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The European Convention on Human Rights is 70 years old

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This paper explains tendencies in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights on the language rights of national minorities. For over 60 years, the Court has been reluctant to interfere with the language policies of States and, based on a narrow interpretation of the European Convention on Human Rights, showed an almost total neglect towards minority language rights. This approach hinders the exploitation of the „language rights potential“ of the Convention, and discourages members of national minorities from turning to the Strasbourg court for protection.

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States Parties may restrict the exercise of some of the rights enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) in certain cases. Within the possible restrictions, a special category is the restriction of certain human rights of foreigners, to which the ECHR in principle also provides an opportunity. In response to individual complaints against states under the ECHR, defendant countries have so far invoked this option rarely. Interestingly, however, all relevant cases so far have had some “minority nuance”, meaning that the European Court of Human Rights has examined the restriction of a given right to participate in relevant cases before it in cases involving a dimension affecting the majority-minority relationship.

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The monitoring mechanism of the Council of Europe's European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages is a good illustration of how the situation

of minority language rights in the Member States is changing. The study presents how, according to the evaluation of the Charter Expert Committee, Hungarian-language education has developed in Slovakia in recent years. The reports show that there are a number of contradictions in the Slovak government's actions in this area, especially in the narrowing of the supply of education in the mother tongue and in the growing use of the state language.

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The development of some kind of control mechanism is a natural corollary of the standard-setting activities of international organizations in order to regularly monitor the fulfilment of obligations undertaken. One recognized example of this in the field of minority protection is the dual monitoring mechanism set up by the Council of Europe, which also has an intergovernmental and parliamentary dimension. In addition to presenting the general and practical elements of the review process, this study aims to describe the recently adopted reform aimed at improving the effectiveness of the intergovernmental minority protection monitoring system. The study sets out the background to the reform, presents the measures adopted and draws conclusions on the future effectiveness of the new system based on experience to date.

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On December 5-6 1927, serious anti-Semitic riots took place in Oradea, as a result of which local traders and craftsmen suffered serious losses. The study provides insight into the local interpretations of the riots, the readings of the local political-administrative elite. The analysis focuses on the minutes of the city council's 19 December general assembly meeting. A large part of the speakers at the meeting were insensitive to the problems of the minority traders and craftsmen who had suffered, interpreted what had happened on a political level, and defended the students and the authorities. The interpretation, criticisms and suggestions of the minority participants of the general meeting were excluded from the resolution adopted by the general meeting.

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The primary purpose of this study is to outline the public administration of Háromszék, and to analyze its development from the origins to the present day. The secondary aim of the study is to track the place names and their changes through history of the above-mentioned area in the perspective of administrative reorganization and various cultural influences. An undeniable aspect of the study is the observation of the administrative regulations that hampered the maintenance and preservation of Székely and Hungarian identity after the First World War. At the same time, monitoring the realization of the planned process of assimilation of the identity of the Romanians in Transylvania into the centralizing culture of the Wallachian-Romanian state. Although the historical nature of the study is indisputable, it focuses on the evolution of the public administration of Háromszék. As a limitation of the study, the lack of scientific quantifiability should be emphasized.

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