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Venice School of Human Rights: Hauwa Ibrahim, European Parliament's Sakharov Prize

Hauwa Ibrahim, Nigerian human rights lawyer who won the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize in 2005, has a key lecture during the [Opening of the Venice School of Human Rights](#) and she participates at the roundtable discussion with Manfred Nowak, Andrew Anderson, Ryszard Komenda, moderated by Florence Benoît-Rohmer.

Hauwa Ibrahim was especially cited for her pro bono work defending people condemned under the Islamic Shariah laws that are in force in the northern Nigerian provinces, including her defence of Amina Lawal, Safiya Hussaini and Hafsatu Abubákar. From the brochure of the Sakharov Prize ceremony describing the prize, Ibrahim, and her work: "*Hauwa has been a Visiting Professor at Saint Louis University School of Law and Stonehill College, a World Fellow at Yale University, a Radcliffe fellow, and a fellow at both the Human Rights Program and the Islamic Legal Studies Program at Harvard University. While a Radcliffe fellow, Ibrahim adopted an interdisciplinary approach to delve into the theoretical foundations of Shariah law and examine how they have influenced legal practice, which has, in turn, affected the human rights of women in West Africa. Her research led to the book Practicing Shariah Law: Seven Strategies for Achieving Justice in Shariah Courts, published in January 2013*".

[The Venice School](#) intends to highlight that the respect for human rights is the responsibility of all, that« Human Rights are our responsibility ». Courses are scheduled to take place in Venice at the premises of the European Inter-University Centre in Human Rights and Democratisation over a period of 9 days (24 June - 2 July 2016). The courses will be taught in English by internationally recognised experts in the fields of human rights belonging to EIUC's partner universities and other organisations that support EIUC projects and endeavors.

Participants will benefit from an extremely rich cultural environment including visits to museums, galleries, churches and the Venice Biennale. Finally, they will be able to relax and enjoy walking along the Lido beaches or cycling around the island once the courses finish in the afternoon.

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