



About Leo Eitinger

Professor Leo Eitinger (1912-1996) was born in Brno, Moravia, at that time a town in the Austrian-Hungarian empire; currently the capital of Jihomoravský kraj and belonging to the Czech Republic. By religion a Jew, he studied medicine at the Masaryk University of Brno and graduated in 1937.

In 1939 he fled from the Nazis and came to Norway as a refugee with a Nansen passport. He was given permission to work as a resident in psychiatry in Norway, but the permission was revoked with the Nazi occupation of Norway in 1940. He stayed underground from January 1941 until his arrest in 1942. His crime was being born Jewish. After the imprisonment he was deported to the concentration camp at Auschwitz and was later moved to Buchenwald. Of the 762 Norwegian Jews deported to German concentration camp, only 23 survived - Leo Eitinger was one of them. After returning to Norway he specialised in psychiatry. In 1966 he was appointed professor of psychiatry at the University of Oslo and became Head of the University Psychiatric Clinic.

After the war Leo Eitinger allocated all his time and efforts to the study of human suffering with emphasis on clinical psychiatry, in particular victimology and disaster psychiatry. He conducted several landmark studies about the long-term psychological and physical effects of extreme stress and also about being a refugee. Some of the major works have been published (e.g. Concentration camp survivors in Norway and Israel (1964); Mortality and morbidity after extreme stress (1973); Strangers in the world (1981)).

Leo and Lisl Eitinger devoted their life to promotion of human rights and the fight against injustice and racism. They had a tremendously important role for the human rights movement in our country. Thanks to their effort, Norway also became the first country in the world to appoint a chair for disaster psychiatry. When the World Health Organisation published their new classification of mental disorders in 1992 (ICD-10), they included a category called 'Enduring personality change after catastrophic experience', a diagnostic concept based on the work of Eitinger.

The University of Oslo's Human Rights Award

The Lisl & Leo Eitinger Prize 2013



PROGRAMME

- The procession enters Gamle festsal
- Music by *Solfriid Molland* trio: "The right to sing"
Composed by *Miles/Marshall*
- Introduction of the Prize winner by Rector *Ole Petter Ottersen*
- Prize winner *Manfred Nowak* will speak about his work for human rights
- Music by *Solfriid Molland* trio: "Så har eg levd" og "Dans"
Composed by *Hovland/Molland*
- The Eitinger Interview - Prize winner *Manfred Nowak* in conversation with Director of Communications, *Marina Tofving*
- Associate Professor *Inga Bostad* will present the award
- Music by *Solfriid Molland* trio: "Sosnisa"
Tradisjonell russisk sigøynersang
- The procession exits Gamle festsal
- Reception in *Domus Bibliotheca*

The Eitinger Committee

The prize is awarded by the University of Oslo after nomination by a committee appointed by the University.

Committee members:

Associate Professor *Inga Bostad* (Head of the Committee)

Professor *Ulrik Fredrik Malt*

Director *Nils A. Butenschøn*

Professor *Aud Tønnessen*

President of the Norwegian Red Cross, *Sven Mollkleiv*



A world class scholar, teacher and activist

Manfred Nowak (born 26 June 1950 in Bad Aussee) is an Austrian human rights lawyer.

In 1992, he co-founded the Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte, where he is the current Scientific Director in addition to being a professor for International Law and Human Rights at the University of Vienna. Nowak has also been a visiting professor at American University Washington College of Law's Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (2006-2012).

Since 2012 Manfred Nowak is the Scientific Director of the "Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights" at the University of Vienna.

Throughout his work as a scholar, teacher and activist, Manfred Nowak has shown an extraordinary ability to combine solid scientific credentials with a strong integrity and ability to disseminate that has made him a treasured teacher and lecturer both in his native Austria and internationally. These features makes him a very deserving recipient of the University of Oslo's Human Rights Award - Lisl and Leo Eitingers Fund - for 2013.