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18 July 2009: Diplomatic Conference on The impact of the global economic crisis on human rights



The **2009 Diplomatic Conference on The impact of the global economic crisis on human rights** took place in Venice on 18 July 2009. It discussed the impact of the global financial and economic crisis on human rights. Specific focus was devoted to themes such as the environment, social rights and the impact on civil society.

The aim of this conference was to reflect on how to put human rights principles and not only economic interests at the heart of crisis responses and global economic governance.

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The Diplomatic Conference 2009 saw the participation of:

- Ms Elinor Hammarskjold (President of the Cohom),
- Prof. Luigi Condorelli (University of Florence),
- Mr. Morten Kjaerum (Director of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency),
- Prof. Attila Tanzi (University of Bologna),
- Mr. Olivier de Schutter (University of Louvain-la-Neuve, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food),
- Prof. Zdzislaw Kedzia (Adam Mickiewicz University, Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)
- Prof. Horst Fischer (EIUC President).

The EIUC Diplomatic Conference is every year devoted to an exploration of topical issues in the area of human rights and democratisation. It brings together academics and experts from the EIUC participating universities and associated organisations, EIUC Advisory Board members, members of the EU COHOM group, and human rights and democratisation experts from the EU institutions.

The conference coincided with the day of the Redentore Festival in Venice and concluded with a viewing of the spectacular fireworks over the Venice lagoon. For further details please contact Ms Alberta Rocca, EIUC External Relations Manager.