

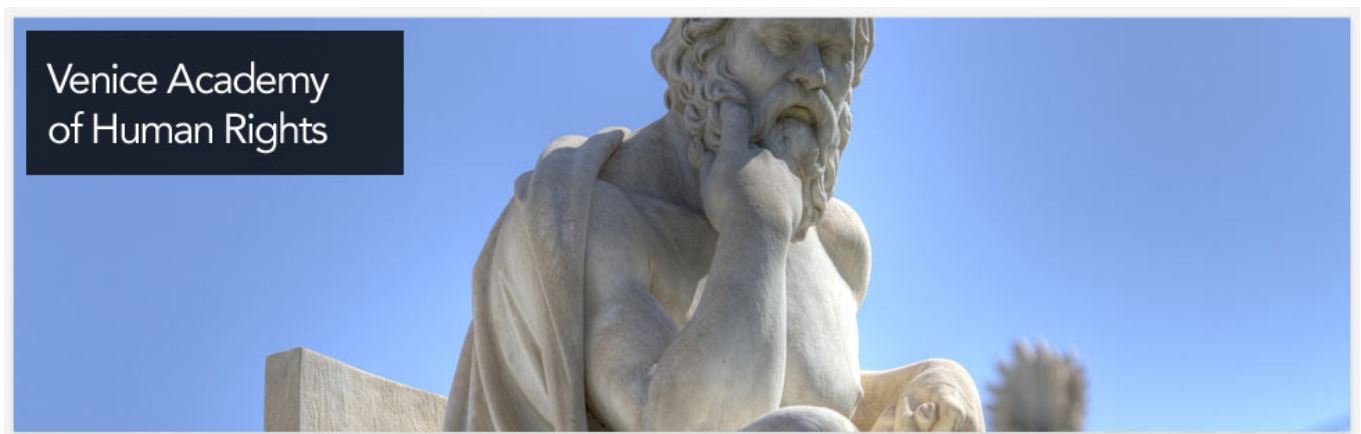
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## EIUC Venice Academy of Human Rights - Obligations of States



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## Theme: Obligations of States

Processes of supra- and sub-State integration and disintegration have provoked a “translation” of traditional State-centred concepts from various disciplines to regional, international and “multi-level” spheres. While it has become fashionable to herald a post-Westphalian, post-national or post-sovereign era, there are also signs and voices that highlight the continuing importance of the State.

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