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Progress report

Period of activity: 2005 -2006

UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Democracy and Peace

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I. Activities

1. Education/Training/Research

Education

The Chair is responsible for directing three educational courses with the following titles and characteristics:

- “Political Science - International Relations- Human Rights”
Duration: 3 years Degree Course
Target groups): Undergraduate students (350 per year)
Geographical coverage: National and International

- “Advanced Master in Institutions and Politics for Human Rights and Peace”
Duration: 2 years Course
Target groups: graduate students (120 per year)
Geographical coverage: National, European and International

- “European Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation”
Duration: 1 year Course
Target groups: graduate students (90 per year)
Geographical coverage: European and International

- XVII annual post-graduate course on “Human Rights, international humanitarian law and humanitarian action in emergency situations”
Duration: 1 year Course
Target groups: graduate students
Geographical coverage: National and International

- XVIII annual post-graduate course on "Law, Institutions and practise of global democracy"
Duration: 1 year Course
Target groups: graduate students
Partners: Region of Veneto and Ministry of education
Geographical coverage: National and International

- XIX annual post-graduate course on “The Ombudsman from the City to the European Union”
 Duration: 1 year Course
 Target groups: graduate students
 Partners: Region of Veneto
 Geographical coverage: National and International

Training:

- Training course in “Human Rights and Disability”
 Duration: 1 Year
 Target groups: Graduate students, Public Administrators, ONGs staff
 Partners: Region of Veneto and disability civil society organisations
 Geographical coverage: National

Research

Research will be developed with reference to the following subjects:

- the right to peace as a fundamental right: formal recognition, implementation
- human rights, peace and democracy for the ‘inclusive city’
- peace, human rights, use of force: countering the states attempt to reappropriate the ius ad bellum.

2. Conferences/Congresses/Meetings

The Chair held four events in its most recent period of activity:

- Dag Hammarskjöld 1905-2005, UN Secretary General 1953-1961
 Date: 27 February 2006, Padua
 Participants (number and geographical coverage) 100, national
- Intercultural Dialogue and human rights: inclusive Cities in inclusive Europe
 Date: 24-25 March 2006, Padua
 Participants (number and geographical coverage): 350, National and International
- Three Religions Chair “The Law of God and the Law of Men: the Other in the three monotheist religions”
 Date: 15-16-22-23-24 May 2006, Padua
 Participants (number and geographical coverage): 30, National and International
- Violenza e regole internazionali
 Date: 8 June 2006, Padua
 Participants (number and geographical coverage): 50, National

3. Interuniversity Exchanges/ Partnerships

Student exchange with the University of Geneva, Switzerland

Exchange in the framework of the European Master Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation

4. Publications

Teaching/Learning material

Title: Quaderno 13, L'Ospedale a misura di bambino (Hospital built for children)

Authors: Hughes, Robbiani, Barra, Bortolami, De Stefani (curatore), Facchin,

Schiavo, Strumendo, Volpe

Publisher: CLEUP, Cooperativa Libreria Editrice Università di Padova

Year: 2006

Language: Italian

Number of pages: 226

Periodicals

Title: Quarterly "Pace diritti umani/peace human rights"

Publisher: Marsilio, Venice

Languages: Italian and English

Number of pages: 160

Others

Title: Bulletin (Quarterly) "Archivio Pace Diritti Umani" (Archives Peace Human Rights)

N. 31 on disarmament and peace building

N. 32-33 on women and children rights against trafficking

N. 34 on the Council of Europe commitment to human rights

Publisher: CLEUP, Cooperativa Libreria Editrice Università di Padova

Language : Italian

II. Outcomes

In the considered period, the Chair continued developing its links with regional and national institutions such as Region of Veneto.

As regards the university system, in particular the University of Padua, the UNESCO Chair is consolidating its complementary role with respect to the Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples in carrying out educational and educational activities.

It actively participates in the didactical and scientific management of two major Courses of the Faculty of Political Science: the (three-year) Course in "Political Science-International Relations-Human Rights" (BA, 350 students per year) and the two-year advanced Master in "Institutions and Politics of Human Rights and Peace" (MA, 80 students per year).

III. Forthcoming activities

At the institutional level:

Cooperation with the Veneto Region and with the Ministry for Human Rights and Equal Opportunities.

In the field of research, there will be a special emphasis on the following subjects:

- Peace and human rights in the university teaching
- 'City Diplomacy', subsidiarity, human rights, positive peace;
- Human security and human rights dimension of peace operations;

- Human security and gender mainstreaming;
- Peace as human right;
- Peace and children political and social rights;
- countering the states attempt to reappropriate the jus ad bellum

IV. Development prospects

The UNESCO Chair is ‘structurally’ placed in the institutional framework of the University of Padua-Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples. That is within a public institution with all relating warranties. In this context the UNESCO Chair has prestigious visibility and consideration.

Its functioning should be considered as fully long-term sustainable.