



Books make a difference! Children's right to read in challenging times

IBBY European Regional Conference

Thursday, 3 April 2025 Sala Concerto, 1st Floor, Wing D, Centro Servizi, Bologna Children's Book Fair

Programme

- 9.00 **Registration**
- 9.15 **Introduction – Laia López Arboleda – Marta Roig, IBBY Spain**
Welcome – Basarat Kazim, IBBY President
Elena Pasoli, Bologna Children's Book Fair Director
- 9.35 **The right to read: understanding its full scope for reading promotion**
Eva Berghmans, human rights expert, Belgium
- 10.15 **Panel 1 – Freedom of Culture – Challenges in Destabilized Political Times**
Panel moderated by **Doris Breitmoser, IBBY Germany**
Marie Aubinais, ATD Quart monde – Street libraries, France
Ken Wilson-Max, author, illustrator and children's books publisher, Zimbabwe/UK
Valentina Stoeva, Children's Books Foundation, Bulgaria
Mateusz Świetlicki, University of Wrocław, Poland
- 11.35 **Break**
- 12.00 **Panel 2 – Young People's Voices and Freedom of Expression**
Introduction – **Pam Dix, IBBY UK**
Gvantsa Jobava, International Publishers Association President, Intelekti Publishing, Georgia
Nicky Parker (Seen and Heard), Amnesty International Poland (UK)
Farriba Schulz (Seen and Heard), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Universität Potsdam, Germany
Chris Riddell (Seen and Heard), illustrator, UK (online)
- 13.00 **Conclusion, summary and perspectives – Charalambos Demetriou, IBBY Cyprus, liaison for IBBY Europe**
- 13.15 **Closing and Lunch**

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