



E.MA Director

[Prof. Paolo de Stefani](#)

Fields of competence: Human rights international law.

Other academics involved in E.MA 2016/2017

Paola Degani, Pietro De Perini, Giuseppe Giordan, Costanza Margiotta, Marco Mascia, Lorenzo Mechi, Vincenzo Pace, Antonio Papisca, Paolo Piva, Claudia Pividori.

The university and the city

The city: According to the myth, Padua was founded by Antenor, an asylum seeker from Troy like Aeneas, who founded Rome instead. An important centre of the Veneti, Padua became the second richest city of the Empire under Augustus. 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 managerial pole in North-East Italy.

The University: The origins of the University of Padua date back to 1222. The commitment of the University of Padua in the field of human rights was restated in art. 1 of its Statute: "the University of Padua 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 67.000 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 neighbourhood areas.

The Human Rights Centre of the University of Padua: established in 1982, it is the venue of the "Peace human rights" database of the Region of Veneto. In 1997 the Centre promoted E.MA 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 Padua 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, and academic institutions worldwide.

Second semester courses

Courses available for E.MA 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", Feb-Jun 2017 (minimum 6 ECTS). E.MA students can choose among the following classes:

- 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 (6 ECTS)

Syllabi are available at: <http://en.didattica.unipd.it/offerta/2016/EP/EP1980/2013>. Classes starts either on Feb 27 or in mid-April. Attendance of other MA classes may be proposed to the E.MA Director. See complete list of classes offered in English in the academic year 2016-17 at: <http://en.didattica.unipd.it/catalogues/2016/EP>.

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 2017).

Attendance of classes and of the study trip is compulsory.

Websites:

<http://www.unipd.it/en/>

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Research support and facilities: Three “thesis talks” with the EMA Director will be organised to provide methodological guidance. They are not part of thesis supervision, which is provided individually. E.MA students have full access to the library system of Padua. Each E.MA student is entitled to receive reimbursements for travel and accommodation expenses related to her/his thesis research, subject to agreement with the E.MA Director. Each student is also entitled to submit **book purchase proposals** to the Human Rights Centre’s secretariat, upon agreement with the E.MA Director. Books are acquired to the Centre’s library after use by the concerned student. During the semester an excursion to a cultural destination is organised for the E.MA group. E.MA students are invited to attend cultural and academic events organised by the Human Rights Centre.

Optional study opportunities: E.MA students may attend any class held at Padua University. They may also enrol free of charge in Italian language courses for foreign students held by the Padua University language centre (CLA). Interested students should refer to: <http://cla.unipd.it/en/>.

Deadline for enrolment in the courses: No formal procedure. Welcome meeting (and reception): Monday 20th of February 2017, at 5pm, at 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 E.MA Director a short paper (2000 words) by end of May. The 2nd semester single comprehensive mark is agreed between the course lecturers and the E.MA Director.

Thesis

Research areas:

- International relations
- Human rights and humanitarian international law
- International criminal law
- Rights of the child
- Women’s rights, Migrations, Trafficking, Violence against women
- 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

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

Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university (+ 1 copy to the E.MA Secretariat): not required.

Library

The Centre has a small, specialised library. E.MA students have full access to all Padua University and city libraries (including online journals, books and databases, and the international book loan service. More information on research available resources at: <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)
- The Peace Table (Perugia);
- National Council on Disability.
- EOI (European Ombuds Institute),
- ILO (Istituto latinoamericano del Ombudsman)

IGOs:

- OHCHR; UNESCO; COE; OSCE; UNICEF-IRC.

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).

Administration and logistics

Information concerning visa arrangements: please refer to the SAOS (Foreign Welcoming Service) service: Palazzo Bo-via VIII Febbraio, 2 - 35122 Padova; tel. +39 049 827 3077 fax +39 049 8273203; e-mail: saos@unipd.it ; web: <http://www.unipd.it/en/node/1456>.

IT and logistics: Workplaces, printing facilities and Wi-Fi are available at the Human Rights Centre. Students have access to the University study rooms and Wi-Fi.