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Ceremony of the Awarding of Diplomas of the “European Master in Human Rights and Democratisation” Academic year 2021/2022



The Ceremony of the Awarding of Diplomas of the European Master’s Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation (EMA, Global Campus Europe) for the academic year 2021/2022 and inauguration of the

26th course, academic year 2022/2023, will be held on Sunday 25 September at 16.00 at Scuola Grande di San Rocco in Venice (also available in live streaming in the Global Campus social media channels).

Welcoming the graduates, students, professors and partner organisations will be Veronica Gomez, President of the Global Campus of Human Rights, Manfred Nowak, Secretary General of the Global Campus of Human Rights, Maria Laura Picchio Forlati, Scuola Grande di San Rocco, and local authorities.

The keynote speakers will be Paul Lemmens, Former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights and Founding Member of the EMA Programme, Friederike Tschampa, EEAS - Deputy Head of Division, Human Rights and Democratisation, and Vladimir Slivyak, Co-founder of Ecodefense and Right Livelihood Laureate 2021; the Ceremony will be accompanied by the music played by Interpreti Veneziani.

The Ceremony will mark an important moment of recognition and sharing of the accomplishments of the Global Campus of Human Rights, the network composed by 100 universities worldwide specialised on human rights education, from which EMA is the flagship programme in Europe. Participating in the Ceremony will be the representatives of the partner universities; rectors and professors of the EMA participating universities; professors from the regional hubs of the Global Campus; and representatives of some among the international organisations and other authorities which actively cooperate with the programme, including in particular the European Union - the main supporting institution of the Global Campus of Human Rights– and the Right Livelihood Foundation.

Among important moments of the Ceremony will be: the [EMA Alumni Award 2022](#), introduced by Jessica Fiorelli, President of the EMA Alumni Association - the award is a glass sculpture entitled “Collective Memory” generously donated by artist Koen Vanmechelen and Fondazione Berengo; and the Award of the 2022 GC Visual Contest “Business activity and impact on Human Rights: challenges and hopes for a better future”, won by Kathryn MacPhee for the picture “The Dance”.

The Global Campus will give a Medal of Honour to the late Daniela Napoli, Co-Founder of the EMA Programme.

INSTITUTIONAL MESSAGES:

Manfred Nowak, Secretary General of the Global Campus: *"The Global Campus is proud to start again the academic year of the European Master in Human Rights and Democratisation (EMA) and to do so with a higher number of students than last year. It is remarkable that we will welcome among the students and speakers of the Ceremony, many human rights defenders. Their experience is of inspiration to many young people engaged in this particularly difficult historical moment in raising awareness on different international crises"*.

Elisabetta Noli, Administrative Director of the Global Campus: "*The Graduation Ceremony of this year celebrates the work of many students who, despite all difficulties of going through the pandemics, the challenges posed to human rights protection by our war-thorn world, and all obstacles posed to daily defending human rights in all communities, have endured in this efforts, and are ready as graduates to continuously uphold the values learned through human rights education*".

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