Every day, thousands of people fight around the world for human rights. They are activists, public servants, community leaders, and artists. Human rights defenders have a thousand different faces and it is within everyone’s reach to join the fight. Every year, the students of the European Master’s Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation (EMA, Global Campus Europe) organize a Human Rights Festival.
This year, **Human Rights Defenders** are the focal point of the event.

We are celebrating a double anniversary. In 2018, it is the **20th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders** and the **70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights**.

**8 December 2018**
Location:  
Palazzo Michiel (European Cultural Centre)  
Strada Nuova - 4391 Campo Santi Apostoli, 30121 Venezia, Italy

Event Schedule
Facebook event

11:00 - 11:30  
Introduction: Words of Welcome

11:30 - 13:00  
"The long fight for LGBT rights and its impact in the evolution of HR is Spain"  
Joaquín Pérez-Arroyo (Treasurer, Member of the Board of COGAM, Association of LGBT+ people of Madrid)

14:30 - 16:00  
“Nuclear Disarmament and Human Rights”  
Nadja Schmidt (Director for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Austria)

16:30 - 18:15  
Film: Remember Baghdad about the Iraqi Jewish Community, introduced by Edwin Shuker & Panel Discussion:  
"Situation of Iraqi Minorities and ISIS Crimes"

Moderation: Mirza Dinnayi  
Speakers:  
1. Lamya Haji Bashar, Sakharov Prize Laureate 2016;  
2. Edwin Shuker, Am Iraqi Jewish Leader, Board Member of British Jewish Community;  
3. GianMatteo Apuzzo, Coordinator of the project "Let's Give Yazidis a Future," University of Trieste and Friuli Venezia Giulia Region;  
4. Barakat Isa, a Yezidi Journalist;

18:30: Workshop (Ita - Eng) by Amnesty International- Gruppo Giovani Venezia

20:00: Coctail by Orient Experience Orient Experience II

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