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OF ADULTS?
STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE**

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- 10.00-10.15 **Welcome**
Prof. Masha Antokolskaia; Prof. Michelle Cottier; PD Dr. Krista Nadakavukaren
- 10.15-11.00 Session 1: Overview of the Topics**
Chair: Prof. Michelle Cottier (FL-EUR, University of Geneva, Switzerland)
- 10.30-10.45 **FL-EUR: First Results**
Prof. Masha Antokolskaia (FL-EUR, VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- 10.45-11.00 **The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and Adult Protection**
Prof. Markus Schefer (University of Basel, Switzerland, member of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)
- 11.00-11.15 *Coffee Break*
- 11.15-12.45 Session 2: Key Concepts in Adult Protection Law**
Chair: prof. Frederik Swennen (FL-EUR, University of Antwerp, Belgium)
- 11.25-11.35 **What is “Legal Capacity”?**
Dr. Eva Nachtschatt (Research Centre on Vascular Ageing and Stroke, Austria)
- 11.35-11.45 **What is “Own Will and Preferences”?**
Prof. Paula Távora Vítor (University of Coimbra, Portugal)
- 11.45-11.55 **What is the Proper Role of the State as Guardian?**
Dr. Velina Todorova (University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria)
- 11.55-12.45 **Discussion**
- 12.45-14.00 *Lunch break*

- 14.00-15.15** **Session 3: A European-wide View on Experiences and Instruments**
Chair: Prof. Nina Dethloff (FL-EUR, University of Bonn, Germany)
- 14.10-14.20 **A Comparative Overview**
Adrian Ward (Reporter to the Council of Europe)
- 14.20-14.30 **The 2000 Protection of Adults Convention**
Philippe Lortie (Hague Conference of Private International Law)
- 14.30-14.40 **CRPD and Adult Protection: a Dialogue about the Swiss Experience**
Dr. Caroline Hess-Klein (Inclusion handicap, Switzerland) and
Prof. Michelle Cottier (FL-EUR, University of Geneva, Switzerland)
- 14.40-15.15 **Discussion**
- 15.15-15.30 *Coffee break*
- 15.30-16.30** **Session 4: Implementing New Concepts in Practice**
Chair: PD Dr. Krista Nadakavukaren
- 15.40-15.50 **What Does Autonomy Mean for Medical Professionals Working with Persons with Psycho-Social Disabilities?**
Prof. dr. Cees Hertogh (Department of medicine for older people, Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands).
- 15.50-16.00 **Pilot Project Empowering of Persons with Disabilities in Bulgaria**
Nadia Shabani (Director of the Bulgarian Centre for Non-Profit Law, Sofia, Bulgaria)
- 16.00-16.15 **Real Paradigm Shift or an Unfeasible Goal?**
Prof. Dr. Kees Blankman (VU University Amsterdam, NL)
- 16.15-16.30 **Closing**
Prof. Masha Antokolskaia; Prof. Michelle Cottier; PD Dr. Krista Nadakavukaren

Practical information:

The Conference will be held online. Registration is free. Please register until 4 October 2021 by email to: news@isdc-dfjp.unil.ch. A zoom link will then be communicated to you.

Videos of the presentations will be available online at www.isdc.ch from 4 October 2021 on and short summaries will be presented and discussed on the day.