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## **Inauguration of the first Master in Democratic Governance Democracy and Human Rights**

On Monday, 9 February 2015, the [Master in Democratic Governance \(DE.MA\)](#) - Democracy and Human Rights in the MENA Region (DE.MA), the first master's programme specialised in the field of democratic governance and human rights with a focus on the Arab world, was officially opened at the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation.

The EIUC Secretary General, Florence Benoît-Rohmer, the DE.MA Programme Director, Professor Mohsine El Ahmadi as well as Prof. Mudar Kassis from Birzeit University, responsible of the first thematic section entitled Democracy and Rights, welcomed the students of this first edition of the DE.MA.

They highlighted the unique nature of this programme which signals an important cooperation among the universities of the DE.MA network, with the potential to grow in terms of academic institutions and students involved for the creation of high-profile experts in the fields of democratic governance and the protection of human rights.

The Masters' international nature is evident in the wide range of our students' different nationalities, while the unique mix between theory and practice is ensured by the combination of workshops, clusters and a second semester spent in one of the partner universities with Internship opportunities and the completion of a research project.

The inauguration ended with a welcoming dinner where students shared a more relaxed atmosphere and time with their Programme Director and professors.

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