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## Dr. Angela Melchiorre is the new E.MA Programme Director for the ac.year 2011/2012

The EIUC/E.MA Governing Bodies are happy to announce the appointment of **Dr. Angela Melchiorre** as the new **E.MA Programme Director** of the European Master in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA) for the academic year **2011/2012**. With 15 years of experience in academic, governmental and non-governmental human rights work, Dr. Melchiorre brings a wealth of knowledge, skills and enthusiasm to the Programme.

In her last assignment as **Research Coordinator for the Right to Education Project within ActionAid International** in London, she led strategic research on rights-based approaches to education, gender, development and extreme poverty. In this role she also enjoyed teaching the **online course on the right to education offered by HREA**. Before joining ActionAid, she worked as **Lecturer in Human Rights on the MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights at the University of London**, developing in particular the practice-oriented component of the course.

Prior to that experience, she was **Human Rights Advisor for the Italian Permanent Mission at the UN** in Geneva and New York, chairing multilateral negotiations on the rights of the child and on Afghanistan. In her personal capacity, she also worked as a consultant for UNESCO-IBE, the first **UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education Prof. Katarina Tomaševski**, and **UNICEF-Italy**.

Dr. Melchiorre's **areas of expertise are the right to education, the UN human rights system, and children's rights**. She is the author of **At what age... are school-children employed, married and taken to court?**, a worldwide comparative analysis of minimum ages under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (third edition in print). As a spin-off from this work, she wrote her PhD thesis on child

marriage and the CRC.

Dr. Angela Melchiorre's history with the E.MA Programme speaks by itself of her commitment: she graduated from the course in 2000, worked as E.MA tutor in 2000/2001, was awarded the E.MA Internship in 2001, participated in the E.MA Fellowship in 2003, and acted as Geneva liaison officer for the E.MA Fellowship in 2004.