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*« There will be no peace on this planet as long
as human rights are violated somewhere in
the world »*

René Cassin, 1968

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The **International Institute of Human Rights** organizes a specialized annual study session in human rights in Strasbourg during the month of July directed in particular to :

- Advanced students in law, political science, human and social sciences,
- Professors and researchers,
- Members of the legal professions and any other profession related to human rights,
- National and international civil servants,
- Members of non-governmental organizations.

Its purpose is **to provide advanced courses in international and comparative human rights law** taught by specialists from around the globe.

The 42nd study session is organized with the support of :

- French Prime Minister
- French Senate
- French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
- International Organisation of La Francophonie
- City of Strasbourg, City of Schiltigheim
- Department of Bas-Rhin
- Region Alsace
- International Committee of the Red Cross
- Centre régional des oeuvres universitaires et scolaires
- University of Strasbourg
- Thanks to the contribution of the governments of Denmark, Luxembourg, Principality of Monaco, of Foundations Lannung and Marangopoulos and individuals.

ADMISSION

Admission

Admission of candidates is decided after careful review of their files by a Selection Committee headed by the Secretary General of the Institute.

■ Conditions

Eligible candidates must meet the following requirements :

- **mastery of French or English**, the session's two official languages, **as well as an adequate working knowledge in the other language** to follow the courses and debates.

- **at least, holders of a four year university diploma (Master or equivalent)**

- **exceptionally, attest to a solid experience in the field of human rights** acquired in governmental agencies, in inter or non governmental organizations or possess comparable experience.

All the required papers must be joined to the completed application for admission form.

For organizational reasons and in order to preserve the quality of teaching, the number of participants admitted to each session is limited. Needs and priorities in forming candidates originating from different countries and regions of the world (especially developing countries) are taken into consideration. Candidates will be informed in writing of their admission.

■ Financial Assistance

In exceptional cases, financial assistance can be obtained in order to cover some of the costs to participate in the session.

A scholarship committee examines all requests. The candidate's curriculum vitae, letter of motivation and recommendation, and financial situation are taken into consideration. Priority is given to candidates from developing countries. The results of financial assistance requests will be given in writing.



ORGANIZATION

All persons benefiting from financial assistance are required to participate in the full four weeks of the Session. Financial assistance granted by the Institute cannot be cumulated with grants awarded from other sources whatever they may be.

No additional financial assistance will be given following the committee's decision.

A completed application for admission form, a curriculum vitae including a letter of motivation and recommendation must arrive at the Institute BEFORE 10 APRIL 2011.

Because a very limited number of scholarships are available from the Institute, participants are strongly advised to contact governmental and/or non governmental agencies, international organizations, academic institutions, foundations, organizations, or other sources which may grant financial assistance.

■ Registration fees

The registration fees cost 700 euros.

■ Admission file

Application for admission form is available from the Secretariat of the Institute and on the website : www.iidh.org.

The completed files must reach the Institute BEFORE 1st MAY 2011.

■ General Information

Participants must respect the fundamental rules which apply to any academic institution.

Participants are expected to attend all courses and lectures regularly throughout the Study Session and respect the times indicated in the programme. The Institute declines all responsibility for any initiative or activity which is not part of the session's teaching programme.

A Director of Studies is responsible for the smooth functioning of the session and for establishing a communication link between the participants and the Institute.

■ Languages

Session's official languages : French and English.

Introductory lectures : in French and English.

Thematic courses : in either French or English.

Fundamental courses: in French, English and Spanish.

No simultaneous translation is provided.

■ Certificate of participation

A written examination is given upon completion to evaluate knowledge acquired during the session. This exam consists of 20 multiple choice questions.

Questions are provided by all professors who lecture during the session. These questions are presented in English and in French. A foreign language dictionary may be used during the exam.

The participants who pass this examination receive the Certificate of the International Institute of Human Rights.

The participants who fail this examination receive a Certificate of attendance.



Stay

■ Accommodation

Housing is proposed by the French university system (CROUS) in a university residence (single room, communal toilets and showers on the same floor). No wireless Internet access.

A single room from 2 to 29 July 2011 inclusive costs 260 euros (including administrative fees). If you desire to reserve a room, the fees must be paid in full to the Institute when you register in Strasbourg. This fee is non-refundable. Any additional night(s) must be paid by the participant directly to the university residence (CROUS). The Institute cannot be responsible for housing problems. This responsibility lies with the university residence.

Participants are free to make alternative housing arrangements.

■ Meals

The meal price in the university restaurant approximately costs 8 euros (subject to change). The reduced prices for accommodation and meals are possible thanks to the contribution of the French university system.

■ Health / Accident

Every participant is required to have his own health/accident insurance coverage. The Institute cannot, in any case, be held responsible for medical expenses incurred during a participant's stay in Strasbourg.

■ Practical information

Administrative enrolment, payment of fees and distribution of documentation :

SUNDAY 3 JULY 2011 : FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AND FROM 3.00 TO 7.00 P.M.

(location will be posted).

■ Location courses

University of Strasbourg, ESCARPE Building - 11 rue du Maréchal Juin, 67000 Strasbourg.

■ Library

The library is located at the Institute – 2, Allée René Cassin.

Approximately 10.000 works (texts, monographies, reports, reference materials) in French, English, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, are found in the Institute's library. In addition, 210 periodicals are available.

Photocopies may be made at the Institute's library for a small fee.

■ Personal mail

Can be addressed to the International Institute of Human Rights 2, Allée René Cassin, 67000 Strasbourg, France.

■ Photocopies - telephone calls - faxes

Can be made at the post office near the university campus. Fees incurred for photocopies, phone calls, faxes are at the participant's expense.

■ Internet connections

At the Institute's library.

Wireless internet access where courses will be given.

In local cybercafés. Their exact locations will be given in Strasbourg.



DIPLOMA OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Regulations governing the award of the diploma

■ ARTICLE 1

The Diploma of the International Institute of Human Rights is open to participants of the Institute's annual teaching session who already have extensive knowledge of International and Comparative Human Rights Law.

The Diploma exam is open only to those already possessing a postgraduate degree or equivalent (Master's or higher). The Institute's Diploma is distinct from the session's Participation Certificate which is designed to test general knowledge acquired during the Session.

■ ARTICLE 2

Participants meeting the requirements outlined in Article 1 and who demonstrate a special competence in the area of human rights through their scientific works or professional experience may be registered to participate in the Diploma exam. Permission to sit for the diploma exams is granted by the Institute's competent commission.

■ ARTICLE 3

Only candidates who have been selected by the Institute's competent commission will be allowed to sit for the Diploma examinations.

■ ARTICLE 4

Examinations take place in Strasbourg on the dates indicated on the session's schedule, in French or English, as chosen by the candidate.

■ ARTICLE 5

The examination consists of:

1 – A test of pre-admissibility :

Consisting of a 5 hour written exam. Candidates will be given a choice between two subjects pertaining to international and comparative human rights law. A minimum grade of 12/20 is required in order to participate in the test of admissibility (Candidates having earned the grade of 10/20 on the written exam will automatically receive the Certificate of the International Institute of Human Rights).

2 – A test of admissibility :

Consisting of a practical exercise pertaining to a casus relative to one or/and the other of the universal or regional systems of human rights protection (the United Nations Human Rights Committee, the Inter American Court of Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights, the African Commission of Human and Peoples Rights).

Each candidate must prepare an argumentation and defend it orally 24 hours after drawing his subject.

A minimum grade of 12/20 is required in order to participate in the final oral exam.

3 – A final oral exam :

Consisting of a presentation in the form of an exposé/discussion (2 hours of preparation without any documentation) on a subject pertaining to international human rights protection. Candidates must have a minimum grade of 12/20 to be admitted to the final exam.



■ ARTICLE 6

The Jury for the pre-admissibility is composed of a minimum of four members. The Jury for the admissibility exam is composed of a minimum of two members. The Jury for the final admissions exam is composed of a minimum of three members.

■ ARTICLE 7

1- The admissions Jury may, in exceptional cases, award the mention "CUM LAUDE"

2- Should the candidate be on the borderline of the average required, the Jury may grant him the possibility to receive the Diploma by preparing a memoir on a subject chosen by the Jury and following the terms and conditions set by the Jury. This memoir must be addressed to the Institute at the latest by March 31 of the following year. The Diploma will be delivered subject to the Jury's appreciation of the memoir.

■ ARTICLE 8

The Jury's decisions are not subject to appeal.

In 2010, the two subjects proposed to the candidates for the written exam were :

- The fight against racial segregation in international law .
- The interactions between international human rights instruments.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR UNIVERSITY HUMAN RIGHTS TEACHING (CiedhU)

■ Programme

Within the framework of the Study Session, **the International Center for University Human Rights Teaching (CiedhU)** offers university professors, assistants and researchers, formative seminars in French or English to enable them **to develop specialized human rights teaching and research** in their academic activity.

The CiedhU seminars consist of approximately 20 hours of training in human rights teaching methods.

The CiedhU programme requires **registration and compulsory participation in the Study Session's lectures and courses in addition to participation in a series of specialized seminars organized parallel to the session.**

■ Admission

Participants are divided into 2 language groups, **French and English.**

Submitting an application for registration to CiedhU does not guarantee a candidate's admission. A selection committee evaluates each file for admission.

■ Registration fees

The registration fees for the CiedhU programme costs 150 euros.

■ Admission File

The CiedhU application form is available from the Secretariat of the Institute and on the website : www.iidh.org

■ Certificate of CiedhU

A special Certificate of Participation will be issued for active participation in the CiedhU programme.