

## Curriculum Development

### Thematic Network Activities: “Intercultural Dialogue and Multi-level Governance in Europe”

During the academic year 2009-2010 the following activities were organized:

- **An International Workshop: “Multilevel Governance of Intercultural Dialogue”** (March 23-24, 2010):

The launching event dealt with the conceptual and valorial framework of the curriculum development activities as well as with the specific theme 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 collaboration 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, conferences 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.

### The Jean Monnet professors of the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence of the University of Padua

#### Jean Monnet Chair *ad honorem* PROF. ANTONIO PAPISCA

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 ECSA-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. LÉONCE BEKEMANS

BA in Philosophy, MA in International Studies and PhD in International Economics; visiting professor University La Sapienza/Rome, Opole/Poland and International University of Catalonia/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 MASCIA

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 TOGNON

A practising lawyer in commercial and civil law, specialized in sport law on both national and European level; Arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration for Sport of Lausanne. The MA course elaborates a training trajectory on the relation between sports and human rights in the perspective of EU law.



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“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood” Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

## INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE HUMAN RIGHTS & MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE



## CONTEXT

### University of Padua

From its origin in 1222 the University of Padua is a meeting place of learning. It gives much importance to the European and international profile of its teaching and research curriculum. Faithful to its European commitment a honorary degree was conferred to Altiero Spinelli by the Faculty of Political Sciences in 1982.

### The Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples

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 social 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-Mediterranean University) level. Its teaching, research and dissemination activities are open to students, school teachers and civil society actors.

### The Jean Monnet Programme

The Jean Monnet Programme stimulates teaching, research and reflection on European integration at higher education institutions throughout the world. With projects across the five continents, the programme reaches up to 250.000 students every year.

European integration studies cover both the internal and external dimension of European integration, including the European Union's role in the dialogue between peoples and cultures and the European Union's role and perception in the world.

Launched in 1989, the Programme is now present in 62 countries throughout the world and around 740 universities 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 and 2,007 permanent courses and European modules. Since 2007 the Jean Monnet Programme is part of the new Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013.

### THE JEAN MONNET EUROPEAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PADUA

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 reaffirmed 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 curriculum of 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 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 up the activities which were started with the previous Jean Monnet European 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 action-oriented interuniversity Jean Monnet research project (2006/2007) "The role of intercultural dialogue in the development of a new, plural and democratic citizenship". The subsequent publication ("*Intercultural dialogue and citizenship. Translating Values into Action. A Common project for European and their Partners, Venice, Marsilio Ed., 2007*") illustrates 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 Intercultural Dialogue.

- The international networking of the 3 existing Jean Monnet Chairs operating in an interdisciplinary and pro-active synergy within and outside university, in particular with civil society and local authority.

- The pluridisciplinary staff which possesses a wide-ranging expertise in international relations, human rights, political science, intercultural dialogue and interdisciplinary studies with a focus on policy-oriented research.

### 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 Declaration of Human Rights.
- Favours a strengthening cooperation and networking with other Jean Monnet Centres and Chairs active in the field of 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.

### Content

#### The activities and events cover:

- *Teaching modules*: "Territorial dialogue: EGTC and territorial cooperation for intercultural dialogue and social cohesion"; "Intercultural and interreligious dialogue"; "Immigration and trafficking: a human rights perspective"; "Intercultural dialogue and multilevel governance: the case of city diplomacy"; and "Sport for intercultural dialogue and inclusion"

- *Jean Monnet lectures* by invited experts on policy-related topics. In 2009/2010 the speakers were Luc Van den Brande, president Committee of the Regions of the EU and Paul Breyne, Governor, West Flanders, Belgium

- *An action-oriented research programme* devoted to foster curriculum development activities related to "Intercultural dialogue and Multi-level governance". The programme is guided by a high quality Steering Committee of Jean Monnet professors.

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