

Citizenship and Human Rights Education for Change

LECTURERS AND EXPERTS



Kalliope Agapiou-Josephides

Prof. Kalliope Agapiou Josephides is the Chairperson of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EU Agency) and former Vice-President of the European Inter University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, Venice. She is a founding member of the Mediterranean Women Mediators Network and academic convenor for the Venice School of Human Rights on gender issues.

She has participated in and led several national and international research projects, including a European Parliament study on “Women in Democratic Transitions”. She has served as academic convenor/speaker at high-level international events and has taught/ delivered lectures across Europe and around the world: e.g. France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Poland, Portugal, Argentina, India, China, Australia...

Kalliope Agapiou Josephides holds a PhD in Political Science from the Paris I Panthéon - Sorbonne University. She is an Assistant Professor at the University of Cyprus and the recipient of a Jean Monnet Chair (2001). She has a keen interest and extensive experience in the field of gender equality and human rights.



Léonce Bekemans

Prof. Bekemans holds the Jean Monnet Chair ad personam “Globalisation, Europeanisation, Human Development” at the University of Padua and is the academic coordinator of its Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “Intercultural dialogue, Human Rights and Multi-level Governance”.

He has an interdisciplinary profile with a broad teaching and research experience in European studies and an international publication record. His main research interests relate to the broad area of value-oriented integration studies with a focus on the relations between economy, polity, culture and society from various perspectives. He is also a visiting professor at the Catholic University of Milan and collaborates with the University Institute Sophia and its Global Studies Centre (Loppiano, Italy).

**Florence Bénéoit-Rohmer**

Prof. Bénéoit-Rohmer is a French jurist, specializing in European Law and Human Rights, and currently a Professor of Public Law at the University of Strasbourg.

She was the Dean of the Faculty of Law at Robert Schuman University from 2000 to 2003, and President of the Robert Schuman University (Strasbourg III) from July 2003 to December 2008. Between 2009 and 2015 she was also the Secretary General of the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation. Her academic interest is focused on mechanisms for the preservation of human rights

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**Pietro de Perini**

Dr. de Perini is a Research Fellow at the Human Rights Centre of the University of Padova, where he works on several education, research and outreach activities. He is also an editor of the Italian Yearbook of Human Rights, the managing editor of Peace Human Rights Governance - PHRG, and an editor of SUDEUROPA.

His doctoral research deals with the promotion of intercultural dialogue in EU policies towards the Mediterranean since the end of the cold war. Pietro's research interests focus on international human rights institutions with particular regards to regional organisations (European

Union, Council of Europe, OSCE), foreign policy and human rights, intercultural dialogue and human rights, EU foreign policy and Euromediterranean relations, communication of human rights.

**Paolo De Stefani**

Prof. Paolo De Stefani is lecturer in international law and professor of international protection of human rights at the University of Padua.

He has been adviser to the regional government of the Veneto Region and the Italian network of ombudspersons on human rights implementation policies, and has collaborated with several NGOs in Italy and abroad. He has authored and edited publications on human rights, international criminal law, children's rights, national institutions for human rights. Since the academic year 2007-08 he is "national director" for Italy of the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and

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**Delphine Dorsi**

Delphine Dorsi is the Director of the Right to Education Initiative (RTE). She joined RTE in 2012 as legal and communication officer and since 2014 she has been leading the organization.

Delphine previously worked at UNESCO for the Right to Education Programme, providing her with a comprehensive understanding and unique perspective on the right to education. She has also worked with a number of NGOs in Europe and Africa, including: Amnesty International, Save the Children and Defence for Children International. She holds a master's in human rights from the University of Strasbourg.

**Wiebke Lamer**

Dr. Lamer is the Deputy Director of the European Master in Human Rights and Democratization (EMA) and a member of the Global Campus Research Team. Since spring 2018, Wiebke is also working on the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty.

Dr. Lamer's research interests include press freedom, media freedom, freedom of expression, media and democracy, disinformation, information disorder, and democracy in international relations. Her first book, published by Palgrave Macmillan in March 2018, is entitled *Press Freedom as an International Human Right*. It examines the global politics

of press freedom and the treatment of press freedom in the international human rights framework, specifically at the UN. Her articles have appeared in the *Journal of Human Rights* and the *Global Campus Human Rights Journal*.

Before embarking on her graduate studies, Wiebke worked as an online marketing specialist at Google's European headquarters in Dublin, Ireland.

**Catherine Lowry-O'Neill**

Dr. Catherine Lowry-O'Neill has been a lecturer in the School of Education and Lifelong Learning in Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland, for the past 13 years, where she teaches subjects including practical pedagogy, reflective practice and qualitative research approaches.

Previous to this, Catherine lectured in French in WIT, as well as in the University of Leeds, England, in the University of Limerick, Ireland, and in the University of Ulster, Coleraine in the north of Ireland. She is passionate about the power of education to change lives and open

doors.

**Angela Melchiorre**

Dr. Melchiorre is the Academic Coordinator of Online Programmes of the Global Campus of Human Rights. She has been working in human rights since 2000 and has a wealth of experience in distance and blended learning.

In her previous roles, she was EMA Programme Director and Lecturer in Human Rights at the University of London. Other teaching activities include master's courses at the University of Padova and guest lectures at the Universities of Deusto-Bilbao, Oslo, Sevilla, Vienna, York.

Dr. Melchiorre has also experience in NGO work (ActionAid International), diplomacy (Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN in Geneva and New York; EU Delegation in Geneva) and independent consultancies (UNESCO, UNICEF, UN CEDAW Committee). Her areas of expertise are children's rights, the right to education, the UN human rights system and Human Rights in International Politics.

**Anja Mihr**

Dr. Anja Mihr (PhD from Freie University of Berlin) is a political scientist and DAAD long term visiting Professor (LZD) at the OSCE Academy. In September 2018 she has been appointed as member and Chair of the Scientific Committee of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) in Vienna.

At the OSCE Academy Dr. Mihr teaches International Human Rights Law, International Relations, Cyber Justice, Climate Justice, Democracy and Institutional Theories as well as Transitional Justice.

Previously, she was Professor for Public Policy at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at Erfurt University in Germany and Associate Professor at the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) at Utrecht University. She has held numerous other positions, such as Head of Rule of Law at The Hague Institute for Global Justice, and worked with internationally known academic institutions such as Peking University (Beida) in Beijing, the European Inter-University Center for Human Rights and Democratization in Venice, Columbia University in New York and Humboldt University in Berlin.

**Manfred Nowak**

In addition to his function as Secretary General of Global Campus, Manfred Nowak is Professor of International Human Rights at the University of Vienna (where he is head of the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights and two human rights research centres, including the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, which he founded in 1992).

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Aside from Vienna University, Manfred Nowak was Professor of International Law and Human Rights at various prestigious universities, such as Utrecht, Lund, Stanford and the Graduate Institute in Geneva and has published more than 600 books and articles in this field.

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**George Ulrich**

Prof. George Ulrich is the Program Director of the European Master in Human Rights and Democratization (EMA).

He was Rector and Professor of Human Rights at the Riga Graduate School of Law from 2009-2016, GC Secretary General from 2003 to 2009 and Academic Coordinator/Program Director of EMA from 2001-2004. From 1999-2001 he was Senior Researcher at the Danish Institute for Human Rights.

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Frans Viljoen

Prof. Frans Viljoen is currently the Director of the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. He is also the Academic coordinator for the LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) and was previously a professor of law in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria.

He is acknowledged as an internationally recognised researcher (National Research Foundation, SA) and has also won the award for Exceptional Achiever at the University of Pretoria. He is the editor of the African Human Rights Law Reports, the African Human Rights Law Journal and the [Global Campus Human Rights Journal](#). Prof. Viljoen has numerous

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