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1. Executive Summary:

Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair, including on national policies, in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO)

(Not exceeding 300 words)

In the period following the 2012 report, the Chair carried out its activities with regard to both academic and non-academic targets, as presented in the specific sections of this form.

Within the Academia, the main goal has been to further develop and consolidate human rights mainstreaming in teaching courses and research, through mutually reinforcing cooperation with the Human Rights Centre of the University of Padova. In 2013 the Centre, also by virtue of the prestige derived by hosting the Chair, was improved from “Interdepartmental” Centre (*Centro Interdipartimentale*) to “University” Centre (*Centro di Ateneo*), reaching the same institutional position of the Botanic Garden of the Padua University, which is UNESCO World Heritage. Accordingly to the new statute of the University Centre, the UNESCO Chair is *ex officio* member of the Centre's Board. The Chair actively contributed to a) transforming the 2-year Degree Course in ‘Istituzioni e Politiche dei diritti umani e della pace’ (Institutions and policies of human rights and peace) into the M.A. in ‘Human Rights and Multi-level Governance’, entirely taught in English and active from the A.Y. 13-14, and b) establishing, in 2015, the International Ph.D conferring a Joint Degree in ‘Human Rights, Society and Multi-level Governance’ (partner universities: Zagreb, Athens-Panteion, Western Sydney).

A major research activity undertaken with continuity since 2011 is the preparation of the

Italian Yearbook of Human Rights (Italian and English editions), which has brought a significant impact on the external relations of the Chair, both with the Italian Government (especially the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Parliament (both the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate), and with international institutions, namely UNESCO, the UN Human Rights Council, OHCHR, the Council of Europe and the EU. The Yearbook is annually presented in Rome and has helped developing fruitful relations especially with the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Human Rights and its Director.

Within the EU context, the Chair holder actively participated to the preparation of the Committee of the Regions' European Charter on Multi-level Governance, fostering human rights mainstreaming and highlighting the relevance of human rights-based global citizenship (see reference in CDR 4527/2014, item 24).

In 2013, the Chair, jointly with the Human Rights Centre and the Italian Coordinating-Body of Local Authorities for Peace and Human Rights promoted a Campaign for the international recognition of the right to peace as a human and peoples' right, which has engaged so far more than 300 local authorities and several NGOs. In close cooperation with the Legal Advisor of the Chairman-Rapporteur of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Peace of the UN Human Rights Council, the Chair contributed to publish a special issue in English of the Review 'Pace Diritti Umani/Peace Human Rights', which was distributed to all Council members in 2014.

On the occasion of the celebrations for the 800th anniversary of the Magna Charta, the Music Theatre entitled 'We, Human Rights, Representation of Human Dignity and Peace', written by the UNESCO Chairholder, was presented in Padua in June 2015 and then taken to schools throughout Italy.

On 24-25 March 2015, the Chair presented a paper during the Paris Expert Meeting on the 'International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022)'. On initiative of the Chair, the Human Rights Centre contributed financially to the publication of the volume 'Agree to Differ', which includes an essay by the Chair holder.

2) Activities:

Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period

a) Education/Training/Research

(key education programmes and training delivered and research undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period, target group and geographical coverage)

i) Education (leading to certificate)

Master Degree Programme in Human Rights and Multi-level Governance

A.Papisca, Teaching course on "International Organisation for Human Rights and Peace" (6 ECTS), a.y. 2012/2013 e 2013/2014.

The Master's degree course provides students with the knowledge and the competences required to protect and promote human rights in multi-level governance contexts, locally to internationally. Students develop the capabilities and skills necessary to analyse, assess and manage complex political and socio-economic phenomena and their impact on the fundamental rights of all persons, mainly the most vulnerable ones. The scientific and value-based paradigm adopted is rooted in the principles of the international law of human rights, according to a trans-national and trans-cultural approach. The

course is inherently multi-disciplinary and nurtures students' interdisciplinary abilities.

The normal duration of the course is two years and requires 120 university credits (or CFUs). The Master degree in Human Rights and Multi-level Governance will be awarded upon completion of the course. All teaching courses are taught in English.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/MA>

European Master Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA) e European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC).

The E.MA is the main teaching programme of the European Inter-University for Human Rights and Democratisation, located in Venice. Established in 1997 thanks to the vision of 10 pioneer universities led by the Padua University, E.MA is the oldest Master's programme supported by the European Union, which aims at preparing human rights professionals to respond to the operational requirements of daily work in international organisations, field operations, governmental and non-governmental bodies and academia. The multidisciplinary E.MA teaching programme is articulated in two semesters. During the first semester the activities will be based in Venice, where students will attend lectures and actively participate in seminars and workshops, thematic clusters, skills-building sessions and project work. While studying in a multicultural environment, students will have the opportunity to be taught by leading academics, officials of international organisations and experts and practitioners of national and international NGOs. During the second semester, students will relocate to one of the 41 participating universities to follow courses in an area of specialisation of their own choice and undertake personal supervised research finalised to the writing of their Master's thesis. The University of Padua is the first enrolment university for the E.MA students.

Joint Ph.D Degree in "Human Rights, Society, and Multi-level Governance"

The Joint Ph.D Degree in "Human Rights, Society, and Multi-level Governance" is a three-year, interdisciplinary, joint academic programme managed by Universities in Australia, Croatia, Greece, Italy, coordinated by the Human Rights Centre of the University of Padova (Italy). The doctorate aims at forming researchers with a multi/interdisciplinary profile. The programme includes teaching, research and training in the area of human rights studies, covering the various legal, political, social, philosophical and economic approaches and methodologies, and different geographical areas. The language of the programme is English. Students undertake research, take courses and do internships at the University of first enrolment (Home University), and at one or more of the other partner Universities (Host Universities), where they have to spend at least one semester.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/Human-Rights-Society-and-Multi-level-Governance/981>

<p>ii) Training (short term)</p>	<p>Music and Human Rights Seminars</p> <p>The organisation of these seminars, which will be delivered for the first time to the Padova's human rights students in the Spring of 2016, is the direct outcome of a fruitful cooperation between the Chair and 'Musician for Human Rights', an international NGO, founded in 2009 by world-renowned musicians , which aims to promote a culture of humanism through music worldwide, in support of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The seminars include, among others, the following lectures: The Yin and Yang of Music and Human Rights; Ascoltare o Sentire: The Art of Knowledge; The Sound of Human Rights; One and Many Voices: Unity through diversity and interdependence; Fountain or Stone?: The Spirit of the Law and The Letter of the Law; From Refugee to Refuge: Self-discovery, opportunity, and transformation: an empirical case; Brainwashing, War, and Torture: Music as Weapon.</p> <p>General Training of National Civil Service Volunteers</p> <p>Since 2008, the Chair has been involved in developing the training modules (2-3 year each) for the about 120 volunteers that, every year, are selected to participate into the projects offered by the University of Padova in the framework of the National Civil Service (established with Italian law 64/2001). The specific contribution of the Chair in this context is in mainstreaming human rights within the subjects taught to these volunteers. The modules introduced by the Chair and the Human Rights Centre include: 'The National Civil Service Volunteer as a Model of Human Rights Defender'; 'Constitutional and Universal principles on human rights, peace and solidarity'; 'New Humanism and the right to take part in cultural life'; 'Intercultural Dialogue and Citizenship in the Inclusive City', 'Cultural Rights: Protection of the Cultural Heritage and Cultural Goods Rights'.</p> <p>4th Cycle of seminars on the theme "Urban Security and Human Rights"</p> <p>The cycle of seminars, held in Spring 2013, has been aimed at, among others, making the training experience of the MA Programme in human rights of the University of Padova increasingly practice-oriented and developing positive synergies among two institutions which are daily committed in the promotion of the respect of national and international law, human rights, the rule of law, democratic principles and non-discrimination. Thus, Police and University work together to promote a genuine civic education intended as a priority way to build a safe, polite and convivial city up. The group of learners have been composed by Police officers and MA students.</p>
<p>iii) Research</p>	<p>The research activity of the UNESCO Chair supported by the University Human Rights Centre has been pursuing, since the beginning, the purpose to contribute to the deepening and the dissemination of the culture of peace-human rights-democracy starting from the premise that 'human rights knowledge' is a peace-values- and action-oriented and constitutionally inter- and multi-disciplinary knowledge.</p>

	<p>What follows is a list of the major projects carried out b in the last three years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Italian Yearbook of Human Rights. - International recognition of the Right to peace as a fundamental right of the human person and of the peoples, with special reference to the ongoing process of standard setting at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. - Trafficked and Exploited Minors between Vulnerability and Illegality. Forced criminal activities as a new form of exploitation in human trafficking: knowledge and human rights based practices (TEMVI). - “The Human Rights Dimension of the Italian Foreign Policy in front of the new challenges of the international system: actors, institutions and policies”. - “Intercultural Dialogue, Multi-level Governance & Human Rights”, Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, co-financed by the European Commission – DG Education and Culture, Lifelong Learning Programme, Jean Monnet Programme. - “Global governance and democratic accountability. The role of international parliamentary institutions”. - “Archivio Pace Diritti Umani-Peace Human Rights Archive”.
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b) Conferences/Meetings

(key conferences and meetings organized by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)

i) Key conferences and workshops hosted by the Chair

International Human Rights Day 2013 “La città che sogna” (The Dreaming City)

Padua. Monday, 9th December 2013 – 9.30 am. School students, taking part in the educational path “I have a dream - citizenship, differences, dialogue”, meet on Monday 9th December to share their collective project and to submit it to the representatives of local institutions and of the Municipality.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/International-Human-Rights-Day-2013-La-citta-che-sogna-The-Dreaming-City/914>

International Human Rights Day 2013 “The Italian Agenda of Human Rights: towards the 2014 UPR”

Padua, Teatro Ruzante, Tuesday, 10th December 2013 – 8.45 – 10.30 am

Presentation to human rights students of the Italian Agenda of Human Rights, included in the Italian Yearbook of Human Rights. The agenda is a valuable tool to guide Italian authorities in relation to the major initiatives to be taken in terms of norms, infrastructures and policies.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/International-Human-Rights-Day-2013-La-citta-che-sogna-The-Dreaming-City/914>

International Human Rights Day 2013 "Violence against women and human rights"

Teatro Accademico, Castelfranco Veneto (Treviso), Wednesday 11th December 2013

Reflection, within the framework of the international human rights paradigm, about sexual discrimination and violence against women. Open to the public.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/International-Human-Rights-Day-2013-Violence-against-women-and-human-rights/915>

Right to Peace

University of Padova, Sala dell'Archivio Antico, Palazzo del Bo, Wednesday 2 April 2014, 11.00 – 14.00.

Mr David Fernandez Puyana, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica at the UN, Geneva

Fact-finding in humanitarian crisis and gross human rights violation: lessons learned

University of Padova, Human Rights Centre Library, Wednesday 16 April 2014, 16.00-18.30

Prof. Stelios Perrakis, Panteion University of Athens, Unesco Chair "Human Rights, Democracy and Peace"

United Nations: International Day of Peace 2014. On Saturday 20 September 2014 a meeting at the University of Padova, attended by Mayors, in support of the human right to peace

University of Padova, Palazzo del Bo, Archivio Antico, Saturday 20 September, 9.30-12.30.

The meeting highlighted the United Nations endeavours to finalise a Declaration on the international recognition of the human right to peace. The meeting has been attended by Mayors, municipal and regional Councillors and representatives of civil society organisations.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/International-Human-Rights-Day-2013-Violence-against-women-and-human-rights/915>

International Human Rights Day at the University of Padova, 10 December 2014: We have a Right to Peace

University of Padova, Palazzo del Bo, Aula Magna, Wednesday 10 December 2014

The International Human Rights Day 2014 aimed at supporting the city diplomacy campaign which involved 300 Italian municipalities, provinces and regions which have formally approved a Petitionary Motion for the international recognition of peace as a fundamental right of individuals and peoples.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/International-Human-Rights-Day-at-the-University-of-Padua-10-December-2014-We-have-a-Right-to-Peace/958>

Celebration of the "Magna Charta Libertatum" anniversary

Musei Civici, Padua, Monday, June 15 2015

In the 800th anniversary of the Magna Charta Libertatum, Padua commemorated simultaneously with the celebration at Runnymede Meadows, United Kingdom.

A renowned actor performed excerpts from the music theatre by the UNESCO Chairholder Professor Antonio Papisca 'We, human rights. Representation of human dignity and peace'.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/Celebration-of-the-Magna-Charta-Libertatum-anniversary/989>

ii) Other conferences/organizational activities undertaken by the Chairholder

Presentation of the Italian Yearbook of Human Rights 2013

Rome, Italian Senate, Sala Zuccari, 13 September 2013

With the participation of, among others, the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emma Bonino, and the President of the Human Rights Commission of the Senate, Luigi Manconi.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/The-Italian-Minister-of-Foreign-Affairs-Emma-Bonino-at-the-Senate-during-the-presentation-of-the-Italian-Yearbook-of-Human-Rights-2013/899>

Presentation of the Italian Yearbook of Human Rights 2014

Rome, Wednesday 19 November 2014, Headquarters of the Italian Society for International Organisation (SIOI).

With the participation of, among others, Giuliano Amato (Constitutional Judge, Former Prime Minister), Franco Frattini (President of the SIOI), Gian Ludovico De Martino (President of the Inter-Ministerial Human Rights Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/Presentation-of-the-Italian-Yearbook-of-Human-Rights-2014-Rome-19-November-2014/948>

Conference on Let's Protect and Promote Human Rights: the Creation of a National Human Rights Institution

Rome, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 22 July 2015

With the participation of, among others, the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs Paolo Gentiloni; Luigi Manconi, President of the Special Commission for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights of the Italian Senate; Mario Marazziti, Chair of the Permanent Committee on Human Rights of the Chamber of Deputies, Flavia Pansieri, Deputy UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/sala_stampa/areagiornalisti/notestampa/2015/07/nota-di-servizio-per-i-redattori_75.html

Presentation of the Italian Yearbook of Human Rights 2015

Rome, Italian Chamber of deputies, Wednesday 16 September 2015

With the participation of, among others, Laura Boldrini, Speaker of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Luigi Manconi, President of the Special Commission for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights of the Italian Senate.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/At-the-Italian-Chamber-of-deputies-the-Presentation-of-the-Italian-Yearbook-of-Human-Rights-2015-Wednesday-16-September-2015/1018>.

Peace Paths

International Peace Bureau Annual Conference on the 70th anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Charter.

Padua, University Headquarters 23-25 October 2015

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/Peace-Paths/1020>

The Italian Yearbook of Human Rights 2015: right to education, educating to human rights and democratic citizenship (Presentation of the Italian Yearbook of Human Rights 2015)

Rome, [Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Human Rights Day, 10 December 2015](#)

With the participation of, among others, the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs Paolo Gentiloni, and Gianni Magazzeni, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/The-Italian-Yearbook-of-Human-Rights-2015-to-be-presented-at-the-Ministry-of-Foreign-Affairs-on-Human-Rights-Day-Rome-10-December-2015/1048>

Padua's Human Rights Laboratory (AY 2013/2014; 2014/2015)

Padua, November 2013; March-April 2014; December 2014-June 2015; September 2015

The Laboratory was a training activity organized in the framework of the MA degree programme in Human Rights and Multi-level Governance. Field experts in human rights and humanitarian action, international organizations' officers, diplomats, practitioners, and scholars from foreign universities, research centres and international organisations addressed students and the faculty and report on their experience and studies, with critical mind and open attitude. The Laboratory aimed at fostering the scientific debate on current human rights topics, and stimulating a cross-cultural approach to issues of concern in Europe and outside Western Europe.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/International-Seminar-Religions-Conflicts-and-Minorities-AY-20142015/1036>

iii) A selection of conference presentations by the Chairholder and other colleagues

Conference "La Pacem in Terris è la nostra storia. 50 anni dall'Enciclica di Papa Giovanni XXIII" (*Pacem in terris* is our history. 50 years from Pope John XXIII's Encyclical), Vicenza, 14 April 2013 – Title of the presentation: "Il progetto di un ordine mondiale sostenibile e il metodo dei segni dei tempi" (The project for a sustainable world order and the 'sign of the times' method) .

Conference "88° anniversario del primo suono della Campana dei Caduti" (88th anniversary of the first sound of the War Memorial Bell), Rovereto, 4 October 2013 – Title of the presentation: "Pace diritti umani: dono, diritto, dovere nello spazio globale del mondo" (Peace human rights: gift, right, duty in the world's global space).

Marcia della Pace della Romagna (Peace March of Romagna), Forlì, 29 September 2013 – Title of the presentation: "Il diritto alla pace come diritto fondamentale" (The right to peace as a fundamental right).

High Education Training Course "Una nuova classe dirigente per la sponda Sud del Mediterraneo" (A new leadership for the southern shore of the Mediterranean), Arezzo, 12 July 2013, Second session: Politica e religione nella sponda Sud del Mediterraneo: prospettive del post Primavera Araba (Politics and religion in the southern shore of the Mediterranean: perspectives following the Arab Spring – Title of the presentation: "Some reflexions on the right to religious freedom in the Mediterranean context"

E.MAlumni General Assembly, Venice, 26-27 January 2013 - Keynote speech "Human rights in the global perspective - Developing a universal human rights culture in a context positive secularism".

Presentation on "Pace e diritti umani per l'ordine mondiale" (Peace human rights for the world order), Azione Cattolica della Diocesi di Carpi, Carpi, 15 May 2014.

Conference "Etica, creatività, città. Giuseppe Mazzariol e l'idea di Venezia 25 anni dopo" (Ethics, Creativity, the City. Giuseppe Mazzariol and the idea of Venice 25 years later), Fondazione Querini Stampalia, Venice, 20 November 2014 – Title of the presentation: "La città dei diritti umani" (The human rights city).

Università Aperta Giulietta Masina e Federico Fellini, Rimini 11 September 2014 – Title of the presentation: "De Hominis Dignitate. I diritti umani" (De Hominis Dignitate. Human Rights).

Conference "La migliore difesa è la pace" (The Best Defense is Peace), Rimini, 13/14/15 February 2014 – Title of the presentation "Il dibattito ONU sul riconoscimento del diritto alla Pace ed il possibile ruolo dei civili" (The UN debate about the recognition of the right to peace and the possible role of civilians).

Conference "1915-1975 - Anni di Guerra, anni di Pace" (1915-1975 – Years of War, years of Peace), Fondazione Archivio Audiovisivo del Movimento Operaio e Democratico, in cooperation with Istituto Luce, Ala Brasini del Complesso monumentale del Vittoriano, Rome, 26 February 2015 - Title of the presentation: "Dalla pace negativa alla pace positiva. L'impervio cammino del diritto umano alla pace" (From negative peace to positive peace. The arduous path of the human right to peace).

Hearing at the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Rome, 16 April 2015 – Commentary on the Framework Law on Italy's International Missions.

Conference on "Protect and promote human rights: the creation of an independent national institution", Roma, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Conference Room, 22 July 2015 – Title of the presentation: "Towards an national human rights institution for Italy".

Seminar on the right to peace. The subject was the right to peace standard-setting process within the UN system, and on the peculiarities of the 2011 Draft UN Declaration on the matter for a group of 30 educators involved by the Fondazione Fontana in the framework of the World Social Agenda, a project operating within the schools of the area of Padua and Trent focused on global issues, Padua, 1 September 2015.

Presentation of the activities of the UNESCO Chair and of the Human Rights Centre to the Deans of the National State University of Belarus (Faculty of International Relations, Faculty of Law) and of the National Technical University in the framework of the Belarus Programme of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, which is devoted to create the first Human Rights Centre in Belarusian University, Minsk, 6-8 December 2015.

Conference on 'Diritti umani, la sfida di un impegno globale' (Human Rights, the Challenge of a Global Commitment) promoted in the framework of the 15th Feast of Tuscany, an event established on the anniversary of the abolition of death penalty in Tuscany in 1786, which represents an occasion to make future generations reflect about justice, human rights and peace Pistoia (Tuscany), Friday 22 February 2016.

c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships

(principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institutions including UNESCO Chairs/UNITWIN Networks)

University of Panteion, Athens, Unesco Chair

University of Luxemburg, Unesco Chair

University of Bergamo, Unesco Chair

University of Graz, European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy

University of Wrocław, Poland

"Ryckvelde" , (Bruges) a European and international Centre promoting European citizenship as a primary citizenship

ECSA World (European Community Studies Association).

European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, EIUC

d) Publications/Multimedia Materials

(major publications and teaching/learning materials)

<i>Please tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:</i>		Tick	No.
	Books	X	
	Books (edited)	X	12
	Books (chapters)	X	17
	Monographs	X	8
	Research Reports	X	1
	Journal Articles (refereed)	X	13
	Conference Proceedings		
	Occasional Papers		
	Teaching/Learning Materials		
	Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)		
	Multimedia Materials (Video)		
	Multimedia Materials (Other)		

Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.

i) Theses selection, Master Degree Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation (2013-2015)

- Climate change and disaster risk reduction in a gender perspective: an investigation on the case of the Philippines.
- Improving the Protection of Refugee Women who Face Gender-Based Violence: the Case of Salvadoran Refugee Women in Costa Rica.
- Human Rights and the Environment: ecocide as a new protection paradigm
- Coordinating Organizations into Coherent Approaches to Human Security: The Italian way and the implementation of the Civil Peace Corps Concept.
- Girls education in displacement: possible consequences on the development of the concerned countries
- Food sovereignty: from the global to the local level, there and back.
- Human rights and public policies on prostitution in Italy and Germany: a compared study between a neo-abolitionist model and a regulatory system.
- Non-removable immigrants in the EU. How gaps in the return policies affect the living conditions of irregular immigrants who cannot be repatriated. A case study on Italy.
- The Ukraine v. Russia case: Is the European Court of Human Rights system at risk of politicization?
- Participation rights and elections: toward a tailored approach to democratization processes.
- The role of victims and witnesses of sexual violence in international criminal law.

ii) Publications

Books (chapters)

A.Papisca (2015) *Developing a Universal Human Rights Culture in a Context of Positive Secularism*, in N.Franz, T. Kolnberger, P. Péporté (eds), *Populations, Connections, Droits Fondamentaux*, Mélanges pour Jean-Paul Lehnrs, Mandelbaum Verlag Wien, pp. 19-36, 2015.

--- (2015) *Plural Citizenship and the Right to Peace in the Agenda of Intercultural Dialogue: an Italian Case*, in *Agree to Differ*, UNESCO Publishing – Tudor Rose, pp. 109-111.

--- (2011) *Relevance of human rights in the 'glocal' space of politics: how to enlarge democratic practice beyond state boundaries and build up a peaceful world order*, in K. De Feyter, S. Parmentier, Cr. Timmerman, G. Ulrich (eds), *The local relevance of human rights*, Cambridge University Press.

--- (2009) *Towards a Global Approach to Human Rights Education: A Call for Action*, in W.

- Benedek, M. Nowak (eds), *Global Standards, Local Action. 15 Years Vienna World Conference on Human Rights*, Vienna, Verlag – Intersentia, pp. 313-319.
- (2009) *Droits de l'homme et démocratie dans l'espace global de la gouvernance multi niveaux*, in S. Gandolfi, P. Meyer-Bisch, J. Bouchard (eds), *La démocratisation des relations internationales*, Paris, L'Harmattan.
- (2008) *International law and human rights as a legal basis for the international involvement of local governments*, in V. Musch, Van Der Valk, Sizoo, Tajbakhsh (eds), *City Diplomacy. Conflict Prevention, Peace-building, Post-conflict Reconstruction*, The Hague, pp. 27-44.
- M.Mascia (2015) "Diritti umani e pace: il ruolo pioneristico della Regione del Veneto", in F. Agostini (a cura di), *Il Veneto nel secondo Novecento, vol. I, Politica e istituzioni*, Milano, Angeli, pp. 331-360.
- M.Mascia (2012) "Civil society organisations in the European architecture of multi-level governance", in L. Bekemans (ed) *Intercultural dialogue and Multi-level Governance. A Human Rights based Approach*, Brussels, Bern, New York, P.I.E. Peter Lang, pp. 443-483.
- P.De Stefani, Paolo (2015) "Italy: The Liber Paradisus - A Vision of Good Governance", in Suksi, Agapiou-Josephides, Lehnert, Nowak (eds), *First Fundamental Rights Documents in Europe*, Intersentia, Antwerp and Cambridge, pp. 39-56.
- P.De Stefani (2012) "The European Court of Human Rights: A New Actor of Multilevel Governance?", in Léonce Bekemans (ed.), *Intercultural Dialogue and Multi-level Governance. A Human Rights based Approach*, Bruxelles, Peter Lang International Academic Publishers, pp. 293-305.
- P.De Perini (2014) "Transizioni democratiche e organizzazioni di società civile: l'impegno dell'UE all'indomani della "primavera araba", in M.Mascia (edited by), *Verso un sistema partitico europeo transnazionale*, Bari, Cacucci Editore, pp. 181-194.
- C. Pividori (2012) "The International Criminal Court in a Multi-level Governance System of International Criminal Justice," in Léonce Bekemans (ed.), *Intercultural Dialogue and Multi-level Governance. A Human Rights based Approach*, Bruxelles, Peter Lang International Academic Publishers, pp. 307-321.
- A. Cofelice (2012), *Interregional parliamentary assemblies: a new layer in the multi-level global governance system*, in L. Bekemans (ed.) "Intercultural dialogue and Multi-level Governance. A Human Rights based Approach", Brussels, P.I.E. Peter Lang, p. 277-292.
- L.Bekemans (2014) *Intercultural Dialogue and Human rights/ A Crucial Link for Building Intercultural Competences*, in *From Words to Action, Port-folio on Human rights based intercultural competences*, Unesco Publication, 21 pp.
- L.Bekemans (2014) *Identity and Identity-building in Europe : A Citizenship Perspective*, in Ferenc Horkay-Hörcher and Zsolt Almási (Eds), *Trasfiguration of the European Identity*, Cambridge Scholar Press, pp. 23-44.
- L.Bekemans (2013) *Educational Challenges and Perspectives in Multiculturalism vs. Interculturalism: Citizenship Education for Intercultural Realities*, in Martyn Barrett (Ed.), *Interculturalism and Multiculturalism: Similarities and Differences*, Council of Europe, Publishing Department, pp. 169-187.
- P. Degani (2014), *Politiche di intervento a favore delle donne vittime di tratta e governance della prostituzione: brevi note sul dibattito odierno*, in A. Del Re, L. Perini, *Gender Politics in Italia e in Europa. Percorsi di studi di genere per le lauree triennali e magistrali*, Padova University Press.

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e) Cooperation with UNESCO Headquarters, Field Offices

Three professors of the University of Padova participated in the Expert Meeting on International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022): Antonio Papisca, UNESCO Chair 'Human Rights, Democracy and Peace', Marco Mascia, Director of the University Human Rights Centre, and Léonce Bekemans, Academic Coordinator of the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence 'Intercultural Dialogue, Human Rights and Multi-Level Governance'.

The Meeting, which provided the opportunity for launching the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures, took place from 24 to 25 March 2015 at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. This has been a key step ahead of the follow-up to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 67/104 of 2012, entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace", which proclaimed the International Decade for the period from 2013 to 2022. The Expert Meeting contributed to provide concrete guidance and the necessary recommendations to help chart a road map with clear targets and traceable results to be achieved with a view to make the "Rapprochement of Cultures" a tangible progressive reality.

An essay by the UNESCO Chairholder is included in the UNESCO publication "Agree to Differ".

f) Other*(any other activities to report)***Music Theatre 'We, Human Rights'**

The Chairholder published and launched in 2015 a music theatre 'We, Human Rights. Representation of Human Dignity and Peace', which has been performed in the cities of Padova, Auronzo, Belluno and Vicenza. The text of the music theatre has been translated into English and is published by Marsilio, Venice.

www.marsilioeditori.it/libri/scheda-libro/3172419/noi-diritti-umani-we-human-rights

Alexandria Convention for Intercultural Citizenship Education

The staff supporting the Chair (Bekemans, De Perini) has participated into the initiative of the Anna Lindh Foundation (labelled 'Alexandria Education Convention') aimed at creating a Euro-Mediterranean Handbook for Intercultural Citizenship Education (Alexandria, Egypt, December 2012; Marseilles, April 2013; Padua, June 2013).

Study Trip to International Human Rights Organisations

The Chair has participated in the organisation of the annual study trip to the main locations of Human Rights International organisations in order to provide students of the MA degree programme in Human Rights and Multi-level Governance with an opportunity to have meetings and debates with IGO staff, NGOs and independent experts. In the last years, the location of the Study trip has been Geneva.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/attivita/Study-Trip/1031>

International Campaign for the recognition of the human right to peace

Since 2012, many Town Councils in several Italian Regions started to adopt a petitionary motion supporting the ongoing work of the Human Rights Council for the recognition of the right to peace as a right of the person and of peoples. The text of the motion was drawn up by the UNESCO Chair together with the Human Rights Centre has been distributed over a large portion of Italy by the National Coordinating-Body of Local Authorities for Peace and Human Rights. It has been a bottom-up mobilisation, perfectly consistent with the principle of subsidiarity. The aim has been to collect all these motions and submit them to the UN Human Rights Council. This city diplomacy initiative of Italian local authorities has joined the International Campaign for the recognition of the human right to peace, promoted by the Human Rights Centre and the UNESCO Chair "Human Rights, Democracy and Peace" of the University of Padova, by the Franciscan Order of the Sacro Convento di San Francesco di Assisi, by the aforementioned National Coordinating Body of Local Authorities, the Peace Roundtable (Tavola della Pace) and the Peace Network PerugiaAssisi.

Outcomes of the Campaign in the period 2012-2015

On joint initiative of the Human Rights Centre, the UNESCO Chair and the National Coordinating Body, 100 Municipal Councils of big and small Italian cities - from Sondrio to Ragusa, from Rovereto to Crotona, from Reggio Emilia to Naples, from Ferentino (Frosinone) to Noci (Bari), from Este (Padua) to Ponte San Nicolò (Padua) - have so far adopted a petitionary motion for the international recognition of the human right to peace. Also the Regional Council of Veneto has approved the same petitionary motion.

The Italian Municipalities have shown a direct interest in the debate under way in Geneva due also to the fact that most of their Statutes include a norm which, referring at the same time to the Italian Constitution and to the International Human Rights Law, recognises peace as a fundamental right of individuals and peoples (the so called "peace and human

rights norm"): this situation is still a unique case in the world. In this sense, the Italian sub-national legislation is preceding the formal international process of standard setting on the subject.

Strengthened by this original legitimation, which has also a symbolic impact, and referring to Article 1 of the "United Nations Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to promote and protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms", a delegation of Mayors representing the City Councils that have adopted the above-mentioned petitionary motion have been to Geneva, at the *Palais des Nations*, on Monday 23 June, in order to deliver a copy of the Councils' deliberations to Ambassador Christian Guillermet, President of the intergovernmental Human Rights Council Working Group, to Ambassador Maurizio Enrico Serra, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations, to the Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and to H.E. Mons. Silvano M. Tomasi, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/news/A-delegation-of-representatives-of-Italian-local-authorities-at-the-United-Nations-Human-Rights-Council-for-the-international-recognition-of/3351>

On the occasion of the meeting "L'Italia per il diritto alla pace" (Italy for the Right to Peace), Thursday 3 July 2014 at the Senate of the Republic, Sala Capitolare, a delegation of local administrators have delivered the first 100 deliberations approved by the Italian local authorities in favour of the international recognition of the human right to peace and the appeal endorsed by hundreds of Italian secular and religious figures to the President of the Human Rights Commission of the Senate Luigi Manconi and to the other attending authorities.

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/news/Italy-stands-for-the-Right-to-Peace-After-100-years-from-the-First-World-War-Italy-is-working-in-favour/3356>

A group of fifty students and National Civil Service Volunteers of the University of Padova, coordinated by the Human Rights Centre and the UNESCO Chair, participated in the Peace March Perugia-Assisi on 19 October 2014. The students and the volunteers walked the whole route from Perugia to Assisi, carrying with them twenty-eight posters bearing the words: Human Right to Peace in twenty-eight languages, in support of the International Campaign for the recognition of the human right to peace.

In particular, the students and the volunteers played a very important role during a special moment in front of the Church of San Francesco in Assisi. On that occasion two young volunteers of the University of Padova, surrounded by 50 Mayors, read an Appeal, written by the Human Rights Centre, starting with: "We, the members of the human family and of the peoples of the United Nations, have the Right to Peace".

<http://unipd-centrodirittiumani.it/en/news/Students-and-Volunteers-of-the-University-of-Padua-joined-the-Peace-March-Perugia-Assisi-19-October-2014/3491>

On September 13 2015, the Human Rights Centre and the UNESCO Chair participated in the event: 'The Dolomites embracing human rights' a civil society mobilisation where 6,000 people met and 12,000 hands united around the Three Peaks of Lavaredo to call for protection for every man, woman, and child on the planet. In this context, the Centre and the UNESCO Chair launched the Appeal: 'The right to peace is a fundamental right of every human being and of the peoples'.

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3. Future Plans and Development Prospects:

Outline of action plan for the next biennium and short/medium and long-term development prospects. Please do not hesitate to refer to difficulties that the Chair has experienced (Not exceeding 300 words)

In the next biennium, the Chair aims to continue its research, education and information activities in the field of human rights, democracy and peace consistent with what has been done in the period covered by this report. In particular, the Chair will develop its action according to the following prospects:

- Expanding current research and training to support the international campaign for the recognition of the right to peace as a fundamental human and peoples' right, and strengthening the cooperation with Italian and international local authorities to reinforce advocacy, documentation and outreach activities on this matter at the national, European and UN level;
- Consolidating further the promotion of human rights mainstreaming in both formal and non-formal education activities promoted by the University of Padova, as well as by other academic partners and NGOs. Formal education programmes to which the Chair will directly contribute include the MA Degree Programme in Human Rights and Multi-level Governance and the recently launched Joint International Ph.D Programme in Human Rights, Society and Multi-Level Governance. Non-formal activities include the training of the National Civil Service Volunteers at the University of Padova, cooperation initiatives with the schools of the Veneto area; and further cooperation with Musicians for Human Rights with a view to expand and consolidate the seminar offer on 'Music and Human Rights'.
- Continuing research activity linked to the publication of the Italian Yearbook of Human Rights, with related presentations in Rome, before national institutions, including the Constitutional and the Supreme Courts; establishing a network of national human rights yearbooks based on the methodology applied to the Italian Yearbook, with a primary view to spreading further a culture of human rights among public authorities both in Italy and in other countries where the Chair has developed cooperation ventures.
- Contributing actively to conferences and seminars on human rights, democracy and peace. In 2016, in particular, the Chair will organise, together with the Human Rights Centre, a conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the two International Covenants of 1966, which will be anticipated by the formation of a group of trainers to train educators about the effectivity of the Universal Bill of Human Rights. The Chair will also present a paper at the 2016 Conference of the Italian University Association of European Studies (AUSE) on the advocacy for a uniform European law on citizenship.
- Contributing to the International Decade of the Rapprochement of Cultures, through the promotion of initiatives focused on plural citizenship and on the promotion of a human rights-based approach to intercultural dialogue.
- Taking the music theatre 'We, Human Rights. Representation of Human Dignity and Peace' (both in Italian and in English) in theatres and schools throughout Italy and Europe.
- Contributing to research and training activities of the Human Rights Centre within the framework of the programme 'ADPOLIS – Anti Discrimination Policies Successfully Implemented' (2016-2018), coordinated by ETC Graz, of which UNESCO is associate partner.
- Expanding the section of the website of the Human Rights Centre devoted to the Chair, in order to archive all past research, education, information activities of the Chair and provide more visibility to this institution and its future prospects.

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