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## Human rights institutes

The contribution of human rights institutes to the *Human Rights Information Bulletin* started in 1995. The institutes who contribute to the *Bulletin* do so on an annual basis, at the request of the Directorate General of Human Rights.

These institutes are actively involved in human rights work: organisation of meetings, colloquies, round tables, training sessions, publications of human rights related books and other achievements.

Owing to the growing number of institutes contributing, this report is issued as a supplement to *Human rights information Bulletin* No. 63.

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## Instituts des droits de l'homme

La contribution des instituts des droits de l'homme au *Bulletin d'information sur les droits de l'homme* date de 1995. Les instituts qui y participent le font sur une base annuelle, à la demande de la Direction générale des droits de l'homme.

Ces instituts sont activement impliqués dans des activités liées aux droits de l'homme: organisation de réunions, colloques, tables rondes, sessions de formation, publication d'ouvrages relatifs aux droits de l'homme et autres réalisations.

En raison du nombre croissant de contributions, ce rapport est publié en tant que supplément au *Bulletin d'information sur les droits de l'homme*, n° 63.

**Les contributions sont présentées dans la langue dans laquelle elles ont été transmises. Elles émanent des pays suivants, présentés par ordre alphabétique anglais:**

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# Human rights institutes / Instituts des droits de l'homme

## Austria / Autriche

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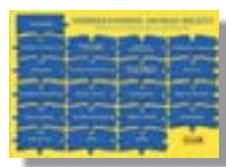
#### Presentation

The ETC was founded in 1999 by professors of the University of Graz law school. It works in close co-operation with this University and engages in human rights education for the public.

#### Publications

##### “Understanding Human Rights”

This manual was produced by the ETC on behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the Austrian Chairmanship of the Human Security Network. It deals with human rights issues ranging from the prohibition of torture and freedom from poverty to the human rights of the child and human rights in armed conflict. Available in German, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Italian and many more languages in the very near future.



“Understanding Human Rights” thirteen modules on different human rights as well as selected activities, additional references and a teaching methodology

#### Newsletter

The newsletter is a quarterly publication on human rights, human security and the activities of the ETC.

#### Human Security Perspectives

A journal on different aspects of the human security concept, *Perspectives* is a forum for scientific discussion and offers young researchers the possibility to have their work published online.

#### Activities

##### Human Rights City

The ETC co-ordinates the Human Rights City process in the city of Graz, which is the first human rights city in Europe following the Programme of the People's Movement for Human Rights Education.

##### ETC Summer Academy

The ETC organises a yearly summer academy on a different aspects of human security each year. The 2004 academy (22 August-3 September 2004) focused on human rights and human security in post-conflict situations.

##### Anti-Discrimination-Training for Judges and Prosecutors

This trans-national EU-project is co-ordinated by the ETC and brings together partners from Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary and Ireland. The goal is to produce a training concept and manual to integrate the concept of non-discrimination into judicial training in Austria, Slovenia, Hungary and Slovakia.

##### Lecture Series

Each semester, the ETC hosts a series of lectures and events related to human rights and human security. During the winter semester 2004/2005, the Institute for International Law and International Relations at the University of Graz and the ETC co-organised a series of lectures on “Understanding Human Rights” open to students of all faculties. These lectures were based on the ETC’s manual “Understanding Human Rights”.



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## Presentation

The Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM) is an independent, academic human rights research and service institution whose activities focus primarily on research in the field of human rights on the national, European and international levels. The Institute's main objective is to offer a link between academic research and legal practise. A considerable part of its work is therefore devoted to empirical research and project implementation.

## Activities

### Joint Projects

The Institute has been working in collaboration with the Austrian Development Agency and the Human Rights Department of the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs since 1997 on the elaboration of human rights-related projects in the Department's priority countries (Bhutan, Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia) and has been providing consultancy support on human rights issues in various other fields.

The BIM is also a regular participant in the academic EU-China Human Rights Dialogue and deals with questions of human rights and the rule of law in the Balkans.

Some members of the BIM staff also serve in one of the Commissions of the Austrian Human Rights Council of the Federal Ministry of the Interior aimed at reviewing the activities of the Austrian security police.

### Research and consultancy

The BIM conducts research studies on the implementation of international human rights treaties, such as the ECHR, the CCPR and the CESCR, the CEDAW, the CERD, the CAT and the CRC, into the Austrian legal order. It proposed a comprehensive set of new constitutional provisions on the basic rights of children and adolescents in Austria. A project on social and economic rights of asylum seekers in Austria was recently finished and a new publication on the Temporary Protection System in Europe will be published soon. The BIM has prepared draft legislation for an Austrian Anti-Discrimination Law,

based on the two EU Directives to combat discrimination, in co-operation with other NGOs and is currently dealing with the implementation of the Directives in Austria.

At present, the BIM is preparing a comprehensive research program on "EU Human Rights Policies and Implementation in Times of Global Change and Transition – Analysis, Assessment, Action".

## Training

In addition to its academic human rights programmes at the Law Faculty of the University of Vienna, the BIM has overseen the EU Post-Graduate Program *European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation* since 1998. Moreover, the Institute is involved in post-graduate programmes on *European Studies* and *IT-Law* at the University of Vienna. Training for judges in anti-discrimination issues and on the European Convention on Human Rights are currently being conducted.

## Twinning Projects

Since 2002, the Institute has also worked under a general mandate from the European Commission to carry out "Twinning Projects" under the PHARE, TACIS, CARDS and MEDA programs. The projects support candidate and neighbouring countries in implementing the EU *Acquis communautaire* in the areas of democratisation, rule of law and human rights. The Institute has so far been commissioned as a "leading institution" with five projects on the implementation of the EU Anti-discrimination Directives in Poland, the improvement of statement-taking methods of the Turkish National Police, data protection in Latvia and Lithuania and the reform of asylum law in Ukraine. The BIM is involved as "supporting institution" in five additional projects in the area of equal treatment of women and men in Poland, the development of a modern administrative jurisdiction in Bulgaria, the reform of Lithuanian prosecution procedures, the strengthening of institutions in combating trafficking in human beings in Turkey and the improvement of the rights of children and juveniles in Romania.



## Current projects

The BIM is currently preparing a *Training Handbook on Children in Armed Conflicts*, a *Human Rights Handbook for Parliamentarians*. This will be a comprehensive commentary on the UN Convention Against Torture and a commentary on the European Charter of Fundamental Rights, all within the framework of the international Human Security Network. It is also dealing intensively with the establishment of the EU Human/Fundamental Rights Agency in Vienna.

## Publications

### BIM study series

This series was created in order to document the results of the Institute's research work. Ten volumes have already been published and more are in progress. Recently, the student's textbook *Introduction to the International Human Rights System* was published. Since 1999, the *Human Rights Yearbook (Jahrbuch Menschenrechte)* has been published together with other human rights institutes and organisations by the Suhrkamp-Verlag.

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## Activities

### Symposium

The Institute conducted a symposium, sponsored by the Austrian Red Cross, in June 2004 on the topic "Terrorism and the law", at which a study on *The development of international humanitarian law in Austria* was presented. A summary of the lectures will be published as special edition of the ÖIM-Newsletter.

### Documentation

The Institute's homepage provides useful information concerning the filing of complaints before the European Court of Human Rights and an online catalogue of all the volumes of its library, which will be open to the public next year. The collection of volumes in the field of human and fundamental rights comprises some 1,500 titles. A new data base which comprises all the volumes of the ÖIM-Newsletter has been set up and is available to the public via Internet.

### Legal advice

The Institute is a platform for anyone seeking legal advice on alleged human rights violations, especially of the rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights. This service is free of charge. The Institute also holds

lectures for the police and schools on human dignity, the activities of the Council of Europe and the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights.

## Publications

### ÖIM-Newsletter

The ÖIM-Newsletter is a German-language bi-monthly publication which gives precise and timely information on the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights, the European Court of Justice, the Human Rights Committee and the Austrian supreme instances. It also contains information on recent events concerning the procedure before the European Court of Human Rights, short articles and commentaries on case law and legislation, book reviews and a calendar of events. Free specimen copies may be ordered via post or e-mail.

### Report: Austrian jurisdiction with respect to human and fundamental rights

This report, which focuses on an excerpt in German from the *National Report 2003* will be published in the December issue of the Journal of Public law (*Zeitschrift für Öffentliches Recht*).



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### Présentation / Presentation

Le Centre a pour mission de promouvoir la réflexion dans le domaine de la protection nationale et internationale des droits de l'homme. A cette fin, il exerce des activités de recherche scientifique, d'animation pédagogique et de service à la communauté.

Le Centre des droits de l'homme participe également à l'enseignement dans le cadre d'un diplôme d'études spécialisées en droits de l'homme (3<sup>e</sup> cycle, Master complémentaire) organisé par les Facultés universitaires Notre Dame de la Paix de Namur et Saint Louis de Bruxelles et par l'Université catholique de Louvain.

The Centre's mission is to promote reflection in the field of national and international protection of human rights. To this end, it carries out research, teaching and public service activities.

The Centre also participates in teaching in the framework of a Specialised Studies Diploma in Human Rights (3rd cycle, complementary Masters) organised by the Facultés universitaires Notre Dame de la Paix in Namur, the Facultés universitaires Saint Louis in Brussels and the Université catholique de Louvain.

### Activités / Activities

#### Colloques / Colloquies

- *Egalité et handicap / Equality and handicap*  
 29-30/04/2004 (publication en préparation / publication in preparation)
- *Citoyens / étrangers. La directive 2004/38 du 29 avril 2004 relative aux droits des citoyens de l'Union et des membres de leur famille de circuler et de séjourner librement sur le territoire des Etats membres au regard des migrations / Citizens / foreigners. Directive 2004/38 of 29 April 2004 on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States with respect to migration*  
 22/04/2005

#### Publications récentes / Recent publications

- *La Charte des droits fondamentaux de l'Union européenne*  
 Jean-Yves Carlier, Olivier Deschutter (Dir), Bruxelles, Bruylant.

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### Présentation / Presentation

Human Rights Network International est une association internationale issue de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles. Spécialisée dans la promotion scientifique des droits de l'homme, l'association travaille en étroit partenariat avec cette Université et fonde ses activités sur la collaboration en réseau.

HRNi a pour objet la promotion des droits de l'homme et de la démocratie, en particulier par le développement et la diffusion des connaissances en matière de droits de l'homme.

Human Rights Network International is an international association created by researchers and professors at the Free University of Brussels. It works in close partnership with this University.

The aim of HRNi is the development and diffusion of knowledge in the field of human rights.

### Activités/Activités

L'Association se consacre notamment aux activités suivantes:

- la mise au point et la gestion d'outils d'information, en particulier de bases de données,



- sur les droits de l'homme et les matières connexes;
- le développement d'un réseau international d'experts et de spécialistes dans ce domaine;
- la réalisation de missions d'expertises et d'activités de conseils;
- l'organisation de réunions, colloques, congrès, conférences;
- l'édition de publications dans le domaine de la connaissance et de la promotion des droits de l'homme et des sujets connexes.

HRNi a développé une base de données bilingue (français/anglais) sur les droits de l'homme, accessible gratuitement sur Internet. Y sont classés, par thème, le texte intégral des arrêts de principe de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme, de la Cour interaméricaine et du Comité des droits de l'homme des Nations Unies, les conventions internationales et régionales relatives aux droits de l'homme, les rapports des Nations Unies ou des ONGs, des articles de doctrine, les références aux ouvrages pertinents, ainsi qu'un portail des sites Internet sur les droits de l'homme et un répertoire des acteurs (ONGs, Universités, OI) jouant un rôle en la matière.

The Association devotes itself in particular to the following activities:

- the development and management of information tools, especially databases, on human rights and related topics;
- the development of an international network of experts and specialists in this field;
- organisation of meetings, seminars, assemblies, conferences;
- providing for publications in the field of knowledge and promotion of human rights and related issues.

HRNi has set up a database on human rights accessible free of charge on its website. It contains, classified thematically, full texts of judgments and decisions of the European Court of Human Rights, of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and of the UN Human Rights Committee, international and regional conventions on human rights, reports of the UN or NGOs, scholarly articles, bibliographic references, a portal of Internet sites on human rights and a list of actors (NGOs, universities, international organisations) playing a role in this field.

## Bulgaria / Bulgarie

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#### Presentation

Founded in 1989, the Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD) is an interdisciplinary public policy institute dedicated to the values of democracy and the market economy. The CSD is a non-partisan, independent organisation fostering the reform process in Bulgaria through its influence on policy and civil society.

#### Activities

##### Ombudsman institution

An initiative for establishing the ombudsman institution in Bulgaria was launched for the first time in 1998 by the CSD. After comprehensive research work, CSD experts drafted a concept paper on the opportunities for establishing the institution in Bulgaria and a draft law on the Civic Defender and the Local Civic Mediators.

As a result of the civil society pressure, the Bulgarian National Assembly adopted in 2003 the

initial legal framework of the ombudsman institution on a national and local level. The Law on the Ombudsman, which is in force since 1 January 2004, set the grounds for the establishment of a national parliamentary ombudsman institution. Amendments to the Law on Local Self-Government and Local Administration, in force since 27 October 2004, provide municipal councils with the power to elect local public mediators to promote the observance of the rights and legal interests of citizens before local self-government authorities and the local administration.

Thanks to the active participation of CSD experts at all stages of the legislative procedure many of the fundamental principles, initially envisaged in the draft of CSD, were incorporated in the adopted legal framework.

##### Events

The CSD organised a number of public policy events, including an international conference held in November 2003 (jointly with the Bulgari-



an National Assembly, the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Greek Ombudsman) in order to better popularise the institution among the politicians, convince them of the necessity of its establishment and its importance for reinforcing the rule of law.

In 2004 the CSD, jointly with the Council of Europe Information Centre in Sofia, organised a public discussion devoted to the legislative and implementation problems of the ombudsman institution at national and local level in Bulgaria and to the best European practices of the local ombudsman-type institutions. The participants in the discussion endorsed an address to the National Assembly, appealing for the speedy election of a highly-qualified, independent and reputable parliamentary ombudsman and the successful debut of the new institution, as well as its incorporation in the Constitution and adoption of legislative amendments for further strengthening the stability, independence and effectiveness of the institution.

By October 2004 seven public mediators had already started considering citizens' complaints against maladministration in the respective municipalities. The CSD supports this process

through education, expert consultations, provision of publications, facilitating sharing of experience among elected mediators and between them and local authorities.

## Publications

### Local Public Mediators in Bulgaria

This brochure summarises the accumulated experience and the good practices of the ombudsman-type institutions on local level that have functioned under pilot projects in the period 1998-2003. It also presents the first steps in the process of establishing such institutions after their legislative regulation.

### Ombudsman Institution in Europe and Bulgaria: Legal Nature and Practice

This educational manual was designed for the elaboration and carrying out of specialised courses and programmes in Bulgarian universities and schools as well as for everyone who is interested in these issues.

## Finland / Finlande

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### Presentation

The Institute for Human Rights was established in 1985 as an integrated unit of Åbo Akademi University, Finland's Swedish-language university, and is closely linked to its Department of Law. The overall aim of the Institute is to promote research, provide education and disseminate information on the protection of human rights.

### Activities

#### Research

The Institute's main areas of research are the rights of minorities and indigenous peoples, economic, social and cultural rights, non-discrimination, fundamental standards of humanity, participation and democracy and human rights in domestic legal systems.

The Institute is involved in a number of research projects, including "Legislation, Justice

and Morality", "Empowerment, Participation and Non-discrimination – Making a Human Rights Approach to Development Operational" and "Hierarchy of Norms in International Law".

Since 2002, the Institute for Human Rights has been co-ordinating a Finnish Graduate School in Human Rights Research in collaboration with national and Nordic partners. Its purpose is to provide its doctoral candidates with a systematic, ambitious and multidisciplinary research education which utilises Nordic and international contacts. More at: [www.abo.fi/instut/imr/norfa/](http://www.abo.fi/instut/imr/norfa/).

As of 2004, the Institute co-ordinates a Nordic School in Human Rights Research. Its aim is to enhance and strengthen the already existing Nordic co-operation in the field of human rights.

### Training, Courses, Seminars and Workshops

With the support of the Finnish Ministry of Education and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs,



the Institute for Human Rights has been co-operating with universities in the Baltic countries and the neighbouring areas in Northwest Russia. Participants from these countries have taken part in the Institute's intensive human rights courses in Turku/Åbo. In September-December 2003 the third Internet Course on the International Protection of Human Rights was carried out with students and teachers from the partner universities. The co-operation with Northwest Russia continued in 2004.

With the support of the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Institute for Human Rights carries out an education project on indigenous peoples' rights in Bolivia and Ecuador.

The Institute offers 3 or 4 intensive international human rights courses in Turku/Åbo each year, with teaching provided by international experts. Classes usually number 25 to 30 participants coming from all parts of the world.

### **Co-operation**

The Institute, together with the other Nordic human rights centres and institutes, forms a network within which symposia, conferences and meetings are arranged regularly. The Nordic School in Human Rights Research also facilitates co-operation in the field of research training. Furthermore, the Institute is a founding member of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI), comprising 13 European human rights institutes and centres and whose objectives are to

promote research, education and discussion in the field of human rights.

The Institute, jointly with the Department of Law at Åbo Akademi University, participates in the post-graduate programme *European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization* (E.MA Programme).

### **Publications**

The Institute publishes works through national and international publishers and engages in publishing activities of its own. In 2003, the Institute's main publication was *Leading Cases of the Human Rights Committee*. The Russian edition of this book was published in April 2004. An Albanian edition is currently being prepared, within the framework of the Finnish-UNHCHR Human Rights Support Programme in Kosovo and a Turkish edition in co-operation with the Istanbul Bilgi University.

The book *Rethinking Non-Discrimination and Minority Rights* was published in March 2004, and a book dealing with the autonomy of the Åland Islands (by Lauri Hannikainen) was published in Swedish in January 2004. Mikaela Heikkilä's book *International Criminal Tribunals and Victims of Crime* will be published in December 2004. In 2003-2004, the Institute was also actively involved in the editing of the *Human Rights in Development Yearbook 2002*. The manuscript was submitted to the publisher (Brill) in autumn 2004.

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## **France**

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### **Présentation**

Le Centre de recherche sur les droits de l'homme et le droit humanitaire (CRDH) de l'Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) constitue le premier pôle universitaire parisien de formation, d'information et de recherche dans les différents champs du droit international des droits de l'homme. Le CRDH est une des principales composantes du Pôle de droit international et européen de l'Université Paris II, mis en place en 2003.

La vocation du CRDH, qui dispose d'un centre de documentation spécialisé, concerne tout à la fois l'animation de la recherche collective et l'encadrement de la recherche individuelle des doctorants rattachés au Centre. Le Centre a, en outre, une activité de formation et d'information en organisant des conférences d'actualités mensuelles. Ses initiatives sont relayées par l'Association des anciens étudiants du CRDH, qui a été créée en 2004.



## Activités

### Journées d'étude

Le CRDH a organisé plusieurs colloques et journées d'études, en privilégiant des partenariats réguliers, notamment avec l'Institut des droits de l'homme du barreau de Paris ou le Centre de droit européen (CDE), qui relève lui aussi du PIE de l'Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II). Ces travaux ont fait l'objet de publications, notamment :

- *La peine capitale et le droit international des droits de l'homme*: Colloque organisé par l'*Irish Center for Human Rights* (21 et 22 septembre 2001), et publié sous la direction de Gérard Cohen-Jonathan et William Schabas. Ed. Panthéon-Assas, 2003.
- *Constitution européenne, démocratie et droits de l'homme*: Colloque organisé par le CRDH et le CDE, (13 et 14 mars 2003), sous la direction de Gérard Cohen-Jonathan et Jacqueline Dutheil De La Rochere. Bruyant, coll. *Droit et Justice*, n° 47, 2003.
- *La réforme de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme*: Journée d'étude organisée par le CRDH et l'Institut des droits de l'homme du barreau de Paris (28 mars 2003), sous la direction de Gérard Cohen-Jonathan et Christophe Pettiti. Bruyant, coll. *Droit et Justice*, n° 48, 2003.
- *L'intervention devant la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme*: Journée d'étude organisée par le CRDH et l'Institut des droits de l'homme du barreau de Paris (18 juin 2004), sous la direction d'Emmanuel Decaux et Christophe Pettiti, à paraître aux éditions Bruyant, coll. *Droit et Justice*.

Le CRDH a également organisé avec le Centre culturel irlandais de Paris et l'*Irish Centre for Human Rights* une série d'événements culturels, les 22-23-24 janvier 2004 marquant le 100<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la naissance de Sean McBride, sous le titre *Vers l'abolition de la peine de mort*. Il compte poursuivre ce partenariat original en 2005, autour du thème des droits des personnes handicapées.

### Colloques internationaux

Le CRDH organise chaque année un colloque international.

Un premier colloque sur *Les Nations Unies et les droits de l'homme, enjeux et défis d'une réforme* s'est tenu les 30 septembre et 1<sup>er</sup> octobre 2004, dans les locaux de l'ENA (av. de l'Observatoire, Paris V). Organisé sous les auspices du Ministère des affaires étrangères et de l'Organisation internationale de la francophonie (OIF), ce colloque a réuni jeunes chercheurs, diplomates, experts indépendants et fonctionnaires internationaux

pour une réflexion d'ensemble sur la crise du système international de protection des droits de l'homme. Les Actes en seront publiés chez Pedone dans la collection de la Fondation Maran-gopoulos pour les droits de l'homme.

Un colloque sur l'OSCE sera organisé en 2005 pour marquer le 30<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de l'Acte final d'Helsinki.

### Publications collectives

Le CRDH participe également à plusieurs projets éditoriaux.

Le CRDH publie depuis 2000 une revue francophone en ligne : *Droits fondamentaux*, avec le soutien de l'AUF ([www.droits-fondamentaux.org](http://www.droits-fondamentaux.org)). Cette revue informatique, qui a un rythme de publication annuel, entend privilégier une approche pluridisciplinaire, comme l'indique son sous-titre « droit – éthique – société » sans négliger pour autant une approche juridique de l'actualité internationale.

Le CRDH assure, en collaboration avec le CREDHO, la responsabilité de la chronique annuelle de jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme (*Journal du droit international – Clunet*).

Des membres de l'équipe participent également à la *Revue des revues* récemment lancée par le professeur Fabrice PICOD pour l'*Annuaire de droit européen*, à paraître aux éditions Bruyant.

Le CRDH est également associé à la publication de l'*Annuaire français de relations internationales* (AFRI) publié par le Centre Thucydide, PIE de l'Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), aux éditions Bruyant.

### Encadrement des doctorants

Le CRDH accueille enfin une quarantaine de doctorants, français et étrangers, préparant une thèse dans le domaine des droits de l'homme. Parmi les thèses récemment soutenues, on relèvera :

- *Le Haut Commissaire pour les réfugiés au XX<sup>e</sup> siècle: dilemmes de protection (de la crise bolchevique à la crise yougoslave)*, Michael Barutciski;
- *La liberté religieuse en Europe*, Claire de Beausse;
- *Les Nations Unies et le Cambodge 1979-2003: autodétermination, démocratie, justice pénale internationale*, David Boyle;
- *La pratique judiciaire interne de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme*, Marina Eudes;
- *Bilan et perspective de la directive « télévision sans frontières »*, Séverine Fautrelle;
- *L'intangibilité des droits de l'homme en droit international public: Régime conventionnel des droits de l'homme et droit des traités*, Olivier de Frouville, publiée chez Pedone (2004);



- *Le Conseil de Sécurité et les droits de l'homme*,  
Gilles Nougaret.

### Réseaux

Le CRDH participe en tant que pôle français à plusieurs réseaux institutionnels: le réseau universitaire sur l'application des deux Pactes internationaux mis en place par l'Union européenne et la Chine (2002-2004), le réseau européen sur la discrimination à l'égard des personnes handicapées (2002-2004), le réseau des Instituts de recherche sur les droits de l'homme de l'Organisation internationale de la francophonie qui a été institué à Beyrouth en 2002.

Il participe également à des réseaux de recherche, comme le réseau sur les droits culturels animé par l'Institut interdisciplinaire d'éthique et de droits de l'homme de Fribourg qui a été mis en place en 2004.

En 2004, le CRDH a pris l'initiative de créer une « Clinique juridique » en partenariat avec l'Institut en Formation en Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Paris, pour préparer en commun des interventions au titre d'*amicus curiae* devant les juridictions nationales et internationales, notamment la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme.

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### Présentation

Le CRDFED est une équipe de recherche intégrée à l'U.F.R. de Droit de l'Université de Caen, reconnue depuis 1991 par le Ministère de l'Education Nationale, de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche. Le CRDFED est une équipe d'accueil du DEA de droit public et des droits fondamentaux depuis 1995 (EA 2132). Il est désormais l'équipe d'accueil de deux masters en recherche: l'un en droit public, l'autre en libertés fondamentales. Il comprend actuellement 15 enseignants chercheurs titulaires.

Les thèmes de recherches du CRDFED concernent les droits de l'homme et les libertés fondamentales en droit international, européen, français et en droit comparé. Ces recherches visent à contribuer à une meilleure connaissance du droit des libertés fondamentales notamment en France et dans l'ensemble des pays européens, ainsi qu'à la diffusion de ces connaissances. En liaison avec les diplômes de 3<sup>e</sup> cycle, les recherches portent notamment sur la théorie générale des libertés fondamentales, la Convention européenne de sauvegarde des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales, la protection juridictionnelle des libertés, le Droit des étrangers et le droit d'asile. Dans le cadre de ses objectifs propres, le CRDFED oriente principalement ses recherches d'une part vers l'analyse des interférences entre droit international, droit européen et droit interne, d'autre part vers l'exploration de certains concepts tels que celui de société démocratique, d'ordre public ou de droit fondamental.

### Activités

Dans la perspective d'un approfondissement des recherches et d'un échange de vues entre les diverses disciplines juridiques, le Centre organise régulièrement des journées d'étude et des colloques, débouchant généralement sur des publications. Les prochains colloques auront lieu:

- le 26 novembre 2004 sur la citoyenneté européenne;
- les 12 et 13 mai 2005 sur l'article 3 de la Convention européenne de sauvegarde des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales.

A côté de ces journées d'études, le CRDF organise également des conférences à vocation interdisciplinaire ouvertes à un large public: étudiants de 3<sup>e</sup> cycle, avocats, élèves avocats, magistrats, membres d'association etc. Ainsi, le Centre a d'abord mis sur pied, en collaboration avec le Mémorial pour la Paix de la ville de Caen, une série de conférences sur l'histoire des droits de l'homme. Ultérieurement, ces conférences se sont orientées vers la question de l'évolution du droit des étrangers et du droit d'asile avec une mise en perspective des réformes actuelles à la fois dans le temps et dans l'espace européen. Ces conférences sont désormais axées sur l'approfondissement de sujets d'actualité liés aux droits fondamentaux.

### Publications

Depuis 2002, le CRDFED édite une revue intitulé *Les Cahiers de la Recherche en Droits Fondamentaux (CRDF)*, dont le contenu sera prochainement disponible sur le site Internet du Centre.



- N° 1, 2002 – « La garantie juridictionnelle des droits fondamentaux »
- N° 2, 2003 – « Surveiller ou punir ? Surveiller et punir », actes du colloque de Caen janvier 2004; publié aux PUC
- N° 3, 2004 – sur le thème de la laïcité.

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### **Présentation**

Le CREDHO, créé en 1990, fonctionne en réseau depuis 1995 avec deux composantes: le CREDHO-Paris Sud et le CREDHO-Rouen. Il entretient des relations avec différents Centres et Instituts des droits de l'homme en France et à l'étranger. Il collabore avec plusieurs ministères français ainsi qu'avec la Croix-Rouge française et le CICR, le Conseil de l'Europe, l'UNESCO, l'Agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie et différentes ONG.

### **Activités**

#### **Sessions d'information**

La 10<sup>e</sup> session d'information du CREDHO sur La France et la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme (jurisprudence en 2003) s'est tenue le 5 mars 2004 à Sceaux, sous la présidence de M<sup>e</sup> Pierre Lambert, Avocat au Barreau de Bruxelles et Directeur de la Revue trimestrielle des droits de l'homme et de M. Anatoly Kovler, Juge à la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme. Cette session correspondait au 30<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la ratification de la Convention par la France. Les Actes seront publiés aux Editions Bruylant à Bruxelles, dans la collection du CREDHO (n° 7). Le programme et un compte-rendu détaillé peuvent être consultés sur le site du CREDHO.

#### **Enseignements et séminaires**

Une table ronde a été organisée le 24 février 2004 par l'IEDP (Institut d'Etudes de droit public) de la Faculté Jean Monnet à Sceaux sur « l'article 6 de la CEDH: enjeux actuels et 'dialogue' des juges ? » entre Paul Tavernier, directeur du CREDHO et Mattias Guyomar, Maître des Requêtes au Conseil d'Etat.

Un séminaire sur les droits économiques et sociaux en Afrique du Sud (*Economic and social rights in South Africa to-day*) s'est tenu le 24 février 2004 à la Faculté Jean Monnet à Sceaux, sous la direction du professeur Christof Heyns, directeur

du *Centre for Human Rights* de l'Université de Pretoria (compte-rendu sur le site du CREDHO).

#### **Projets de recherche**

Les projets de recherche du CREDHO s'ordonnent autour des quatre axes suivants:

- constitution de bases de données informatisées sur les droits de l'homme, les libertés publiques et le droit humanitaire;
- aspects de la judiciarisation des droits fondamentaux en Europe;
- mondialisation et universalité des droits de l'homme;
- mondialisation et pénalisation du droit international.

#### **Publications**

- En collaboration avec le CRDH (Université de Paris II): la Chronique de jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme au Journal du droit international;
- En coopération avec le *Centre for Human Rights* de Pretoria (Afrique du Sud): les *Human Rights Law in Africa Series* (4 volumes parus chez Kluwer; le volume 5 paru en 2004 [2 tomes, 1736 pages] chez Martinus Nijhoff constitue une version consolidée). Le Centre a préparé la version française publiée chez Bruylant en 2002 (XXIII-1312 pages, collection du CREDHO n° 2).
- *Bulletin d'information du CREDHO* n° 14, contenant, notamment, une bibliographie des ouvrages, thèses et articles parus en français sur les droits de l'homme, les libertés publiques et le droit international humanitaire (parution en décembre sur papier et ultérieurement sur le site du CREDHO).
- *Liste des thèses de doctorat sur les droits de l'homme, les libertés publiques, les droits fondamentaux et le droit humanitaire* soutenues depuis 1984 dans les universités franco-phones (disponible sur le site du CREDHO).
- *Bibliographie des ouvrages et articles parus en français sur les droits de l'homme, les libertés*



publiques, les droits fondamentaux et le droit humanitaire depuis 1984 (disponible sur le site du CREDHO).

### **Publications Récentes**

- *La France et la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme. La jurisprudence en 2002*  
Paul Tavernier (sous la direction de), (présentation, commentaires et débats), Bruxelles: Bruylant, 2003, 377 p., coll. du CREDHO n° 5.
- *Chronique de jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme, Année 2003*  
Paul Tavernier et Emmanuel Decaux (sous la direction de), Journal du droit international (Clunet), n° 2, 2004, pp. 651-717.
- *Chronique de jurisprudence européenne comparée*  
Laurence Burgorgue-Larsen (sous la direction de), Revue du droit public, n° 4, 2004, pp. 1051-1118.

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### **Présentation**

L’Institut International des Droits de l’Homme, fondé en décembre 1969 par René Cassin, Prix Nobel de la Paix, a pour but d’oeuvrer en toute indépendance, par l’enseignement et la recherche, au développement et au respect des droits fondamentaux de l’homme et de la démocratie à travers le monde. Son tissu couvre les cinq continents et son enseignement est multilingue (français, anglais, espagnol et arabe).

### **Enseignement**

#### **36<sup>e</sup> session annuelle d’enseignement (Strasbourg, 4-29 juillet 2005)**

Les sessions d’enseignement de l’Institut regroupent chaque année environ quatre cents participants – étudiants de niveau avancé, enseignants et chercheurs, membres de professions juridiques, fonctionnaires nationaux et internationaux, membres d’ONG – provenant d’une centaine de pays. Elles permettent une étude approfondie du droit international et du droit comparé des droits de l’homme ainsi que du droit humanitaire et du droit pénal international sous la direction des meilleurs spécialistes en la matière, originaires de toutes les régions du monde.

Outre les enseignements généraux, la prochaine session sera consacrée au thème spécifique: « La protection internationale des droits des femmes ».

- *Actualité de la jurisprudence pénale internationale à l’heure de la mise en place de la Cour pénale internationale*  
Paul Tavernier (sous la direction de) (coordination: Céline Renaut), Bruxelles: Bruylant, 2004 X-281 p., coll. du CREDHO n° 6, préface de Claude Jorda).
- *Chronique de jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme, Année 2003*  
Paul Tavernier et Emmanuel Decaux (sous la direction de), Journal du droit international (Clunet), n° 2, 2004, pp. 651-717.
- *Chronique de jurisprudence européenne comparée*  
Laurence Burgorgue-Larsen (sous la direction de), Revue du droit public, n° 4, 2004, pp. 1051-1118.

#### **8<sup>e</sup> Cours d’Eté sur les Réfugiés (Strasbourg, 13 -24 juin 2005)**

Les cours d’été sont organisés en collaboration avec le Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés. Professé uniquement en français, ce cours comprend une approche universelle, puis régionale de la problématique de l’asile. Il adopte également une approche plus thématique du sujet en abordant les principaux thèmes de l’actualité dans ce domaine.

Ce cours est destiné à un public international francophone (50 participants maximum). Il est ouvert à des personnes ayant déjà une expérience pratique et/ou théorique en la matière, qui désirent approfondir leurs connaissances ou qui, par leur cursus universitaire ou leur profession, sont susceptibles d’entrer en contact avec les réfugiés ou d’avoir une influence quant à leur protection. Il accueille des participants originaires de tous les continents et provenant de secteurs divers: fonctionnaires nationaux et internationaux, ONG, militaires, journalistes, médecins, avocats, juges, étudiants et professeurs.

#### **Formation permanente**

En partenariat avec l’Ambassade de France à Jakarta, l’Institut a organisé à Strasbourg, du 7 au 26 mars 2004, une *session de formation aux droits de l’homme* destinée à 27 hauts fonctionnaires indonésiens.

Pour la deuxième année consécutive, à la demande de la Fondation Friedrich Naumann et en collaboration avec l’Institut supérieur du management de l’Université de Dakar, l’Institut a



assuré une session extérieure d'enseignement, qui s'est déroulée à Dakar du 6 au 15 septembre 2004. Destinée à un public francophone d'Afrique occidentale (magistrats, avocats, universitaires, militants, ONG), elle a réuni une trentaine de participants.

L'Institut est en relation avec le Ministère marocain de la Justice pour organiser une formation des magistrats et des pourparlers ont été également entamés avec la Roumanie pour la formation de ses magistrats et de ses fonctionnaires supérieurs s'agissant plus particulièrement du droit européen des droits de l'homme. Cet effort pourrait être généralisé, ce qui correspond aux souhaits exprimés par le Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe.

## Publications

Tous les enseignements portant chaque année sur un thème spécifique font l'objet d'une publication dans le cadre de la *Collection de l'Institut* aux Editions Bruylant; par exemple, *La protection internationale de la liberté religieuse* (2001). De la même façon, sont en voie de publication: *Le*

*droit à la vie et Les organisations non gouvernementales et le droit international des droits de l'homme.*

Parmi ses travaux ou séminaires publiés, on signalera pour 2004:

### Collection « Publications de l'Institut international des droits de l'homme », Bruylant

- *L'applicabilité des traités internationaux relatifs aux droits de l'homme en droit interne*, 704 p.

### Collection « Droit et Justice », Nemesis-Bruylant

- *L'application nationale de la Charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples*, 266 p.
- *Droit international, droits de l'homme et jurisdictions internationales*, 152 p.

Sont en voie de publication: *Le rayonnement de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme; Mesures conservatoires et droits fondamentaux; La réforme du système de contrôle de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme par le protocole n° 14. Une étude collective sur Les recours internes effectifs* dans la cadre de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme est également en préparation.

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## Activités

L'Institut des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Bordeaux a organisé, avec l'Institut en formation des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Paris et l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme des Avocats Européens, la remise du 9<sup>e</sup> prix Ludovic Trarieux, attribué à Monsieur Aktham Naisse.

En collaboration avec l'Institut en formation des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Paris et l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme des Avocats Européens, il a également organisé:

- une manifestation de soutien aux Avocats tunisiens le 26 avril 2004, à la Maison du Barreau à Paris;
- une conférence, le 26 mai 2004, sur « la protection du droit de propriété par la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme » à la Maison du Barreau à Paris;

- une exposition consacrée au centième anniversaire de la mort de Ludovic Trarieux, fondateur et Premier Président de la Ligue Française des Droits de l'Homme et du Citoyen.

L'Institut a en outre assuré la publication du journal électronique *Le journal des Droits de l'Homme* (10 parutions par an sur le site de l'Institut).

Il a publié les actes du colloque de 2004: « Quelle Justice pour l'Europe ? », la charte européenne des droits fondamentaux et la constitution pour l'avenir de l'Europe, aux éditions Bruylant.

Enfin, il a lancé, conjointement avec l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme des Avocats Européens, 30 interventions en faveur d'avocats victimes de violation des droits de l'homme dans leur mission de défense.



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## Activités

### Conférences

#### *Liberté de religion et liberté de conscience*

Colloque organisé à la Maison du Barreau de Paris le 11 décembre 2003, à l'occasion de l'adoption en France d'un projet de loi sur la laïcité.

#### *Le respect des droits fondamentaux de l'Avocat en Tunisie*

Colloque organisé à la Maison du Barreau de Paris le 26 avril 2004, avec l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme des Avocats Européens et l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Bordeaux, pour soutenir le Barreau de Tunisie.

#### *La protection du droit de propriété au regard de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme*

Colloque organisé à la Maison du Barreau de Paris le 26 mai 2004, avec l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme des Avocats Européens.

#### *La Tiers intervention devant la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme*

Journée d'étude organisée avec le CRDH de l'Université PARIS II, à Paris, le 18 juin 2004. Consacrée à la tierce intervention devant les juridictions internationales et européennes et en droit comparé.

#### *Les partis liberticides et la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme*

Colloque organisé à la Cour de Cassation de Belgique, à Bruxelles, le 8 octobre 2004, avec l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Bruxelles et l'Institut du Barreau de Bordeaux et l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme des Avocats Européens.

#### *La maltraitance des enfants dans le sport ?*

Conférence organisée à la Maison du Barreau de Paris le 16 novembre 2004.

### Activités avec l'Université

L'Institut a mis en place un groupe de travail et d'intervention (*law clinic*), avec le CRDH de l'Université Paris II et le CREDHO de l'Université Paris XI-Sceaux. Ce groupe a vocation à permettre à l'Institut d'intervenir en qualité d'*amicus curiae* devant la Cour européenne des

Droits de l'Homme ou d'appuyer des plaintes devant les Comités des droits de l'homme.

### Remise du prix Ludovic Trarieux

Partenaire de l'Institut des droits de l'homme du Barreau de Bordeaux, de l'Institut des droits de l'homme des avocats européens, et de l'Institut des droits de l'homme du Barreau de Bruxelles pour la remise du Prix international des droits de l'homme Ludovic Trarieux, décerné en 2004 à Monsieur Aktham Naisse, avocat en Syrie.

### Formation

L'Institut a assuré la formation des avocats stagiaires dans le cadre de l'Ecole de Formation Professionnelle des Barreaux de la Cour d'Appel de Paris, sur le module Pratique du droit international des Droits de l'Homme en collaboration avec Avocats Sans Frontière. Cette formation avait pour thème la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme, la jurisprudence de la Cour européenne, les autres instruments internationaux de protection des droits de l'homme, le TPY et le rôle de l'avocat, l'avocat défenseur des droits de l'homme hors de ses frontières.

L'Institut a également organisé la formation des élèves avocats sur le thème de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme à l'Ecole de formation Professionnelle des Barreaux de la Cour d'Appel de Versailles.

L'Institut a coorganisé une journée de formation, avec la Délégation des Barreaux de France sur Droit communautaire et Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme, à Bruxelles, le 19 novembre 2004.

### Publications

- *Quelle Justice pour l'Europe*

Colloque organisé par l'Institut, en collaboration avec l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme des Avocats Européens, et l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Bordeaux, en octobre 2003, publié dans la collection UAE, aux Editions Bruylant, octobre 2004.



- *La Liberté religieuse et la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme*  
Colloque organisé par l'Institut en

décembre 2003, publié dans la collection Droit et Justice, n° 58, aux Editions Bruylants, novembre 2004.

## Germany / Allemagne

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### Presentation

The Europa-Institute has over 50 years of experience in education which its students benefit from today. The international LL.M. programme "European Integration" – the second oldest programme of its kind in Europe – is a one-year postgraduate law programme in the field of European Union and Community Law. Special study units, on topics such as "European Protection of Human Rights", are dedicated to education and research in the field of European and International Protection of Human Rights.

### Education

The special study unit "European Protection of Human Rights" is an introduction to the prevailing problems and developments in Human Rights Protection. The courses in this special study unit concentrate on the development and realisation of Human Rights in Public International Law and multilateral contracts, the relation between the European Community and the Euro-

pean Convention on Human Rights and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

The Institute's extensive library, which also serves as a European Documentation Centre, contains a large variety of publications in the field of human rights.

### Publications

#### **ZEuS (Journal for Studies on European Law)**

Since 1998, the Europa-Institut has published the Journal for Studies on European law (*ZEuS, Zeitschrift für Europarechtliche Studien*), which replaced the series "Lectures, Speeches and Reports from the Europa-Institut" (*Vorträge, Reden und Berichte aus dem Europa-Institut*). The journal deals with current problems of European Integration, European and International Law and has one of its focal points on European Protection of Human Rights. Contributions are in German, English, French and Spanish.

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### Publications

#### **Berlin Verlag Arno Spitz GmbH, Vol. 22:**

- *Overlapping substantive Guarantees and Control Mechanisms in the International Protection of Human Rights*, Heike Stender

- *Manual on the Individual Complaint Procedure of the Optional Protocol to the ICCPR*, Bernhard Schäfer

### **Human Rights Magazine**

#### **No. 3 (2003)**

- The Relation of the Copenhagen Criteria for Accession to the European Union to the Sit-



- uation of the Roma and other Minorities in Southern Europe
- The Special Court for Sierra Leone
- The Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture

**No. 2 (2004)**

- The Row over the Headscarf – Pleading for “Active Neutrality”
- The Culture of Human Rights – a Philosophical Survey
- The Prosecution of Falun Gong since 1999 – An Assessment under International Criminal Law
- Report on the Activities of the Human Rights Committee (United Nations) in 2003/II

**No. 1 (2004)**

- The Protection of Human Rights in Armed Conflict
- Report on the activities of the Human Rights Committee (United Nations) in 2003/1
- The Judge Case – the Human Rights Committee Changes its Established Practice Concerning Art. 6IICCP
- The Enlargement of the European Community: An Opportunity for National And Ethnic Minorities?

**Conferences**

- *The Legal Protection of Basic Rights in Brandenburg and Bashkortostan*, 16-19 July 2003, Potsdam
- *UN-Conference 2003: The Reform of the United Nations*, 25-26 June 2004, Potsdam

- *Colloquium on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Human Rights Centre of the University of Postdam: Global Demographic Change and the Protection of Human Rights*, 2-3 July 2004, Postdam

**Lectures**

- *Human Rights: Universally accepted or Western Cultural Imperialism?*, Dr. Heiner Bielefeldt, 10 December 2003
- *Human Rights: Indivisible and to be treated with the same emphasis?*, Prof. Georg Lohmann, 12 May 2004

**Selection of papers on the Protection of Human Rights****Vortragsreihe “ausgewählte Fragen des Menschenrechtsschutzes”**

- Islam and Human Rights
- Report on the Activities of the UNI-Group of the German UNA (*Mittendrin statt nur dabei – Bericht über die Aktivitäten der Uni-Gruppe der DGVN*)
- Violence against Women: Trafficking in Women and Genital Mutilation
- Philosophical Aspects of Human Rights and Human Nature
- Multilateral Human Rights Activities of the German Foreign Office
- The Row over the Headscarf – How much Religious Symbolism Agrees with the Secularised State?
- The Role of UNESCO in the Protection of Human Rights

**Greece / Grèce**

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**Presentation**

The Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights (MFHR) was established in 1978 by its current President Professor em. Alice Yotopoulos-Marangopoulos, former Rector of Panteion University and President of the Hellenic Society of Criminology, according to the will of her late husband George Marangopoulos,

President of the Hellenic Supreme Administrative Court.

**Activities****Education**

In 1989, the Marangopoulos Chair was established at the International Institute of Human



Rights in Strasbourg. Since then, every year distinguished professors and experts teach courses at this chair focused on a topical issue during the summer session of the Institute.

The MFHR also undertook the entire organisation of a *UN Model* at Greek High Schools competition.

### **Financial Aid-Awards**

#### **Scholarships**

Grant of scholarship to one University post-graduate student to participate in the 35th Study Session of the International Institute of Human Rights entitled "Freedom of Information in International Law" (Strasbourg, 5-30 July 2004).

#### **Prizes to students**

Annual participation since 1995 in the organisation and awarding of essay and drawing contests concerning refugees, open to all students at the primary and secondary education level, all over the country in co-operation with UNCHR, Athens Office.

#### **Judicial and Extra-judicial assistance**

The MFHR has offered free legal aid to several people whose fundamental human rights and freedoms have been infringed on and who are unable to pay for legal counsel (mainly immigrants and detainees).

### **Youth Group**

The MFHR Youth Group was founded in May 2003, made up primarily of university students, in order to organise activities in the field of human rights. They are currently conducting a study on the *Child Pornography on the Internet*. They have also organised a public debate on "Turkey's entry in the EU" (details below), in which university Professors, former Ministers and deputies, ambassadors and journalists participated.

### **Internet site**

The MFHR's Internet site contains up-to-date news on the situation of human rights in Greece and worldwide, information on events, conferences and seminars on human rights in Greece and abroad, reports and conclusions of International and European organisations, the reports and conclusions of the Greek independent authorities on the situation of human rights in Greece, the case law of the European Court of Human Rights concerning Greece (in Greek and in English/French) and all the recent Greek legislation concerning human rights. Comments on important current human rights issues are published weekly.

### **Conferences/Meetings**

- *Third Exhibition of Voluntary, Humanitarian, Developmental and Environmental NGOs*  
Organised in collaboration with the NGO "Bridges of Friendship" (Athens, 25-26 October 2003)
- *The Crisis of the UN*  
Conference organised by the MFHR on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Athens, 8 December 2003)
- *The Current State of Human Rights in the World: Challenges and Prospects*  
International Conference organised by the MFHR on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the MFHR's activities, (Athens, 13-15 May 2004)
- *Children's World Congress on Child Labour*  
Participation in the Congress, organised by the Global March against Child Labour (Florence, May 2004).
- *Child Labour today in the World and in Greece*  
Press Conference on the occasion of the International Day against the Worst Forms of Child Labour and the Children's World Congress on Child Labour, in collaboration with the Greek General Confederation of Labour (Athens, 30 June 2004)
- *Turkey's entry in the European Union and Human Rights*  
Public Debate organised by the MFHR with the participation of university Professors, former Ministers and deputies, ambassadors, journalists (Athens, 22 November 2004)
- *Human Rights: Terrorism and Anti-Terrorism*  
Colloquium organised by the MFHR on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Athens, 9 December 2004)

### **Publications**

- *Still Burning Witches: Violence on the basis of sexual orientation/gender identity, the facts the laws and the question of protection*  
Nicolaos Tsinonis, Sakkoulas/Bruylant, Athens-Brussels, 2003, 173 p. (in English)
- *L'Intangibilité des Droits de l'Homme en Droit International*  
Olivier de Frouville, Préface: E Dechaux, Editions A. Pedone, Publications de la Fondation Marangopoulos pour les droits de l'homme (FMDH), Série n° 7, Paris, 2004, 561 p. (in French).
- *Freedom of Religion and the European Convention on Human Rights*  
Yannis Ktistakis, Ant. N. Sakkoulas Publish-



- ers, Athens-Komotini, 2004, 406 p. (in Greek)
- *Anti-Terrorist Measures and Human Rights*  
Editors: Alice Yotopoulos-Marangopoulos (MFHR) and Wolfgang Benedek (European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Austria), Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Leiden-Boston, 2004, 378 p. (in English)
- *The Human Rights Committee – Working Methods and Recent Case Law*  
Christiane Bourloyannis-Vralias, Ant. N. Sakkoulas Publishers, Athens-Komotini, 2004, 265 p. (in Greek)

### Library and Documentation Centre

The MFHR, has, since 1979, made a great effort to provide professors, scholars, judges and lawyers and citizens with updated information

concerning human rights law in general and specific topics, as well as to assist undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students to prepare their theses and carry out research. The public has easy access to library services through computer facilities.

The Foundation library has books in five languages: Greek, English, French, German and Italian. Its collection comprises more than 4000 books, yearbooks and periodicals on international law and the protection of human rights as well as the decisions of the European Court and European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg, case law of the Court of Justice of the European Communities in Luxembourg, UN conventions, reports and resolutions, reports and publications of UN agencies, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe and NGOs.

## Hungary / Hongrie

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### Publications

- *Acta Humana No. 1, 2004*  
Articles on the Main Questions of the Protection of National Minorities at European International Fora; Reflections along the Way; Minority Rights Legislation in Central Europe; Certain Aspects of the Right to Work in the Hungarian Ombudsman's Practice; Biometrics and Data Protection; The Right to Water; Immigration: Labour Market and Integration (Report on a European Seminar in Como).
- *Acta Humana No. 2, 2004*  
Articles on: The Concept of International Security in the 21st Century. Dimensions of Human Security; The Right to Security, the Rule of law and Public Safety; The Welfare State, Social Rights and Social Stability; The Protection of Minorities, Freedom of Expression and International Security; The Individual's Responsibility in the Framework of the European Concept of Human Rights; International Efforts to Define Human Duties; Approaches to Individual Responsibility in

the United States; Responsibility of the Individual in Islam; The Relationship between the Individual and the Society in Africa.

- *Acta Humana No. 3, 2004*  
Articles on: "Lawyer of the People" – Hungarian Reform of the System of Legal Aid; Referendum on the EU accession 2003; Equal Opportunities in the System of Structural Funds; Thoughts on the Book of Gábor Kardos *Empty Shell? Some Aspects of the International Protection of Social Rights*; Protection of Soldiers' Human Rights in Europe – How Could Human Rights Be Limited?; The Right to Petition in France, Germany and the Netherlands; The Latest Organisational and Procedural Reform of the Strasbourg Court.

### Research

Research is continuing on various topics of international human rights law, such as the protection of economic, social and cultural rights; the European system of human rights protection in comparison with other regional systems; as well as equality before the law and equal opportunities.



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#### Presentation

The Icelandic Human Rights Center was founded in 1994 by nine organisations and institutions working in various fields of human rights. The purpose and aim of the Center is to collect information on and raise awareness of human rights issues in Iceland and abroad and make human rights information accessible to the public. The Center works to advance respect for human rights and awareness by organising conferences and seminars on human rights issues and by providing human rights education and promoting research. The Center has established the only specialised human rights library in Iceland.

#### Conferences, seminars and lectures

In 2004 the Center held conferences and seminars on the following topics:

- Multiculturalism and Icelandic society
- The work of the United Nations Committee on the Status of Women
- Women migrant workers
- The dissolution of the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia
- The Geneva Conventions in the past and present
- Coercion and disability – limitations in services for disabled individuals
- Violence against women, the law and the right to privacy
- The 1951 Refugee Convention, asylum and gender based persecution

The Center participated in a conference on "Disability in development co-operation" and on "Legal reform to combat gender based violence". The Director gave a lecture on "Human rights and business, towards accountability". In addition, the Center held a special meeting to celebrate its 10th anniversary, where its partners provided their insights and commentaries on the development of the "human rights project" in Iceland and internationally.

#### Human rights awareness – human rights education

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the Center campaigned to raise human rights awareness with Icelandic youth. The Center provided human rights education in the majority of secondary schools in the country.

The Center also gave human rights training sessions in several work places.

It also participated actively in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign and held a seminar on gender-based persecution and asylum and drew up a draft plan of action, in co-operation with other participants in the campaign, to guide authorities in their efforts to combat violence against women in Iceland.

#### Comments on Bills of Law

The Icelandic Human Rights Center comments on Bills of Law presented at the Parliament (*Althingi*), with the aim of ensuring that Icelandic law is in accordance with Iceland's international human rights obligations. In 2004, the Center commented on a Bill on Foreigners, a Bill on Prisoners, a Bill proposing amendments to the Radio Broadcasting Act, No. 53/2000 and the Competition Act, No. 8/1998, on two Bills proposing changes to the Code of Criminal Procedure and a bill on witness and victim protection for victims of trafficking in persons.

#### Reporting

The Center files additional reports with the United Nations treaty monitoring bodies and reports to the Council of Europe. It also drafts reports to the Human Rights committee on Iceland's implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Center provided the Human Rights Committee with insights regarding Iceland's 4th Periodic Report on the implementation of the Covenant in co-operation with Icelandic NGOs and human rights experts.



## Publications

The Icelandic Human Rights Center publishes a human rights reports series on various topics. In 2004 work commenced on a report on the participation of the Icelandic Government in International Co-operation on Human Rights, a report on Human Rights in Icelandic Development Co-operation and a compilation of Decisions of International Human Rights Bodies on

Human Rights. The Center also published *Réttarstaða fatladrá*, a book on the judicial status of disabled individuals in Iceland.

Furthermore, the Center is a limited party to the publication of the Nordic Journal of Human Rights in co-operation with the Nordic Human Rights Institutes and the "Yearbook of Human Rights in Development", which involves the co-operation of several European human rights institutions.

## Italy / Italie

### International Institute of Humanitarian Law



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## Presentation

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law is a private, independent and non-profit organisation, whose prime and fundamental objective is to promote the development, application and dissemination of international humanitarian law in all its dimensions, and thus contribute to the safeguarding and respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the world.

International humanitarian law encompasses all the rules, provisions, practices and efforts intended to alleviate human suffering in difficult situations such as armed conflict and those involving refugees and displaced persons. The Institute is a forum favouring reflection, discussion, exchanges of views and experiences, where research into new approaches in this field is promoted. As an independent organisation, the Institute especially encourages dialogue between governments, organisations and institutions concerned with humanitarian issues, and individual experts.

The Institute comprises about 150 members, mainly lawyers, coming from more than 40 countries of all regions in the world.

## Publications 2004

- *The Two Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions: 25 Years later*  
 Work and conclusions of the 26th Round Table on Current Problems of International Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, 5-7 September 2002
- *International Humanitarian Law and other Legal Regimes: Interplay in Situations of Violence*  
 Work and conclusions of the 27th Round Table on Current Problems of International Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, 4-6 September 2003
- *Les moyens de mise en œuvre du droit international Humanitaire. Etat des lieux, analyse des problèmes et éléments de réflexion*  
 Presented during the works of the 28th Round Table on Current Problems of International Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, 2-4 September 2004



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### Presentation

The International Centre of Sociological, Penal and Penitentiary Research and Studies (Intercenter-Messina) was founded in April 1977 in order to study, using a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach, the different forms of criminality which are in danger of compromising democratic society and which threaten our fundamental institutions.

In practical terms, Intercenter strives to offer research workers, scholars and persons responsible for national and international decisions the possibility of broadening their specific knowledge through the technical and other facilities available, thereby contributing to the study of problems in the world today and to co-operating towards their solution.

### Meetings

- *Peace Studies Conference Sources of Conflict and Prospects for Peace in the Mediterranean Basin*  
Peace Studies Conference organised in collaboration with the University of Messina (March 2004)

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### Présentation

L'Institut international d'études des droits de l'homme, fondé en 1981, a pour but d'oeuvrer, par la recherche, l'enseignement et l'activité scientifique, au développement et au respect des droits de l'homme.

Les quatre sujets principaux de l'activité de l'Institut sont: la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme, la bioéthique, la réaffirmation des droits fondamentaux dans le cadre de l'Union européenne (Charte des droits fondamentaux de l'Union), découvertes scientifiques et innovations technologiques et défense de l'être humain.

L'Institut comprend, actuellement, cinq commissions qui se consacrent, respectivement à l'étude des principes philosophiques et historiques des droits de l'homme, aux procédures devant la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme, à la liberté d'information, à l'étude de

- *Police activity and control of the territory between urban and rural realities*  
Seminar organised in collaboration with the University of Messina (November, 2004)
- *Human Rights and Religions*  
Meeting organised in collaboration with the Institut des Droits de l'Homme de Lyon (December, 2004)
- *New Arab Charter of Human Rights*  
Round Table held in December 2004

### Publications

- *Le Droit fondamental à l'éducation : Les droits et les obligations qui découlent des instruments internationaux*
- *La Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme*
- *Cooperazione Giudiziaria in Materia Penale e Diritti dell'Uomo*

la génétique et les droits de l'homme et à la médecine et les droits de l'homme

### Activités

Parmi les sujets de recherche entrepris durant ces dernières années et qui ont été traités au cours de séminaires, colloques ou tables rondes (souvent par vidéo-conférences), on mentionnera: environnement et droits de l'homme; problèmes relatifs à la Charte des droits fondamentaux de l'Union européenne; la Charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples; le clonage; le droit de recevoir une information objective, pluraliste et diversifiée; liberté de religion et droit international.

Des cours de formation et de perfectionnement sur les droits de l'homme, pour diplomates, policiers et autres professions, sont régulièrement organisés.



En particulier, une activité didactique importante est effectuée par l'organisation de cours en matière de droits de l'homme pour les enseignants du second cycle et pour les médecins en provenance de toute l'Europe. Mention particulière doit être faite d'un très intéressant manuel sur « le médecin et les droit de l'homme ».

Une session d'enseignement d'été sur les droits de l'homme est organisée chaque année. La première session, organisée en collaboration et avec l'assistance du Conseil de l'Europe et du « Central European Initiative » a eu lieu en juillet 2004 à Trieste sur le thème « Démocratisation et citoyenneté dans les pays d'Europe centrale et orientale: La protection des droits de l'homme et des minorités nationales ».

L'Institut a créé en son sein une « Académie Mondiale des Droits de l'Homme », ayant pour but, d'un point de vue du droit et de l'éthique, la promotion d'enquêtes, de recherches et d'études dans le domaine des droits fondamentaux.

Il a aussi créé le « Centre international d'études de bioéthique », responsable de toutes les questions ayant trait à la bioéthique.

L'Institut contribue au rayonnement de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme et d'autres instruments internationaux en matière de droits de l'homme notamment par l'organisation de séminaires, tables rondes, colloques, sur des sujets ayant trait à ces instruments. Il a développé des relations étroites avec les Nations Unies, l'Unesco, le Conseil de l'Europe et l'Union européenne, mais également avec des Organisations non-gouvernementales intéressées aux droits de l'homme, des Instituts internationaux en matière de droits de l'homme, des Instituts de recherche et des Universités dans diverses parties du monde.

## Publications

A ce jour, plus de 50 publications ayant trait aux droits de l'homme ont été publiées par l'Institut.

# Latvia / Lettonie

## Latvian Centre for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies (LCHRES)

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### Presentation

The Latvian Centre for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies (LCHRES) was established in 1993 with a view to promoting human rights and tolerance in Latvia through monitoring, research, advocacy, legal assistance and training activities. In recent years, LCHRES's main focus has been on human rights in closed institutions and social integration, which includes all minority-related and tolerance issues, as they represent the most important problem areas of human rights in Latvia.

### Activities

The LCHRES frequently provides expert opinions both locally (to government, parliament, media, educational institutions, courts, prosecutors and lawyers) and internationally (to embassies and foreign ministries representatives of various countries, and to regional and international organisations, such as European Commission, OSCE, Council of Europe Parliamentary

Assembly, ECRI, etc.). The LCHRES also provides written expertise upon request to domestic prosecutors, security police, courts and lawyers (on incitement, hate speech, language restrictions in media, Criminal Process Code requirements), as well as to the foreign lawyers and courts in refugee cases.

### Accomplishments

Currently the LCHRES is involved in several international projects. "Monitoring Human Rights and Prevention of Torture in Closed Institutions: prisons, police cells and mental health care institutions in Baltic countries" is a 3-year project funded by the European Commission and implemented in partnership with the Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS (Latvia), the Geneva Initiative on Psychiatry (the Netherlands), the regional office in Lithuania and the Mental Disability Advocacy Centre in Hungary. Since 2003 the LCHRES serves as a National Focal point in the European Information Network on Racism and



Xenophobia (RAXEN). Another project, which aims to contribute to the promotion of the implementation of anti-discrimination in Latvia is financed by the Netherlands Ministry of foreign Affairs (MATRA programme) and implemented by the LCHRES in partnership with the Netherlands Helsinki Committee. The project length is 3 years.

### Publications

The LCHRES has published numerous reports, book chapters, papers and articles both

locally and internationally. Every year the LCHRES publishes a Human Rights Report about the main developments and problems of the previous year in Latvia. The LCHRES also provides a daily press digest on integration issues which is available online.

- Annual reports "Human Rights in Latvia" (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, Latvian, English)
- Latvian Language Proficiency and the Integration of Society (Latvian, English)
- The Situation of Roma in Latvia (Latvian, English)
- Diversity in Latvian Textbooks (Latvian, English)

## Luxembourg

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### Présentation

Créé en 2001, à Luxembourg, l'Institut des droits de l'Homme des Avocats européens (IDHAE) regroupe les activités en droits de l'homme de grands barreaux européens au nombre desquels *The Law Society of England and Wales*, l'Ordre français des Avocats du barreau de Bruxelles et le Conseil National des barreaux de Pologne.

### Objet

- l'étude des droits de l'homme et plus particulièrement de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme et ses protocoles ainsi que la Charte des droits fondamentaux de l'Union européenne;
- la formation des avocats en droit international des droits de l'homme en vue de la défense devant les juridictions internationales et notamment les cours et tribunaux pénaux internationaux;
- la défense et les interventions en faveur des libertés et droits fondamentaux de l'avocat sans limitation de frontières;
- l'organisation de manifestations, colloques, séminaires et participation à des publications relatives aux droits de l'homme.

### Activités

#### Prix

Depuis 2003, l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme des Avocats Européens assure la coor-

dination de l'attribution du « Prix International des Droits de l'Homme – Ludovic Trarieux », créé en 1984 par l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Bordeaux, désormais annuel et co-attribué avec l'Institut de Formation en Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Paris, l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Bordeaux et de Bruxelles.

Le prix est remis aux lauréats alternativement dans une des villes où chacun des instituts exerce son activité. La remise du 9<sup>e</sup> prix Ludovic Trarieux, attribué à Monsieur Aktham Naisse, a eu lieu le 8 octobre 2004.

### Manifestations

L'Institut des Droits de l'Homme des Avocats Européens, en collaboration avec l'Institut en formation des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Paris et l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Bordeaux, a également organisé:

- une manifestation de soutien aux avocats tunisiens « La protection des droits fondamentaux des avocats en Tunisie », avec la bâtonnier de Tunisie, le 26 avril 2004, à la Maison du Barreau à Paris;
- le 26 mai 2004, une conférence sur « la protection du droit de propriété par la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme » à la Maison du Barreau à Paris. L'IDHAE a parrainé la conférence organisée à Strasbourg au Conseil de l'Europe, le 24 Septembre 2004 avec l'AFREDH, sur le thème: « l'avenir de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme à la lumière de son



histoire » et la conférence internationale des juristes organisée à la Maison de la Chimie à Paris le 10 novembre 2004 sur le thème « Les listes terrorisme et les droits de l'homme ».

## Publications

L'Institut assure, en coordination avec l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Bordeaux, la publication du journal électronique

*Le journal des Droits de l'Homme* (10 parutions par an, dont tous les exemplaires présentant la jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme, sont en accès libre depuis 2004 sur le site de l'IDHAE).

Il a publié les actes du colloque de 2004: « Quelle Justice pour l'Europe? », la charte européenne des droits fondamentaux et la constitution pour l'avenir de l'Europe, aux éditions Bruylant.

# Netherlands / Pays-Bas

## Maastricht Centre for Human Rights

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## Presentation

The Maastricht Centre for Human Rights was formally established in 1993 by professors Theo van Boven and Cees Flinterman. The Centre combines the research activities in the field of human rights of the staff members of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law. Most participants in the Centre belong to the International and European Law Department and the Criminal Law Department but some come from the Constitutional Law Department and the Private Law Department. The Centre forms part of the Netherlands Research School for Human Rights together with its sister institutes at Erasmus University Rotterdam, Tilburg University, Utrecht University and the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague.

The Centre's activities concern three broad areas: international human rights law, criminal law, and women and the law. In these fields, the Centre organises conferences and lectures, sponsors publications and assists in grant applications. Among its best known achievements are the Limburg Principles on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1986) and the Maastricht Guidelines on Violations of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1997). Some members of the Centre are also involved in the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization (Venice). This is a multidisciplinary and intensive one-year academic program that reflects the indivisible links between human rights, democracy, peace and development.

## Activities

### Inaugural lectures

On 24 April 2003 Jan Willems delivered his inaugural address “A world fit for children”: From charity towards shared responsibility” on the occasion of his appointment to the first Dutch chair of Children's Rights, established by The Dutch Section of Defence for Children International, at the Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam.

On 10 October 2003 Taru Spronken delivered her inaugural address “*A place of greater safety: Reflections on a European Charter for Criminal Defense Lawyers*” on the occasion of acceptance of the special chair of criminal defense at Maastricht University established by the Dutch Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

On 10 December 2003 (Human Rights Day) Fred Grünfeld, the newly appointed professor in the field of causes of human rights violations at Utrecht University, gave his inaugural lecture entitled “Early Action by Bystanders to Prevent Wars and Violations of Human Rights”.

On 29 April 2004 André Klip delivered his Inaugural Address in recognition of his appointment as Professor of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Transnational Aspects of Criminal Law at the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University.

### Conferences and meetings

- The Extraterritorial Scope of Human Rights Treaties (23-26 January 2003)  
This Expert Seminar was hosted by the Maastricht Centre for Human Rights. The



purpose of the Seminar was to discuss this topic and draft a number of principles on the extraterritorial scope of human rights treaties which could contribute to the development of international human rights law and act as guidelines for the behaviour of states and monitoring by human rights treaty bodies.

- *Informal Meeting on Positive Obligations related to the Right to Life and Prohibition of Torture under the ECHR and American Convention on Human Rights (28 March 2003)*

### **Gender and Gender-mainstreaming in Human Rights Research**

On 16 May 2003 a Ph.D. network-day was organised at Maastricht University on this topic.

### **Consultation with Research and Training Institutions on UNESCO's Overall Strategy on Human Rights**

From 13-14 June 2003 a consultation was initiated by UNESCO and organised in close co-operation with the Maastricht Centre for Human Rights and the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights. Some 20 experts representing academic research and training institutes in the field of human rights from all over the world, as well as four representatives of UNESCO Headquarters (Sector of Social and Human Sciences) took part in the consultation. The aim of the meeting was to discuss a draft strategy proposed by UNESCO on human rights, as well as strategies on poverty and on gender equality. In addition, a session was held concerning suggestions and ideas for a future academic research agenda.

### **National Criminal Law Day 2003: Security or Retribution?**

On 20 June 2003, the National Criminal Law Day was held at Maastricht University. The day was divided into three sessions. The first session dealt with substantive criminal law, the second revolved around the topic of criminal procedure, and the third dealt with the assessment of penalties and penology.

### **Human Rights Defenders: Legitimacy and Accountability of Human Rights NGOs**

On 11 December 2003 the Maastricht Centre for Human Rights, together with the Dutch development co-operation organisation HIVOS, organised a meeting and discussion with prominent human rights defenders.

### **Conference on Privitisation and Human Rights**

From 6-9 May 2004 an expert meeting on Privatisation and Human Rights took place in Venice, Italy. A major international follow-up conference on this topic will be held in Maastricht on 25 February 2005. The conference will consider privatisation initiatives in areas such as drinking water, health services, social security, prisons and security services and their compatibility with international human rights standards. For further information please visit the Centre's website.

### **A world in transition and its impact on human rights**

On 14 May 2004 the Ph.D. Network Day organised at Maastricht University focused on the general theme of a world in transition and its impact on human rights. The meeting attempted to provide an oversight of the various changes that have occurred during the last 15-20 years with regard to international criminal law, criminal law in post-communist countries, and the changing role of the state as a result of globalisation and privatisation as well as discussing the challenges and opportunities these changes present for human rights.

### **Criminal Law in European Dimensions**

On 26 and 27 August 2004 an Expert Meeting took place at Maastricht University on this theme.

### **Annual Research Day School of Human Rights Research**

On 29 October 2004 the Annual Research Day of the School of Human Rights Research was organised at Maastricht University. This year's meeting was devoted to the theme of Domestic Violence. The written contributions for this meeting will be published at the beginning of 2005.

### **Publications**

- *Temporary Special Measures, Accelerating de facto Equality of Women under Article 4(1) UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women*  
Boerefijn, F. Coomans, J. Goldschmidt, R. Holtmaat & R. Wolleswinkel (eds.), Intersentia, Antwerp/Oxford/New York, 2003



- *In staat van uitlevering*  
Smeulers, diss., Intersentia, Antwerp/Oxford/New York, 2003
- *A world fit for children: From charity towards shared responsibility*  
J.C.M. Willems, Inaugural address delivered on the occasion of the appointment to the first Dutch chair of Children's Rights, SWP: Amsterdam 2003 (48 pp.), ISBN 90-6665-521-6
- *Extraterritorial Application of Human Rights Treaties*  
F. Coomans & M. Kamminga (eds.), Intersentia, Antwerp/Oxford/New York, 2004

## Norway / Norvège

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#### Presentation

The Norwegian Centre of Human Rights (NCHR) was established in 1987 and is a founding member and current secretariat of the Association of Human Rights Institutes, where it also currently has the chairmanship.

#### NCHR as a national human rights institution

As a national institution the NCHR strives to foster greater awareness and monitor the fulfilment within Norway of internationally adopted human rights standards. Furthermore, it works to provide consultation, education and information on matters concerning human rights and initiate independent human rights related research activities.

#### A centre which promotes rights-based development

The Centre is involved in a number of projects to strengthen human rights within Norwegian development assistance and international co-operation. This involvement is based on the Centre's own research and that of partner institutions. The projects span widely both geographically and thematically, and contribute to strengthening basic competence levels in Norway in several areas. Geographically, these areas are mainly linked to China, South Africa, Ethiopia and Indonesia; thematically, to democratisation (the NORDEM project, see below), dialogue on religion (Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion or Belief), and the Right to food.

#### Activities

##### Research

The NCHR is a university centre at the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo. Approximately 25 researchers, among those a number of Ph.D. students are employed. In addition to studies of legal aspects of human rights, research is also directed towards political, economic, social and cultural conditions for the realisation of human rights. Researchers are partly organised into discipline-based groups (law, social sciences) and partly into interdisciplinary research projects.

##### Teaching and Training

The Norwegian Centre of Human Rights has implemented higher education and training initiatives, primarily at the University of Oslo. At present, the Centre offers the following educational programmes:

- *Master of Philosophy in The Theory and Practice of Human Rights*  
An international two-year Master's degree programme on human rights, including 6 advanced courses open to students holding a bachelor degree.
- *Introduction to Human Rights Law*  
A new continuing education course for teachers at universities and colleges
- *An Internet-based course for employees of the Norwegian Foreign Service*
- *Electives in international human rights law and international humanitarian law for law students*

#### NORDEM

The objective of NORDEM (Norwegian Resource Bank for Democracy and Human Rights) is to make Norwegian personnel available for in-



ternational assignments which promote democracy and respect for human rights, including election observation missions and monitoring of democratisation processes.

## Library

The NCHR library holds an extensive up-to-date collection of human rights literature. It is open to the public, and the main parts of collection may be searched in the national library system BIBSYS (online at <http://wgate.bibsys.no>).

## Publications

NCHR offers two publication series:

- *The NORDEM Report*  
Reports on activities related to NORDEM.
- *Research Notes*  
A series of essays, articles and research works in progress.
- *Nordisk Tidsskrift for Menneskerettigheter/Nordic Journal of Human Rights*  
A journal published jointly with the other Nordic human rights institutes and a number of NGOs.

## Poland / Pologne

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### Summer Course: International Protection of Human Rights

Since 1992 the Centre has organised two-week-long summer courses. Originally it was a part of the TEMPUS project conducted jointly with the Maastricht University in the Netherlands. Recently the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) in Utrecht and Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden have also become involved. The Course is designed to meet the needs of young lawyers, law students, students of European studies and international affairs as well as persons who have contact with human rights on a daily basis. Lecturers and participants come from throughout Europe. In the process of selecting participants, organisers try to ensure that at least 50% of students come from post-communist countries, in particular from the former Soviet Union. The 12th edition of the course took place in Poznań between 8 to 17 September 2003. The course was organised by the

Poznań Human Rights Centre and the Foundation Human Rights Promotions – Research and Teaching with financial support from the Council of Europe and co-operation with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden. The course was completed by 25 students.

### Seminars and Conferences

On 12 September 2003 an academic conference to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Poznań branch of the Institute of Legal Studies took place. The session presented the Institution's academic achievements and its plans for the future. The proceedings have been published in a book: *Prawa Czowieka, Prawa Rodziny (Human Rights, Family Rights)*.

On 21-22 June 2004, in co-operation with Stefan Wyszyński University, an academic conference was held in Radziejowice (near Warsaw). The conference subject was "Human Rights in the 21st century – challenges for law protection".



# Portugal

## Bureau de Documentation et de Droit Comparé de l'Office du Procureur-Général de la République

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#### Présentation

Le Bureau de Documentation et de Droit Comparé de l'Office du Procureur-Général de la République est une entité dépendante de l'Office du Procureur-Général de la République, spécialisée en droit international, et plus particulièrement dans le domaine des droits de l'homme. Ses missions comportent notamment le traitement de l'information disponible en droit international, l'appui en termes d'expertise et d'information à toute entité nationale (notamment le Ministère des Affaires étrangères, mais également tout particulier, chercheur ou étudiant) ou étrangère qui le sollicite.

- Parmi ses activités récentes, on relèvera:
- l'organisation de stages, collectifs et individuels (les stages collectifs prenant la forme de séances d'approche aux droits de l'homme pour plusieurs étudiants en fin de formation universitaire, les stages individuels consistant à accepter des jeunes ayant achevé leur formation universitaire pour un travail de fonctionnaire au Bureau, pendant quelques mois, sans rémunération);
  - la poursuite de la mise sur pied d'une importante bibliothèque spécialisée dans les domaines de son activité, qui complète celle de l'Office du Procureur-Général de la République (la plus importante bibliothèque juridique du Portugal après celle de la Faculté de Droit de l'Université de Coimbra);
  - la mise à disposition, sur Internet, de ses activités ainsi que de la documentation d'organismes internationaux et des textes des instruments juridiques internationaux les plus importants ainsi que des références à tous les traités signés et ratifiés par le Portugal. Sur un lien intitulé « Le Portugal et les Droits de l'Homme », est publiée la liste des arrêts de la Cour Européenne des Droits de l'Homme dans lesquels une violation de la Convention a été établie ou un règlement amiable conclu ainsi que des arrêts dont l'importance a justifié une traduction en portugais. Dans le cadre de la

Décennie pour l'éducation en matière de droits de l'homme, a été organisée, notamment, toute une activité de traduction et de diffusion en portugais – et parfois en Braille – de matériaux relatifs aux droits de l'homme: la cassette vidéo du Conseil de l'Europe « Debout pour les droits de l'homme ! »; du matériel relatif au 50<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la Déclaration universelle des Droits de l'Homme, des recueils de textes officiels internationaux et de matériel de formation relatifs aux droits de l'homme, les « Séries des Nations Unies » sur les droits de l'homme ont été distribués et sont en cours de distribution; toute une activité de traduction des « Séries des Nations Unies » sur les droits de l'homme, une sélection des traités européens et autres matériels.

#### Publications

Dans le cadre de la Décennie, ont été traduites en portugais et diffusées (ou en voie de l'être) les « fiches informatives » suivantes sur les droits de l'homme:

- Mécanismes des droits de l'homme;
- La Charte Internationale des Droits de l'Homme (publiée);
- Les services consultatifs et d'assistance technique dans le domaine des droits de l'homme (rév. 1);
- Les méthodes de lutte contre la torture (publiée);
- Le Programme d'action pour le seconde décennie de lutte contre le racisme et la discrimination raciale;
- Disparitions forcées ou involontaires (publiée);
- Procédures de communication;
- Campagne mondiale d'information publique sur les droits de l'homme (rév. 1);
- Les droits des peuples indigènes (rév. 1);
- Les droits de l'enfant (rév. 1, publiée);
- Exécutions extra-judiciaires, sommaires ou arbitraires (rév. 1, publiée);
- Le Comité pour l'Élimination de la Discrimination Raciale;



- Le Droit international humanitaire et les droits de l'homme (publiée);
  - Les formes contemporaines d'esclavage;
  - Droits civils et politiques: le Comité des Droits de l'Homme;
  - Le Comité des Droits Economiques, Sociaux et Culturels;
  - Le Comité contre la Torture (publiée);
  - Les Droits des minorités;
  - Institutions Nationales pour la promotion et la protection des droits de l'homme (publiée);
  - Droits de l'homme et réfugiés (publiée);
  - Le droit à un logement convenable (publiée);
  - Discrimination contre les femmes: la Convention et le Comité (publiée);
  - Pratiques traditionnelles qui affectent la santé des femmes et des enfants;
  - Les droits des travailleurs migrants;
  - Évictions forcées et droits de l'homme;
  - Le groupe de travail sur la détention arbitraire (publiée);
  - Dix-sept questions fréquentes sur les rapporteurs spéciaux des Nations Unies. Dans la Série « Formation Professionnelle des Nations Unies », ont été publiés en portugais:
  - Droits de l'homme et service social;
  - Droits de l'homme et élections;
  - Droits de l'homme et détention préventive;
  - Institutions nationales de droits de l'homme;
  - Droits de l'homme et application de la loi;
  - Manuel sur les méthodes de formation aux droits de l'homme.
- D'autres publications ont été effectuées, comme celle du livre de Michel Deyra relatif au « Droit international humanitaire ». La publication du Service des Etrangers et des Frontières, intitulée « Vers un système commun européen d'asile: Conférence Européenne sur l'Asile » a été mise sur le site Internet du Bureau.

## Human Rights Centre of Ius Genitum Conimbrigae



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### **Presentation**

Created in the year 2000, the Human Rights Centre of the *Ius Gentium Conimbrigae* (HRC/IGC) works essentially towards the promotion, protection and development of human rights education through the regular organisation of seminars, conferences, summer courses, post-degree courses, as well as the support of human rights related research.

### **Activities**

All the initiatives of the HRC/IGC are intended to be a place for the exchange of ideas and reflection of the national and international environment associated with human rights. To further this purpose the Centre organises teaching activities as well as research projects, and continually seeks partnerships and co-operation with other entities.

### **Post-graduate Course**

The Post-graduate Course in Human Rights and Democratisation works simultaneously as an integrated part of the *European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation*, organised by an

associated group of 29 Universities across the European Union, as well as an autonomous post-graduation course for other participants. With working languages of both English and Portuguese, the course is characterised by its multidisciplinary approach to the issues of human rights.



Group course at the Centro de Direitos Humanos,  
Ius Genitum Conimbrigae

### **Annual Summer Course**

The Annual Summer Course is an extraordinary opportunity for cultural exchange, given the great number of students and lecturers attending from all over the world. Taught in English, the course has an average of 50 students each year, hailing from approximately 20 different coun-



tries. The topic of this year's Summer Course (21-30 July 2004) was "Human Rights and International Litigation".

### Fall Conference

Since 2001, another annual initiative of the Center has been the "Fall Conference", an event that focuses on a current theme in the Human Rights field. The last conference was held on 9 December 2004 on the topic "Economic, Social and Cultural Rights".

### EU Network of Experts in Fundamental Rights

Regarding international co-operation, the HRC is part of the EU Network of Experts in Fundamental Rights, whose aim is to ensure a high degree of expertise in relation to each of the Member States and the European Union as a whole. Every year the HRC produces an annual report on how fundamental rights are safeguarded in practice in Portugal, as well as thematic opinions on specific questions asked by the European Commission.

### Portuguese Online Encyclopaedia in Human Rights

This innovative contribution to human rights education gathers together national and international legal instruments, doctrines, human rights manuals, jurisprudence, reports, and other important instruments for the protection and promotion of human rights at: [www.fd.uc.pt/hrc/encyclopedia/index.html/](http://www.fd.uc.pt/hrc/encyclopedia/index.html/).

### Publications

Although some of the publications of the Centre are still in development, others are already a reality. In 2001, the Centre published a study under the theme "EU Fundamental Rights Charter". As a result of two conferences organised by the IGC, one in 1997 (dedicated to the "Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries") and the other in a joint effort with Mário Soares Foundation and IDPEE (Economic and European Criminal Law Institute) in 2002, the Centre recently launched the books "Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries" and "International Criminal Court and the National Jurisdiction".

Forthcoming publications will concern women's human rights and children's rights.

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### Activités

#### Conférences et séminaires

- Cours et ateliers de travail « Les droits de l'homme et les obligations des fonctionnaires de l'administration dans la relation avec le citoyen », organisés par l'IRDO en collaboration avec le « Club de Cheia – Victor Dan Zltescu ».
- Symposium international sur « la liberté religieuse et les relations inter-religieuses dans la perspective de l'intégration européenne », organisé par l'Association de défense de la liberté religieuse « Conscience et Liberté », en collaboration avec l'IRDO.
- Symposium international sur « La Journée internationale des Droits de l'Homme », organisé par l'IRDO à l'occasion du 55<sup>e</sup>

anniversaire de la Déclaration universelle des Droits de l'Homme.

- Lancement du volume « La jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme » à l'Université Spiru Haret de Braov, suivi par une table ronde avec les enseignants et les étudiants, organisée par l'IRDO.
- Séminaire international sur « L'implication de l'Etat dans la protection des personnes appartenant aux minorités nationales – leçons du passé », organisé par l'Association de Droit International et Relations Internationales, en collaboration avec l'IRDO.
- Cours de formation de formateurs pour les droits de l'homme à l'intention des pédagogues spécialisés dans l'étude des méthodes d'enseignement, organisé par la Maison du corps enseignant du départe-



ment de Mure en collaboration avec l'IRDO.

- Cours préparatoire à l'intention du personnel des forces d'ordre public appartenant au Ministère de l'Administration et de l'Intérieur – Direction générale de la réglementation juridique et du contentieux – concernant les documents juridiques internationaux, les droits de l'homme et le droit humanitaire, organisé par ledit Ministère en partenariat avec l'IRDO.
- X<sup>e</sup> édition de l'Université Internationale des Droits de l'Homme sur le thème « la conclusion de la période de transition de l'harmonisation des instruments et institutions roumains consacrés à la protection et promotion des droits de l'homme au niveau des standards internationaux, à la conclusion de la première Décennie mondiale de l'Education aux Droits de l'Homme », organisée par l'IRDO en collaboration avec l'Association pour les Nations Unies en Roumanie et le « Club de Cheia Victor Dan Zltescu ».

## Publications

- *Revue des Droits de l'Homme*, n<sup>os</sup> 3 et 4/2003 et n<sup>os</sup> 1, 2 et 3/2004
- *Info-IRDO*: Bulletin d'information mensuel (n<sup>os</sup> 8-12/2003 et 1-9/2004)
- *Les droits de l'enfant et des jeunes – Les instruments nationaux* (2<sup>e</sup> édition révisée et enrichie)
- *Les principaux instruments internationaux concernant les droits de l'homme auxquels la Roumanie est partie – Les instruments régionaux* (6<sup>e</sup> édition révisée et enrichie)
- *Les principaux instruments internationaux concernant les droits de l'homme auxquels la Roumanie est partie – Les instruments internationaux* (7<sup>e</sup> édition révisée et enrichie)
- *Fighting racial discrimination – aspects*
- *La jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme*, IV<sup>e</sup> édition traduite en roumain, correspondant à la VIII<sup>e</sup> édition en français
- *Rapport sur l'évolution de la protection et de la promotion des droits de l'homme en 2003*
- *Standards européens et l'Institut Roumain pour les Droits de l'Homme*
- *La bioéthique: moyens et voies d'action*

## Serbia and Montenegro / Serbie-Monténégro

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### Presentation

The Belgrade Centre for Human Rights was established in February 1995 by a group of human rights experts and activists as a non-profit, non-governmental organisation. The main purpose of the Centre is to study human rights and humanitarian law, to disseminate knowledge about them and to educate individuals engaged in these thematic areas. The Centre hopes thereby to promote the development of democracy and rule of law in Serbia and Montenegro, other successor states of the former Yugoslavia and societies in transition from authoritarian to democratic rule.

The activities of the Centre can be divided into four areas: educational programs; publishing activities; human rights monitoring; and research and study activities.

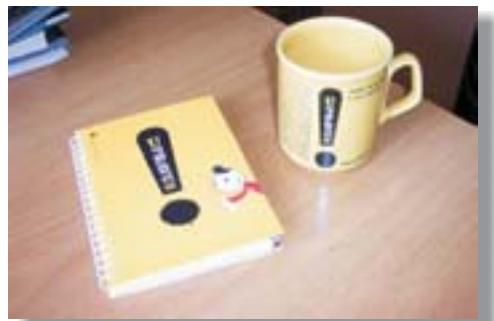
### Activities

#### Youth Group

The Youth Group of the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights was established in 1998 by the younger associates of the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights. It is a group of volunteers and consists of young students from the law and other social science faculties. They work together on



the promotion of the ideas of democracy, equality



*"You have right!"  
Public information campaign on Serbian law*

and tolerance, and the promotion of fundamental rights and freedoms of youth in Serbia. The Youth Group is a member of the Central Europe Youth Forum, and since 1999 has been a member of the South East Europe Youth Network, SEEYN. The Youth Group is also responsible for the booklet entitled "You have right! – A guide through Serbian laws" (more on [www.upravusi.org](http://www.upravusi.org)), of which the third edition is in preparation.

### **Internship programme**

Since the year 2000, the Centre has hosted more than 30 interns from Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, USA, the United Kingdom and Switzerland, as well as from former SFRY countries. Apart from working on their own research, interns contributed to the Centre's activities. Three unpaid internships are available for 2005 to provide research possibilities for students who wish to gain in-depth knowledge on human rights issues in Serbia.

### **Activities 2004**

- Human Rights in Serbia and Montenegro 2003 – Annual Report (supported by the Royal Netherlands Embassy in SaM with a help from the Embassy of Swiss Confederation in SaM).
- Draft Version of the Law on Asylum.
- Promoting the participation of civil society in public budgeting linked to trafficking in human beings (in co-operation with Catholic Relief Services, Office in Belgrade).
- Seminars on the European Convention on Human Rights for judges (in co-operation with the AIRE Centre, London, and the Council of Europe).
- Training for Yugoslav lawyers to appear before the European Court of Human Rights (in co-operation with the AIRE Centre, London, and the Council of Europe).
- ECHR Training for NGO Lawyers: procedure, case law, and the role of NGOs (in co-operation with the OSCE Mission to SaM).

- Training for lawyers in international individual complaints procedures and shadow reporting mechanisms in the UN system (in co-operation with the OSCE Mission to SaM).

- Training on UN Special procedures and affirmative action measures in international law (in co-operation with the OSCE Mission to SaM).

- Training on ECHR substantive rights and convention principles (in co-operation with the OSCE Mission to SaM).

- Advancing the legal culture in Serbia (in co-operation with the Association of Judges of Serbia; supported by the Fund for Open Society).

- National Judicial Bodies Competent for War Crimes Prosecutions and the ICTY – Public opinion survey (supported by the Fund for Open Society).

- Human Rights School: Training of Trainers for Students and Young Professionals (supported by Olof Palme International Centre).

- Seminar on human rights for journalists (supported by Olof Palme International Centre).

- Seminar on human rights for parliamentarians (supported by Olof Palme International Centre).

- Follow-up seminar for former students of the Regional Advanced Programme on the Equal Status and Human Rights of Women and the Regional Advanced Programme on Human Rights (in co-operation with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency).

- Seminar on international law for judges (criminal law: supported by CIDA).

- Seminar on international law for judges (civil law) and members of administration (supported by CIDA).

- Seminar on international law for members of government ministries (supported by DIFD).

- Seminar on international law for attorneys at law (supported by DIFD).

- Seminar on international law for judges and members of government ministries (supported by DIFD).

### **Ongoing**

- Human Rights in Serbia and Montenegro 2004 – Annual Report (supported by the Royal Netherlands Embassy in SaM with a help from the Embassy of Swiss Confederation in SaM).



- Retraining lawyers in Transition countries of southeast Europe (supported by Norwegians' People Aid).
- Redress in Action – Comprehensive rehabilitation, legal representation of and advocacy for torture victims – forcibly mobilised refugees from Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina currently residing in Serbia and Montenegro (in co-operation with International Aid Network).
- Human Rights of Disabled Persons (in co-operation with Human Rights Centre, University of Sarajevo; supported by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs).
- Campaign for Anti-discrimination Legislation (supported by Swedish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights).
- The National Human Development Report for Serbia (in co-operation with the Economics Institute; supported by UNDP).
- Training seminars on the European Court of Human Rights (in co-operation with the Human Rights Committee Valjevo; supported by the Fund for Open Society).
- Human Rights in Reality and Cyber Space (supported by US Embassy in Belgrade).

## Publications

The Centre has published 64 books. Among them are volumes devoted to specific issues, two university level textbooks on human rights and humanitarian law, collections of essays on human rights and humanitarian law, collections of international human rights documents, translations of works of foreign scholars, translations of the reports of the UN Special Rapporteur for Former Yugoslavia, a draft constitution for Serbia, a model media, asylum and ombudsman laws, a report on economic and social rights in FRY, annual reports on human rights in FRY for 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003, etc.

The Centre has established branch offices in the interior of Serbia with the aim of making them self-sustainable regional organisations. Former branch offices in Nis, Uzice, Priboj and Kraljevo have in the meanwhile become independent. In addition, the Centre is one of the founders of the Balkan Human Rights Network. In 2002 the Belgrade Centre was admitted to the Association of European Human Rights Institutes.

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#### Activities

The Institute of Human Rights organised a Permanent Seminar on human rights from March to May 2004 in Pamplona. The agenda of the Permanent Seminar was as follows:

- The priority of respect: how our common humanity can ground our individual dignity;
- Family and Human Rights;
- The correlation between Human Rights and Human Duties;
- Person and Human Dignity.

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#### Presentation

The Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights is located in Bilbao, in the Basque Country, and is a part of the University of Deusto. The Institute was created in 1996 as a response of the University to the social demand for critical reflection based on a culture of human rights and peace in a democratic society.

The Institute's priority areas of work are the protection of human rights, international humanitarian assistance, the right to development, migration, the rights of peoples and minorities, peace and conflict resolution and questions of gender.



## Activities

### Programme of teaching

#### *NOHA Master/Expert programme in International Humanitarian Assistance*

The efficiency and effectiveness of international humanitarian aid requires a greater and better professionalisation of its actors and agents. In response to these needs, seven universities of the European Union offer a unique series of inter-university postgraduate programmes, specialised in training experts in international humanitarian assistance.

#### *European Masters in Human Rights and Democratisation*

As an interdisciplinary programme, the Masters reflects the indivisible links between human rights, democracy, peace and development. Courses cover subjects as varied as law, international relations, political science, sociology and philosophy. The aim of the programme is to train high level professionals in the field of human rights and democratisation. The graduates in this programme will be prepared for employment as academics, managers and representatives in the field of inter-governmental, governmental and non-governmental organisations.

### Ongoing research

#### *Systemisation of experiences in human development*

This research work is being carried out in conjunction with the Fundación Alboan and Heoga. The aim is to improve practise work in Human Development by drawing on the experience of different organisations and groups.

#### *Crisis and Humanitarian Aid in Guatemala*

In this first stage, the research project of the Crisis and Humanitarian Aid group will focus on Guatemala. This project will be dealt with from the point of view of human rights (Human Rights Approach) and sustainable livelihoods (Sustainable Livelihoods Approach).

### Awareness programmes

#### *Basic texts in International Humanitarian Assistance and Development*

The basic teaching material of the Masters Programme in International Humanitarian Assistance is collected in a few texts known as "Blue Books" or "Modular Books". These texts have been produced by the teaching staff of the European universities of the NOHA (see above), integrated into the HumanitarianNet, the Thematic Network for Humanitarian Development Studies. Their publication is supported by the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the European Union (ECHO) and offers relevant original materials

that develop the different aspects of international humanitarian assistance.

### *Monographs*

This collection gathers the fruit of specific research teams on topics related to human rights and their fulfilment in social reality, as well as the result of doctoral theses that have centred equally on these questions. Therefore, it tries to offer a wide range of studies characterised by their academic rigor.

### *Deusto Notebooks on Human Rights*

With an approach more oriented to current affairs than the previous lines of publications and in a smaller format, the Notebooks cover relevant and current matters in the area of human rights as a quarterly publication.

### *Collaborations with the Deusto Forum*

The Deusto Forum collection groups the cycles of conferences that this Forum of the University organises on the most relevant social questions. Some of the contents of this collection are issued in collaboration with the Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights.

### *Other publications*

- *Humanitarian Action and Human Rights Annual* (2004- )
- *Public Assessment by the Institute of Human Rights of the Situation of Human Rights in the Basque Country* (2004)

The Institute also publishes works in collaboration and co-edition with other institutions. It has a joint publication with the Thematic Network on Humanitarian Development Studies. Co-editions of various books have been produced with the Humanitarian Studies Unit and the Institute also publishes monographs related to human rights in collaboration with the Gipuzkoa Regional Council.

### *Documentation*

The Institute has a documentation and research centre equipped with computers to consult a database implemented with the help of the Department of Justice of the Basque Government. The bibliographical funds are deposited in the Central Library of the University. Collaboration agreements are maintained with human rights documentation centres worldwide.

### *Conferences, seminars, etc.*

The Institute organises conferences, seminars and gatherings in order to inform the general public and raise awareness regarding the work of people involved in the field of human rights. The Institute carries out different activities every year, either individually or in collaboration with other non-governmental academic centres and institutions.



Apart from the regular conferences or round tables, the Centre organises, in collaboration with several NGOs, "Essential Africa", an annual event held in Bilbao. This includes conferences, exhibitions, storytelling, films and a concert. Moreover, the Institute participates alongside the students from the Master's Degree in International Humanitarian Action in the annual conference organised by the Gernika Gogoratz Research Centre in Gernika.

In the region of Gipuzkoa, and in collaboration with the Regional Council, the Institute organises courses on human rights, lectures focused mainly on the analysis of conflicts of general interest and an annual congress.

### **Programme of action-intervention**

#### ***Human Rights training programme for Latin American Indigenous Peoples***

In the year 2000, and as a result of contacts between the Institute and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, a complementary project was drawn up so as to collaborate in Spanish language training for representatives of Latin American indigenous peoples, with a view to their active participation in United Nations forums. Thus was born the Human Rights Training Programme for Latin American Indigenous Peoples. This initiative, in parallel with the one in French at the University of Dijon in France, is the only one of its kind in the world.

#### ***Postgraduate course in Ecuador on Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights***

The postgraduate course on Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights, which is given at the first indigenous university in Ecuador (UINPI) and enjoys the participation and advice of the In-

stitute, is an intercultural enterprise favouring higher education for indigenous peoples.

The lecturing staff is varied and made up of lecturers from the University of Deusto and UIN-PI, as well as others from universities that support the initiative, such as the Central University of Ecuador and the University of Seville.

#### ***Humanitarian Action Contact Group***

The Institute co-ordinates and encourages this Humanitarian Action Contact Group, an initiative that unites people with practical experience who belong to Spanish NGOs working in the field of humanitarian assistance and/or development. The aim of this group is to form joint thought and reflection, to encourage the exchange of experiences and information for mutual learning and bring about an improvement in the sphere of Humanitarian Action. The gatherings, which always include an important guest speaker, are held every three months.

#### ***Other activities***

Among the activities in the programme of action, the following, either recently completed or still in progress, stand out:

- Preparation of a report for the Rigoberta Menchu Foundation in order to support the High Court legal action taken for genocide in Guatemala.
- A proposal for participation in the programme for temporary refuge for people defending human rights in Colombia, organised by AIETI (Research and Specialist Association on Latin American Issues).
- Technical-legal advice for the South Colombian Bolívar Opinion Tribunal.
- A human rights monitoring programme in Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombia, in collaboration with the Alboan organisation.

## **Sweden / Suède**

### **The Stockholm Institute of Public and International Law**



#### **Activities**

#### **Sporrong Lönnroth Moot Court Competition**

During the Spring Term 2004 the Institute organised another session of the Sporrong Lön-

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nroth Moot Court Competition. The finals took place on 12-13 June 2003. The competing teams of law students represented universities from Nordic countries.



## Publications

- *Det Sporrong Lönnrothska Priset XX Årsrapport och Epilog, Reykjavik 12-13 juni 2004.*

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### Presentation

The British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR) is a small independent charity based in London which raises awareness and understanding of the importance of human rights. The BIHR works for some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable communities in the UK, seeking to ensure that the principles of equality, dignity and respect are incorporated into practice and policy at all levels of public service.

### Objectives

The BIHR's stated objectives, which underpin all our work, are to increase public awareness and understanding of human rights; enable vulnerable and marginalised groups to understand and claim their rights effectively; increase awareness of and adherence to human rights standards by policy-makers in their work, and; encourage adherence to all international human rights law. The overall mission of the BIHR is to create a culture based on respect for human rights.

### Activities

#### Community Outreach Programme

The Community Outreach Programme delivers human rights training free of charge to voluntary and community groups working with disadvantaged and vulnerable people and is tailored to the needs of individual organisations. It focuses on the impact that human rights have on specific sectors. The programme is currently providing training for groups working with refugees and asylum seekers, people living with mental health problems, disabled people and older people who are disadvantaged by poverty, social exclusion, illness or disability.

The BIHR has also received funding to produce a series of Community Outreach Guides. These are sector-specific booklets on human rights, aimed directly at service users of the core groups we work with. The guides will express complex ideas in a simple and accessible way for service users.

The BIHR also provides training directly to public sector bodies involved in the delivery of services to vulnerable people such as social service and housing departments in local government authorities.

#### Human Rights Policy Research Programme

From working directly with the voluntary and public sector through our Community Outreach Programme, the BIHR is able to identify evidence of human rights concerns that affect the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in society. We use this knowledge in our policy and research and public education programmes to raise awareness of the issues and persuade government, parliamentarians and policy makers to take positive action to protect the human rights of these marginalised groups.

The BIHR is a member of several policy forums including the UK Ministerial/NGO Forum that meets periodically with the Minister responsible for human rights to discuss issues of common concern. The BIHR has also developed a strong relationship with the parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, and has submitted evidence to several of its inquiries in the last year.

#### Public Education Programme

The BIHR runs numerous lectures and panel discussions on human rights in order to encourage informed debate about how human rights have, or could have, an impact on society. The



programme also aims to encourage a greater sense of ownership on the part of the general public in relation to human rights.

#### **Lunchtime Lectures**

The 2004-05 Lunchtime Lecture series is the 19th consecutive series of lectures that the BIHR has held. All lectures are open to the public and free of charge as the series aims to bring issues concerning human rights to a wide audience and provide a platform for a range of speakers to discuss the potential impact of human rights on a variety of topics.

#### **Sieghart Lecture**

The Sieghart Lecture takes place annually in memory of the great contribution made by Paul

Sieghart to the advancement of human rights in the UK. In July 2004 the Rt. Hon. the Baroness Hale of Richmond gave a lecture entitled *What can the Human Rights Act do for my mental health?*

#### **Panel discussions and conferences**

The BIHR frequently holds panel debates and conferences in response to significant policy debates impacting on human rights. Recent events have included: *Health and Human Rights: from Compliance to Culture* (March 2004); *The ouster clause in the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Bill* (February 2004) Joint BIHR/ILPA Panel Debate; *Terrorism, Internment and Human Rights post-September 11: Conflict or Common Sense?* (December 2003)

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### **Presentation**

Established in 1993, the University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC) now has a substantial record of achievement in the design and delivery of human rights research, technical co-operation and training in the fields of human rights and international criminal justice.

### **Courses**

HRLC runs annual in-depth "Human Rights Short Courses" on international human rights generally and, in 2004, it initiated a similar short course on International Criminal Justice. The courses are three and six months in duration and are designed to provide human rights activists, government officials, lawyers and others with an intensive exposure to the international human rights system. It also runs occasional shorter courses.

During the period 2003-2004, HRLC ran the following courses:

- International Criminal Court Course, Nottingham, June 2003;
- Workshop as part of the Rights-Based Municipal Assessment Project, Bosnia, August 2003;
- Chinese Legal Practitioners' International Human Rights Law Course, Nottingham, October-December 2003;
- General International Human Rights Law Course, Nottingham, October-December 2003;

- International Criminal Justice Course, Nottingham, January-March 2004;
- International Criminal Court Course, Cape Town, June 2004.



Participants in the International Criminal Court Course, Cape Town, June 2004

### **Conferences and workshops**

- *Trafficking in Persons: Problems and Remedies* Nottingham, June 2003
- *Developing the Notion of Human Rights* Annual human rights student conference
- *Human Rights in Development* Nottingham, March 2004

### **Projects**

HRLC undertook the management of several externally funded projects which included:

- "Rights Based Municipal Assessment Project", UNDP funded project for the monitoring of human rights compliance in Bosnia;



- UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office funded Human Rights project for Iraqi Ministry of Human Rights officials;
- Preparation of a book on Human Rights in Post-Conflict Situations, to be published by Manchester University Press;
- Establishment by HRLC's International Criminal Court Unit of a database of national legislation implementing the ICC Statute.

### Other Activities

- HRLC awarded bursaries to the value of 10,000 euros to students to take NGO internships.
- HRLC members attended a dinner for Mary Robinson, former UN High Commissioner

for Human Rights, when she was awarded an honorary degree by the University of Nottingham, July 2004.

### Publications

- *Human Rights Law Review*, vols. 2 and 3, and the *Student Supplement* to vol. 3, published by University of Nottingham Press;
- *International Human Rights Reports*, vols. 10 and 11, published by the Human Rights Law Centre;
- *Yearbook of the European Torture Convention*, vols. 8 and 9, published by the Human Rights Law Centre.





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