

**Italy/Italie**

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**UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme**

**Progress Report**

**Period of Activity: 2007-2008**

**UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Democracy and Peace**

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## **I. Activities**

### **1. Academic activities**

#### ***Education***

During the 2007-2008 activity year, the UNESCO Chair offered courses on:  
Political Science, International Relations, Human Rights.

Target group: Undergraduate students

Institutions and Politics for Human Rights and Peace.

Target group: Postgraduate students

Human Rights and Democratization.

Target group: Postgraduate students

#### ***Training***

The European Union for intercultural dialogue and human rights

Target group: Teachers and school directors

#### ***Research***

Projects on human rights, peace and democracy

Transnational politics and local governance

### **2. Conferences/Meetings:**

“The back of God, the religious experience in fanaticism times”

Date and Place: May 2007, Padua

“Children Rights in Italy”

Date and Place: October 2007, Padua

“The mask of the Other: Ethics and intercultural dialogue in the complex civilization”

Date and Place: October 2008, Padua

### **3. Partnerships/Academic exchanges**

Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights, University of Padua, Italy

Government of the Veneto Region, Italy

Ministry of Education, Italy

University of Geneva, Switzerland

The University of California, United States

### **4. Publications**

One book and several articles:

Title: Quaderno n.14: Raccolta di strumenti di diritto internazionale umanitario, penale e dei rifugiati

Author: P. De Stefani

Publisher: CLEUP, Cooperativa Libreria Editrice Università di Padova

Year: 2007

Language: Italian

## **II. Impact**

The UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Democracy and Peace has organized a training program for Italian teachers on human rights, global peace and international solidarity. The program has been made possible through the collaboration of the Center on Human Rights at the University of Padua and the Faculty of Political Science. Students are encouraged to develop research projects on the theme of human rights and democracy.

## **III. Forthcoming activities**

The Chair will continue training programs and seminars for undergraduate, postgraduate students, teachers, administrators and community leaders in Italy interested in human rights politics. The Chair will supervise research on the democratization of international institutions, peace and university teaching, city diplomacy and security issues. A collaborative project with Jordan University in Amman is in progress.