Curriculum Development

Thematic Network Activities: “Intercultural Dialogue and Multi-level Governance in Europe”
During the academic year 2009-2010 the following activities were organized:

  The launching event dealt with the conceptual and methodological framework of the curriculum development activities as well as with the specific frame of territorial cooperation.

• Workshop “Europe after Lisbon. The role of the civil society for the construction of European public goods” (April 24, 2010). It was organized in cooperation with the European Federalist Movement, the European Parliament/Milan Office and the Veneto Region.

• Workshop: “Citizenship and Constitution in the light of the right to education to human rights” (June 7, 2010). It was organized in collaboration with the School Office and the International Relations and Human Rights Department of the Veneto Region.

Regular activities and workshops are planned in the following years with specific applied focus on local governance of intercultural dialogue, civil society participation in intercultural dialogue and education to intercultural dialogue. A concluding conference and final publication are set for mid 2012.

Results
The produced deliverables range from teaching materials, special numbers in the “Pace Diritti Umani/Peace Human Rights” Review, brochures and publications.

The Centre on Human Rights has an updated bilingual Italian/English website with a special space for the activities of the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence and its Jean Monnet programme.

As to the thematic network activities two publications are planned for 2010:

• A conceptual thematic issue number on “Multilevel Governance and Intercultural dialogue”, including papers presented at the March 2010 International workshop, has been published in the Summer issue number 2010 of the “Pace Diritti Umani/Peace Human Rights” Review.

• A specific thematic issue number on “Territorial Cooperation and EGTC practices”, including papers presented at the March 2010 International Workshop, will be published in the autumn issue number of the Review.

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Jean Monnet Chair ad honorem
PROF. ANTONIO PAPICA
Professor emeritus; Unesco Chair in Human Rights, Democracy and Peace; Member of the European University Council for the Action Jean Monnet; founding-Director of the Interdepartmental Centre of Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples and past President of the ECUSA-World. He teaches courses in “International Protection of Human Rights” and “Human Rights, intercultural dialogue, plural citizenship.”

Jean Monnet Chair on “Globalisation, Intercultural dialogue and Inclusiveness in the EU”
PROF. LEMICE BEERBAMS
BA in Philosophy, MA in International Studies and PhD in International Economics; visiting professor University La Sapienza/Rome, Opole/Poland and International University of Católica/Barcelona; expert with the EU, EMUNI and the Committee of the Regions. The Chair offers courses in “Intercultural Dialogue in the EU”, “Globalization and Inclusiveness in the EU” and “Education to Intercultural Dialogue and Human Rights”.

Jean Monnet Chair “European Union Political System”
PROF. MARCO MASCA
PhD in International Relations; Professor of International Relations; President of the Masters’ programme “Institutions and Politics of the Human Rights and of the Peace; Director of the Interdepartmental Centre of Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples. The Chair offers BA and MA courses in “International Relations”, “European Union Political System”, and “Peace and Security Politics”.

Jean Monnet Module “Sport and Human Rights in the European Union law”
PROF. JACOPO TOGNOL
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“Intercultural dialogue is an essential tool for peacebuilding. It fosters understanding, respect, coexistence and collaboration among people from different cultures.” Chair Jean Monnet

Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence of the University of Padua
The Centre was established in 1982. Conform to the University's motto “Universa Universis Patavina Libertas” it raises the inter-disciplinary knowledge on human rights of the persons and of the peoples, informs on its theoretical and practical contents and finally educates in order to apply it to the world and political environment. It presents the first structural response of the Italian University to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to the recommendations of the United Nations, UNESCO, and the Council of Europe. The major objective is to introduce, given its existing pluridisciplinary structure and interdisciplinary approach, a focused offer of various activities within the university and in partnership, at the local, regional (Veneto Region), national (Ministry of Education) and international (United Nations, Council of Europe, European Union, European and international profile of its teaching and research curriculum. Faithful to its European commitment to apply it to the social and political environment. It gives much importance to the teaching and research project (2006/2007) “The role of intercultural dialogue in the development of a new, plural and democratic citizenship”. The “Inter-cultural dialogue and citizenship. Transferring values into Action. A Common project for European and their Partners, Venice, Marsilio Edit., 2007”) mobilizes an action-oriented and innovative research approach in the relation between intercultural dialogue and citizenship and was a major contribution to the Year 2008 for International Dialogue.

The Jean Monnet Programme

The Jean Monnet Programme is part of the new Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013. Since 2007 the Jean Monnet Programme is present in 62 countries throughout the world and around 740 universitites offer Jean Monnet courses as part of their curricula. Between 1990 and 2009, the Jean Monnet Action has helped to set up, approximately 3,500 projects in the field of European integration studies, including 141 Jean Monnet European Centres of Excellence, 775 Chairs, 2,007 permanent courses and European modules.

The Centre was launched in September 2000 and is located at the Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples of the University of Padua. In 2007 the Human Rights Centre of the University of Padua was a Jean Monnet success story for promoting dialogue between peoples and cultures. It was re-launched in the summer of 2009 by the Education & Training Lifelong Learning Programme of the European Commission. It hosts three Jean Monnet Chairs and a Jean Monnet module. The purpose is to strengthen and consolidate the European and international profile of the existing curricular teaching and research activities with a specific focus on capacity building and curriculum development in the area of intercultural dialogue, human rights & multi-level governance.

Basis

• The “acquis” gained from past experiences in various Jean Monnet activities, from contributions to structural reflection on the dialogue between cultures and peoples, from activities in the Jean Monnet Lifelong Learning Programmes in the territory of north east Italy as well as from the existing network of international cooperation. In particular, the Centre follows the activities which were started with the previous Jean Monnet Europen Centre of Excellence (2000-2007), it actively contributes to Jean Monnet Reflection Groups and Workshops of the Committee of the Regions, participates to the Global ECSA World Jean Monnet Conferences, is fully committed to the activities of the Italian University Association for European Studies (ECSA-Italy) and collaborates with the Region of the Veneto in several European related projects.

The Jean Monnet Programme stimulates teaching, research and reflection on European integration at higher education institutions throughout the world. With projects spanning the five continents the programme reaches up to 250,000 students every year.

The activities and events cover:


Focus

• Develops an extended and deepened analysis of the relation between intercultural dialogue and human rights from a European and global perspective in compliance with the Universal Human Rights.

• Favours a strengthened cooperation and networking with other Jean Monnet Centres and Chairs active in the field of the intercultural dialogue, human rights and multi-level governance.

• Relies on a strengthened visibility and openness to communicate, innovate and explore the challenges of the European integration process in interaction with a broad public, local and regional authorities, and the civil society in the perspective of capacity building and good practices.

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