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"They defend our freedoms: 30 years of the Sakharov Prize" - Photo Exhibition

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The [Global Campus of Human Rights](#) is glad to announce the **Opening** of the photo exhibition [“They defend our Freedoms”](#) marking the **30th anniversary of the European Parliament Sakharov Prize for**

Freedom of Thought.

Since 1988 the **European Parliament** has been awarding the **Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought** to individuals and organisations that have made an exceptional contribution to the fight for human rights. To celebrate the **30th anniversary of the prize**, the **European Parliament**, together with **Magnum Photos**, that is also celebrating its 70th years anniversary, presents a new documentary project that profiles four human rights activists from around the world. **They Defend our Freedoms - 30 years of the Sakharov Prize** gives a voice to these unsung heroes, presenting an immersive journey into their daily lives as seen through the diverse perspectives of **Magnum photographers**.

The exhibition will open in conjunction with EIUC's Venice School of Human Rights **(9 - 16 June 2018)** which, since 2016, has hosted up to **14 Sakharov fellows** selected by the **European Parliament** to attend the **Sakharov Fellowship training programme** for human rights defenders. In Venice, Fellows will receive a specific training on policies and tools in support of human rights defenders, accessing funding, developing communications skills, and raising awareness of specific security challenges.

The **Venice School of Human Rights** was born in **2010** with the goal of studying **today's challenges in the field of human rights**. It allows its participants coming from all over the world to list these challenges and examine their reasons and possible solutions they can deploy. The EIUC Venice School at the same time, combines theory and practice and its faculty involves both academics and practitioners. The Venice School intends to highlight that the respect for human rights is the responsibility of all, that "**Human Rights are our responsibility**".

The Photo exhibition will be open from Monday 18 June to 5 September 2018 at the premises of the European Inter-University Centre in Human Rights and Democratisation located at the **Monastery of San Nicolò** in **Lido-Venice**. With this public event, the institution will also pay tribute to the 70 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00

Free entrance

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