



**EDELSTAM  
FOUNDATION**  
THE EDELSTAM PRIZE

The Edelstam Prize will be awarded the previous day for outstanding contributions and exceptional courage in the defense of human rights.

Invitation to a Public Conversation with  
**THE EDELSTAM PRIZE LAUREATE 2014**

on Global Responsibility:

**WHEN DOES THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DARE TO BACK UP AN  
INDIVIDUAL'S CIVIC COURAGE?**

Syria, Lybia, Iraq, Gaza, Ukraine, the Great Lakes region in Africa and parts of Latin America are places where murders, disappearances, trafficking and exploitation of human beings, and other abuses are committed every day. The international community seems unable to stop the violence and make the perpetrators accountable. Simultaneously, we see examples of extraordinary courage from individuals who risk their lives to save others in these very same locations. How can we connect these facts? How can we get states, international bodies and organizations to be courageous in backing up these brave individuals? Where is the leadership? How can we get international law respected and peaceful coexistence achieved?

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**Time** – 12th of November, 9.30 A.M. – 12.00 P.M.

**Venue** – Färgfabriken, Lövholsbrinken 1, 117 43 Stockholm.

**Registration (voluntarily)** – [event@edelstamprize.org](mailto:event@edelstamprize.org) by November 4th.

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**Program**

**09.30**

Introduction by the seminar's moderator, **Ms. Caroline Edelstam**, President of the Edelstam Foundation.

Interview with the **Edelstam Prize Laureate 2014** (to be announced on the 4th of November and the prize is awarded on the 11th of November).

Interview with **Dr. Carlos Castresana-Fernandez**, Board Member of the Edelstam Foundation and former Head of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG) from 2007 to 2010. CICIG was created in 2007 as an agreement between the Secretary General of the United Nations and the Government of Guatemala. Mr. Castresana initiated the lawsuit before the Spanish Audiencia Nacional that brought Pinochet to justice.

**10.30**

Coffee Break.

**10.45**

Interview with **Dr. Brian Palmer**, Board Member of the Edelstam Foundation and social anthropologist teaching about civic courage at Uppsala University; he previously held the Torgny Segerstedt Guest Professorship at Gothenburg University and before that was Lecturer at Harvard University.

Interview with **Ambassador Ewa Werner-Dahlin**, former Swedish Ambassador to Guatemala 2006-2010.

**11.15**

Closing Remarks by **Ambassador Hans Corell**, Board Member of the Edelstam Foundation and former Swedish Judge of Appeal and former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations. Followed by questions.

**11.45**

**Lunch with the Laureate** in the cafeteria (all attendees buy their own lunch).

## **The Edelstam Prize**

The Edelstam Prize is a Sweden-based international award, administrated by the Harald Edelstam Foundation. The Edelstam Prize is awarded for outstanding contributions and exceptional courage in the defense of human rights.

The Edelstam Prize is named after, and awarded in the memory of, the Swedish diplomat and ambassador, Harald Edelstam (1913-1989). Harald Edelstam distinguished himself as diplomat by his professional competence, bravery and civic courage in the fight for human rights. He was an early proponent and symbol of what is today known as the "Responsibility to Protect" and his memorable acts contributed to saving more than a thousand lives.

The winner of the Edelstam Prize can be a private person or a person who serves in government, international or national organisations. The winner shall be an individual who has acted in Ambassador Harald Edelstam's spirit in a country/countries where human rights, according to international law, have been violated. The laureate must have shown outstanding capabilities in analysing and handling complex situations and in finding ways, even unconventional and creative ones, to defend human rights. The candidate has, presumably in a complex situation, been able to take a decisive role in helping threatened people or directly saving human lives. Civic courage is a central parameter in the selection of the prizewinner.

## **The Jury**

The international jury is chaired by **Ms. Caroline Edelstam**, Harald Edelstam's granddaughter and co-founder of the Edelstam Foundation. Other members of the jury are **Justice Louise Arbour**, former UN High Commissioner of Human Rights, Nobel Peace Prize winner **Judge Shirin Ebadi**, **Dr. Pascoal Mocumbi**, former Prime Minister of Mozambique (1994-2004), **Professor Philip Alston**, UN's special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, and **former Judge Baltasar Garzón**, who served on Spain's central criminal court, who is known for having indicted the Chilean dictator, General Augusto Pinochet for the deaths and torture of thousands of victims from Chile and other countries.

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