION

COMPARATIVE EXPERIENCES: MINORITIES PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REALITIES

Chair: **Sara Valaguzza**, University of Milan

Hanna Vasilevich, Between Belonging and Suspicion: The Securitization of Russian-Speaking Communities in the Baltic States - Institute for Minority Rights

Kyriaki Topidi, Territorialized Cultural Autonomy, state control and its limitations: The example of Western Thrace in Greece - Europe Center for Minority Issues

Simone Penasa, Public participation of Ethnic Minorities in South Tyrol - University of Trento

Alessia Di Pascale, The University's Contribution to the Participation of People with a Migrant Background in Empowerment and Professional Development Initiatives in the City of Milan - University of Milan

Edoardo Raffiotta, How Digital Services Could Redefine Minorities' Public Participation - University of Milan Bicocca

Angelo Raffaele Salerno, Non-Coercive Law and Minority Public Participation in Urban Spaces: The Role of Guidelines - University of Milan

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Marilisa D'Amico - University of Milan, President of the Equal Opportunity Committee

January 20th, 2026

2:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Room 113, University of Milan,
via Festa del Perdono No. 7

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