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37th Annual Study Session

**international protection
of human rights
and
victims' rights**

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The seat of the International Institute of Human Rights

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The **International Institute of Human Rights** organizes a specialized annual study session in human rights in Strasbourg during the month of July directed in particular to :

- ✓ advanced students in law, political science, human and social sciences,
- ✓ professors and researchers,
- ✓ members of the legal professions and any other profession related to human rights,
- ✓ national and international civil servants,
- ✓ members of non-governmental organizations.

Its purpose is **to provide advanced courses in international and comparative human rights law** taught by specialists from around the globe.

37th study session is organized with the support of :

- ✓ City of Strasbourg, City of Schiltigheim
- ✓ Department of Bas-Rhin
- ✓ Region of Alsace
- ✓ United Nations
- ✓ International Committee of the Red Cross(I.C.R.C)
- ✓ Centre régional des œuvres universitaires et scolaires (CROUS)
- ✓ University R. Schuman
- ✓ Council of Europe

and also thanks to the contribution of the governments of Andorra, Austria, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Monaco ; Foundations Bernheim, Lannung, Marangopoulos, Naumann , organizations and individuals.



ORGANIZATION

Admission

Admission of candidates is decided after careful review of their files by a Selection Committee headed by the Secretary General of the Institute.

● **Conditions**

Eligible candidates must meet the following requirements :

- **mastery of French or English, the session's two official languages, as well as an adequate working knowledge in the other language to follow the courses and debates.**
- **four years of university studies or the equivalent at the time of the session**
- exceptionally, attest to a solid experience in the field of human rights acquired in governmental agencies, in inter or non governmental organizations or possess comparable experience.

All the required papers must be joined to the completed registration form. 2 universal postal coupons must accompany the registration form.

● **Modalities**

Registration fees to the session: 670 €.

For organizational reasons and in order to preserve the quality of teaching, the number of participants admitted to each session is limited. Needs and priorities in forming candidates originating from different countries and regions of the world (especially developing countries) are taken into consideration. Candidates will be informed in writing of their admission.

Every participant is required **to have his own health/accident insurance coverage**. The Institute cannot, in any case, be held responsible for medical expenses incurred during a participant's stay in Strasbourg.

**The completed files must reach the Institute :
BEFORE 15 MAY 2006**

*(Registration form is available from the Secretariat of the Institute
and on the website : www.iidh.org)*



Participation

● **General Information**

Participants must respect the fundamental rules which apply to any academic institution.

Participants are expected to attend all courses and lectures regularly throughout the study session and respect the times indicated in the program.

The Institute declines all responsibility for any initiative or activity which is not part of the session's teaching program.

A program coordinator, under the direction of the Institute, is responsible for the smooth functioning of the session and for establishing a communication link between the participants and the Institute.

● **Languages**

Session's **official languages** : **French** and **English**.

Introductory lectures : in French and English.

Thematic courses : in either French or English.

Fundamental courses : in French, English, Spanish and Arabic.

No simultaneous translation is provided.

● **Certificate of participation**

A written examination is given upon completion to evaluate knowledge acquired during the session.

This exam consists of 20 multiple choice questions. Questions are provided by all professors who lecture during the session. The exam is presented in English and in French. A foreign language dictionary may be used during the exam.

Those who pass this examination receive the Certificate of Participation. Others will receive a Certificate of Attendance.



Stay

● Accommodation

Housing is proposed by the French university system (CROUS) in a university residence (single room, communal toilets and showers).

Cost of a single room from 1 – 28 July 2006 inclusive is 250 €.
(including administrative fees).

If you desire to reserve a room, the fee of 250€ must be paid in full to the Institute when you register in Strasbourg. This fee is NON-REFUNDABLE.

Any additional night(s) must be paid by the participant directly to the university residence (CROUS).

The Institute cannot be responsible for housing problems. This responsibility lies with the university residence.

Participants are free to make alternative housing arrangements.

● Meals

A university restaurant will be available for meals.

Meal price : approximately 7€, price subject to change.

The reduced prices for accommodation and meals are possible thanks to the contribution of the French university system.

Financial Aid

In exceptional cases, financial aid can be obtained in order to cover some of the costs to participate in the session.

A scholarship committee examines all requests. The candidate's curriculum vitae, letter of motivation and recommendation, and financial situation are taken into consideration. Priority is given to candidates from developing countries. The results of financial aid requests will be given in writing.

All persons benefiting from financial aid are required to participate in the full four weeks of the session.

Financial assistance granted by the Institute cannot be cumulated with grants awarded from other sources whatever they may be.

No additional financial assistance will be given following the committee's decision.

Because a very limited number of scholarships are available from the Institute, participants are strongly advised to contact governmental and/or non governmental agencies, international organizations, academic institutions, foundations, organizations, or other sources which may grant financial aid.



**Financial aid, for participation in the study session :
A completed registration form and curriculum vitae including a
letter of motivation and recommendation,
must arrive at the Institute BEFORE 17 APRIL 2006**

Practical information

● **Library**

The library is located at the Institute, 2 allée René Cassin. Approximately 10.000 works (texts, monographies, reports, reference materials) in French, English, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, are found in the Institute's library. In addition, 210 periodicals are available. Photocopies may be made at the Institute's library for a small fee.

● **Personal mail**

Can be addressed to the International Institute of Human Rights -
2 allée René Cassin - 67000 STRASBOURG.

● **Photocopies - telephone calls - faxes**

Can be made at the post office near the university campus. Fees incurred for photocopies, phone calls, faxes are at the participant's expense.

● **Internet connections**

At the Institute's library, 2, allée René Cassin, Strasbourg.
In local cybercafés. Their exact locations will be given in Strasbourg.

REMINDER

2 universal postal coupons

Registration fees 670 €

Accommodation in University Residence 250 €



DIPLOMA OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Regulations governing the award of the diploma

● **ARTICLE 1**

The Diploma of the International Institute of Human Rights is open to participants of the Institute's annual teaching session who already have extensive knowledge of International and Comparative Human Rights Law. The diploma exam is open only to those already possessing a post-graduate degree or equivalent. (Master's or higher) The Institute's Diploma is distinct from the session's Participation Certificate which is designed to test general knowledge acquired during the Session.

● **ARTICLE 2**

Participants meeting the requirements outlined in Article 1 and who demonstrate a special competence in the area of human rights through their scientific works or professional experience may be registered to participate in the diploma exam. Permission to sit for the diploma exams is granted by a competent Institute commission.

● **ARTICLE 3**

Only the candidates who have been selected by the Institute's commission will be allowed to sit for the Diploma examinations.

● **ARTICLE 4**

Examinations take place in Strasbourg on the dates indicated on the session's schedule, in French or in English, as chosen by the candidate.

● **ARTICLE 5**

The examination consists of:

1 – A test of pre-admissibility:

Consisting of a 5 hour written exam. Candidates will be given a choice between two subjects pertaining to international and comparative human rights law. A minimum grade of 12/20 is required in order to participate in the test of admissibility. (Candidates having earned the grade of 10/20 or higher on the written exam will automatically receive the Certificate of Participation.)



2 – A test of admissibility:

Consists of a practical exercise pertaining to a casus relative to one or the other of the universal or regional systems of human rights protection (the United Nations Commission of Human Rights Protection, the Inter American Court of Human Rights, The European Court of Human Rights, The African Commission of Human Rights and Peoples' Rights).

Each candidate must prepare an argumentation and defend it orally 24 hours after drawing his subject. A minimum grade of 12/20 is required in order to participate in the final oral exam.

3 – A final oral exam

Consisting of a presentation in the form of an exposé/discussion on a subject pertaining to international human rights protection. Candidates must have a minimum grade of 12/20 to be admitted to the final exam.

● **ARTICLE 6**

The Jury for the admissibility exam is composed of a minimum of two members. The Jury for the final admissions exam is composed of a minimum of three members.

● **ARTICLE 7**

1- The admissions jury may, in exceptional cases, award the mention "Cum Laude"

2- Should the candidate be on the borderline of the average required, the jury may grant him the possibility to receive the Diploma by preparing a memoir on a subject chosen by the jury and following the terms and conditions set by the jury.

This memoir must be addressed to the Institute at the latest by **March 31** of the following year. The Diploma will be delivered subject to the jury's appreciation of the memoir.

● **ARTICLE 8**

The jury's decisions are not subject to appeal.



In 2005, the two subjects proposed to the candidates for the written exam were:

**Horizontal Application of International Norms on Human Rights
Gender Equality and Preferential Treatment for Women**

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR UNIVERSITY HUMAN RIGHTS TEACHING (CiedhU)

Program

Within the framework of the study session, the **International Center for University Human Rights Teaching** (CiedhU) offers university professors, assistants and researchers, formative seminars in French or English to enable them **to develop specialized human rights teaching and research** in their academic activity.

The CiedhU seminars consist of approximately 20 hours of training in human rights teaching methods.

Exchanges between participants are also encouraged.

The CiedhU program requires **regular participation in the Study Session's lectures and courses in addition to participation in a series of specialized seminars organized parallel to the session.**

Participation

Registration fee for the CiedhU program : 130 €.

Languages are **French or English**. Participants are divided into 2 language groups. Submitting an application for admission to CiedhU does not guarantee a candidate's admission. A selection committee evaluates each file for admission.

A special Participation Certificate will be issued for regular participation in the CiedhU program.



**The CiedhU registration form must be returned
by 31 MAY 2006**

Registration form is available from the Secretariat of the Institute and on the
web site www.iidh.org

SUMMARY – DEPOSIT DEADLINES

REGISTRATION FILE INCLUDING A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL AID
17 APRIL 2006

REGISTRATION FILE WITHOUT A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL AID
15 MAY 2006

REGISTRATION FORM FOR CIEDHU
31 MAY 2006

**Registration of participants and distribution of documentation
Sunday 2 July 2006 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (location will be posted)**