UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA

EMA Director

Prof. Paolo de Stefani

Fields of competence: International law of human rights.

Other academics involved in EMA 2017/2018

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The university and the city

The city: According to the myth, Padua was founded by Antenor, an asylum seeker from Troy. An important Roman town under Augustus, it constituted a "Comune" in the XII Century. Ezzelino da Romano and the Carrara family were among its lords in the Middle Ages, before the Republic of Venice incorporated the town in its mainland territory. After the fall of the Republic (1797) and the Austrian rule, in 1866 the town was annexed to the kingdom of Italy. Starting from the early years of the XX Century, a new period of economic growth began, thanks to the development of industry, trade and tertiary services. Today Padua is the most important economic-managerial pole in North-East Italy. For more information visit the website of the Tourist Office (http://www.turismopadova.it/en) and the dedicated page of the Padua University website (http://www.unipd.it/en/discovering-padova-0).

The University: The origins of the University of Padova date back to 1222. The commitment of the University of Padua in the field of human rights was restated in art. 1 of the 1995 Statute: « (…) the University of Padova emphasises its pluralistic nature and independence from any influence or discrimination of ideological, religious, political or economic type. It promotes the advancement of culture founded on universal values such as human rights, peace, respect for the environment and international solidarity».
With almost 65.000 students and about 4.000 teachers and researchers in a city of about 215.000 inhabitants, Padua can be defined a university town. There is no campus system and the University buildings are scattered throughout the centre and in neighbour areas. More information on the Padua University website: www.unipd.it/en.

The Human Rights Centre of the University of Padova: established in 1982, it is the venue of the "Peace human rights" database of the Region of Veneto. In 1997 the Centre promoted the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (EMA) in Venice, being its coordinator until 2002. Since 1999 the Centre is home to the UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Democracy and Peace; it is Jean Monnet centre of excellence, and member of the Association of human rights institutions (AHRI). It publishes the "Italian Yearbook of Human Rights". The Centre supports BA and MA in human rights taught at the Padova University and since 2015 coordinates the international joint PhD in "Human Rights, Society and Multi-level Governance". The Centre collaborates with governmental institutions, NGOs, intergovernmental organisations, as well as with other academic institutions. Visit the website at: unipd-centrodirittiumani.it

Websites:

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Second semester courses

Courses available for EMA students: MA courses (in English), study trips.

The teaching programme includes two components:

A. **Courses**, in English, in the framework of the MA in "Human Rights and Multi-level Governance", March-June 2018 (minimum 6 ECTS). EMA students can choose among the following courses:
    - Human Rights and International Justice, Prof. Costanza Margiotta (6 ECTS);
    - Women's Human Rights, Prof. Paola Degani, (6 ECTS);
    - European Union Law and Human Rights, Prof. Paolo Piva (6 ECTS);
    - History of International Organisations, Prof. Lorenzo Mechi (6ECTS)

    Syllabuses are available at http://didattica.unipd.it/off/2017/LM/EP/EP1980.

    EMA students may take different classes in the framework of other MA Courses taught in Padova, with the permission of the EMA Director. See complete list of classes offered in English in the academic year 2017-18 at http://en.didattica.unipd.it/catalogues.

B. **Study trip to Geneva** (3 credits): a 4-day visit to the UN Office of the Human Rights High Commissioner and other human rights related international institutions and NGOs (May 2018).

Attendance to classes and to the study trip is compulsory.

Research support and facilities: In February, March and May three "**thesis talks**" seminars with the EMA Director will be organised to provide methodological guidance and technical support. They are not part of thesis supervision, which is provided individually. EMA students have full access to the library system of Padua: see below.

EMA students are entitled to receive **support for their research** in form of reimbursement for travel and accommodation expenses related to their thesis research, subject to agreement with the EMA Director. Students are also entitled to submit book purchase proposals to the Human Rights Centre's secretariat, upon agreement with the EMA Director. Books are acquired to the Centre's library after use by the concerned student.

During the semester, a cultural day-trip in the Veneto region is organised for the EMA group. EMA students are warmly invited to attend cultural and academic events organised by the Human Rights Centre, including those organised in the framework of the Doctorate in human rights and multilevel governance.

Optional study opportunities: EMA students may attend any class held at the Padua University. They may also enrol free of charge to the Italian language courses for foreign students organised by the Padova University language centre. Interested students should enrol on line before February 2018 at: http://cla.unipd.it/en/courses/italian-courses/.

Deadline for enrolment in the courses: No formal enrolling procedure is required.
Welcome meeting (and reception): 22 February 2018, at 5 PM, the Human Rights Centre.

Examination procedures: Students will be assessed according to the rules of any attended courses (oral or written test – specific arrangements are made with the lecturers in order to complete all examinations by end of May). As regards the **study trip**, students submit to the EMA Director a short paper (2000 words) by end of May. The 2nd semester single comprehensive mark is agreed between the course lecturers and the EMA Director.

Thesis

Research areas:
- International relations – theoretical approaches, issues in the Euro-Mediterranean space
- International law of human rights, humanitarian and criminal international law
- Rights of the child
- Women's rights and Violence against women, including Trafficking for sexual, labour and other forms of exploitation
- Rights of refugees, asylum seekers, separated children in Italy and Europe
- National and local institutions for human rights
- Peace and human rights education policies
- Human rights and intercultural dialogue, including religions and human rights

Thesis supervision: Thesis supervision can be provided in the above-mentioned research areas. Supervisors are lecturers of the University of Padova, not necessarily affiliated to the Human Rights Centre. Supervision can be in English or French, according to teacher's availability.

Library

At the Centre's venue students find a small, specialised library. EMA students have also full and free access to all Padua University and city Libraries (see: http://www.unipd.it/en/libraries-0) including their on-line journals, books and databases (activation of a proxy required: information will be given in the thesis seminars), and the international book loan service. For an overview of the on-line resources available to Padua students visit http://www.unipd.it/en/research/line-resources).

Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs

NGOs:
• Italian Association of NGOs;
• Italian Committee of the Red Cross;
• Save the Children–Italy;
• Amnesty International;
• Institute of Humanitarian Law (Sanremo)
• Geneva for Human Rights, and other NGOs based in Geneva
• The Peace Table (Perugia);
• National Council on Disability.
• EOI (European Ombuds Institute),
• ILO (Instituto latinoamericano del Ombudsman)

National Organisations:
• Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Department on Equal Opportunities;
• Italian Senate's Human Rights Commission;
• Italian Regional Ombudspersons and Children's Rights Commissioners;
• National Observatory on Childhood and adolescence;
• Italian society for the international organization (SIOI);
• Italian Unicef Committee.

IGOs:
• OHCHR; UNESCO; COE; OSCE; UNICEF-IRC Innocenti.

Administration and logistics

Information concerning visa arrangements: provided on this page: http://www.unipd.it/en/research/international-scholars/welcome-desks (the Welcome Desk of Padua University). In particular, students may address the SAOS - Servizio accoglienza ospiti stranieri (Foreign Welcoming Service): Palazzo Bo - via VIII Febbraio, 2 - 35122 Padova; tel. +39 049 827 3077 fax +39 049 8273203; e-mail: saos@unipd.it. Opening hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 11.30 - 13.00; Tuesdays and Thursdays 15.30 - 17.00. General information can be found at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs web site: http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/

Students with special needs may find support at the University of Padova. Information at http://www.unipd.it/en/node/234.

IT and study support: At the Human Rights Centre EMA students can print for free (up to a reasonable amount of paper) and have Wi-Fi access. Opening hours: from Monday to Thursday, 9h30-17h30. Photocopy facilities are also available. Students have access to the University study rooms and the Wi-Fi connection (see location of study rooms and Wi-Fi hotspots at http://www.unipd.it/en/research/line-resources/wifi).