E.MA Director

Prof. Paolo de Stefani

Fields of competence: Human rights international law.

Other academics involved in E.MA 2011/2012

Professors Léonce Bekemans, Paola Degani, Marco Mascia, Vincenzo Pace, Antonio Papisca, Alessandro Pascolini (University of Padua); Sara Silvestri (City University, London); Andrea Cofelice, Pietro de Perini, Claudia Pividori (PhD candidates, various universities).

The university and the city

Padua’s origins are very ancient. For more information see the website of the Tourism information agency of the Province of Padua and the dedicated page of the Padua University website (http://www.unipd.it/en/discovering-padova-0).

The origins of the University of Padua date back to 1222. More information on the Padua University website: www.unipd.it/en. The Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and Rights of Peoples of the University of Padua: established in 1982. It collaborates actively with governmental institutions, NGOs, intergovernmental organisations as well as other academic institutions. See the website: unipd-centrodirittiumaniti.it.

Second semester courses

Courses available for E.MA students: Seminars, study trips.

The teaching programme includes two components:

A. Courses, in English, February-May 2013, specifically designed for E.MA (6 credits).

1. Intercultural dialogue and religions (3 credits)
   a. Module I: Intercultural dialogue in the EU, Prof. Léonce Bekemans, 8 hours, 1 credit (February – March);
   b. Module II: Dialogue with Islam, Prof. Vincenzo Pace, 8 hours, 1 credit (March – April);
   c. Module III: Religion and Politics, Prof Sara Silvestri, City University (London), 8 hours, 1 credit (April - May – to be confirmed)

2. Arms, humanitarian law, “vulnerable groups”: current issues (3 credits)
   a. Module I: Armament and Arms Control, Prof. Alessandro Pascolini, 8 hours, 1 credit (March – April);
   b. Module II: Humanitarian law and human rights, Prof. Paolo De Stefani, 8 hours, 1 credits (March – April);
   c. Module III: Trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation in Italy and Europe, Prof. Paola Degani, 8 hours, 1 credit (March-April).

B. Study trip to Geneva. (3 credits): 3-4 days mission to the UN Office of the Human Rights High Commissioner and other human rights related international institutions and NGOs (May).
Participation to all classes and to the trip is compulsory.

Research support and facilities:

In March and in May two thesis seminars with the EMA Director will be organised to provide methodological guidance and technical support. Thesis seminars are not part of thesis supervision, which is provided individually.

Each student is entitled to receive up to 200,00 € as reimbursement for travel and accommodation expenses related to her/his thesis research, subject to agreement with the E.MA Director.

Each student is also entitled to submit book purchase proposals to the Human Rights Centre’s secretariat, upon agreement with the E.MA Director, for a maximum amount of 100,00 €. Books are acquired to the Centre’s library after being used by the concerned student.

Optional study opportunities:

E.MA students may attend any post-graduate courses held at the Padua University. They may also enrol free of charge to the Italian language courses for foreign students organised by the Padua. Interested students should enrol on line before February 2012 at: http://claweb.cla.unipd.it/cla/corsi ITA_pag En.html .

Deadline for enrolment in the courses:
No formal enrolling procedure is required. Welcome meeting (and reception): 25 February 2013, at the Human Rights Centre.

Examination procedures: Students are required to submit three short essays, of around 3000 words each. Two short papers will deal with topics addressed in the courses (they may concern one module or be cross-cutting the modules). The third short paper will elaborate some of the topics addressed in the study trip. The papers, to be submitted by end of May, will be marked by the concerned teacher or teachers. The second semester comprehensive mark is agreed between the course teachers and the E.MA Director.

Thesis

Research areas:

- International relations
- Human rights and humanitarian international law
- International criminal law
- Rights of the child
- Women’s rights
- “Vulnerable” groups’ human rights, including refugees, asylum seekers, separated children
- National and local institutions for human rights
- Peace and human rights education policies
- Human rights and Islam
- Human rights and intercultural dialogue
- Armament and arms control

Thesis supervision: Thesis supervision can be provided in the above mentioned research areas. Supervisors are teachers of Padua University, not necessarily affiliated to the Human Rights Centre. Supervision can be in English or French, according to teacher’s availability.

Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university (+ 2 copies to the E.MA Secretariat): One copy to the Centre’s Archive and one copy to the supervisor.

Library

At the Centre’s venue students find a small, specialised library. E.MA students have also full and free access to all Padua University Libraries (see: http://www.unipd.it/en/libraries-0) including their on-line resources (activation of a proxy required: information will be given in the thesis seminars; see http://www.unipd.it/en/research/line-resources) and the international book loan service.
Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs

**NGOs:**
- Italian Association of NGOs;
- Italian Committee of the Red Cross;
- Save the Children–Italy;
- Amnesty International;
- Institute of Humanitarian Law (Sanremo)
- Association of the Italian Local Authorities for Peace and Human Rights;
- The Peace Table (Perugia);
- National Council on Disability.
- EOI (European Ombuds Institute),
- ILO (Instituto latinoamericano del Ombudsman)

**National Organisations:**
- Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Department on Equal Opportunities;
- Italian Senate’s Human Rights Commission;
- Inter-ministerial commission for the victims of trafficking, violence, and serious exploitation;
- Italian Regional Ombudspersons and Children’s Rights Commissioners;
- National Observatory on Childhood and adolescence;
- Italian society for the international organization (SIOI).

**IGOs:**
- OHCHR;
- UNESCO;
- COE;
- UNICEF - IRC Florence.

Administration and logistics

**Information concerning visa arrangements:**

Information are provided on this page: [http://www.unipd.it/en/research/international-scholars/welcome-desks](http://www.unipd.it/en/research/international-scholars/welcome-desks).

The Welcome Desk of Padua University ([http://www.unipd.it/en/research/international-scholars/welcome-desks#](http://www.unipd.it/en/research/international-scholars/welcome-desks#)) can also provide support. In particular, students may address the SAOS - Servizio accoglienza ospiti stranieri:

Palazzo Bo
via VIII Febbraio, 2 - 35122 Padova
tel. +39 049 827 3077 fax +39 049 8273203
e-mail: [saos@unipd.it](mailto:saos@unipd.it)

Opening hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 11.30 - 13.00; Tuesdays and Thursdays 15.30 - 17.00

General information can be found at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs web site: [http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/](http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/)

**IT and logistics:** At the Human Rights Centre E.MA students will have at their disposal one printer and laptop connections with full Internet access. Opening hours: from Monday to Thursday, 9h30-17h30. Photocopy facilities are also are available. Students have access to the study rooms and the Wi-Fi connection supplied by Padua University (see: [http://www.unipd.it/en/research/line-resources/wifi](http://www.unipd.it/en/research/line-resources/wifi)).