



4 August

The International Day of Solidarity with Civil Society of Belarus

**Injustice anywhere is a threat
to justice everywhere**

(Martin Luther King)

**Join the International Day of Solidarity
with Civil Society of Belarus**

On August 4, 2011 Ales Bialiatski, famous human rights activist from Belarus, chair of Human Rights centre «Viasna», vice president of the International Federation for Human Rights was arrested.

With this action we want to draw attention to the situation in Belarus and to show solidarity with the people who are fighting for freedom facing constant pressure and harassment.

We believe that freedom should have no borders, - the situation in Belarus is a common challenge for civil society throughout Europe and Eurasia. All this space can not be considered a territory of freedom, while there are countries where it is threatened - such as Belarus.

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Olga Shparaga

(1974)

The candidate of philosophy science, expert of the Centre for European studies, editor of the internet-journal "New Europe".

"With all our strength we should accumulate the new knowledge, new approaches and, at least, on the level of researches, create the new visions of Belarus, images of its transformation, of that, how we see the other Belarus..."

She is the author of the monograph "Awaking of Political Life: Essays on Philosophy of Publicity", large number of science and publicistic articles in Russian and German languages, science co-editor and compiler of collective monographs.

Docent of the European University for the Humanities. One of the coordinators of the "Belarusian Philosophical Prastora" (platform for philosophy discussions).

Olga Shparaga thinks of European space and the place of Belarus in it. Being the adherent of the Europe idea, she considers Europe from the viewpoint of basic values (freedom, human rights), but at the same time supposes, these values are being interpreted differently in every single country with its unique past and culture. In her opinion, Belarus is a part of Europe. Dialogue should be the main form of search for the way of the country ("The European idea is a guiding line, but we treat it critically. Our objective is to switch in discussion of the European idea with other Europeans and to create Belarus through such discussion"). She considers that the future of the country depends on new independent projects, and that is why we should learn to carry out studies and to transmit their result to society.