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*Ceremony for the Awarding of Diplomas of the "European Master in Human Rights and Democratisation" Academic year 2017/2018.*

Dear fellow alumni,

General assemblies are at the core of the democratic life of our association. We hope that many of you will take part in the 2018 General Assembly, which will take place [online](#) from 12- 28 October. If you are interested in getting more involved in the association, consider running for the board as a supporting member.

October will be an exciting month for the association. We will convene our first webinar and publish a series of videos with alumni to celebrate the fabulous work you are doing as human rights defenders.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new alumni who graduated last week. As said during the graduation ceremony, at a time when human rights are under attack, human rights activists need more than ever their support network.

We are looking forward to meeting all the freshly graduates in alumni events around the world.

Véronique Lerch  
President, E.MAlumni Association

*The General Assembly of the E.MA Alumni Association will take place from 12-28 October.*



Run as a board member if you are looking for a rewarding experience, which will put you in touch with fantastic people across the globe? We are especially looking for alumni with the following skills: communication through social media, knowledge of databases, professional development, membership outreach, fundraising etc. Want to know more visit us [here](#).

If you want to vote and/or stand for board of the Association, you need to register on the [website](#) and pay the annual contribution of 20 euros. The fee needs to be paid before 9 October. Only contributing members can vote.

In case you need support or have questions, you can contact [secretary@globalcampusalumni.org](mailto:secretary@globalcampusalumni.org)

Your support is vital to make the association a living network.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Are you working on human rights education? Are you passionate about it? We are looking for somebody to facilitate a *workshop on human rights education* in Brussels. If you are interested and want more information, please get in touch with Veronique before October 12:

[veronique@globalcampusalumni.org](mailto:veronique@globalcampusalumni.org)

On 20-22 November you can join the [Women's Human Rights Summit](#) in Lisbon! Antónia Barradas (E.MA 2011) is one of the organizers. Check out the keynote speakers Professor Christine Chinkin from the London School of Economics on Women, Peace and Security; Catarina de Albuquerque, CEO of Professor Rosa Cobo; from Spain, MEP Ana Gomes and Mónica Ferro, Director of the UNFPA in Geneva.

Tentative on 20-22 of November EIUC and the Global Campus of Human Rights, will organize in the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels a roundtable focusing on the question "Why Human Rights education matters?"

Adam Drnovsky, 2017, writes in [this paper](#) "Power-sharing and democratization in Africa: the Kenyan experience", in the Journal of International Relations and Development an analysis of the impact of power-sharing on the democratic quality of elections and argues that the power-sharing government in Kenya eventually contributed to democratization although its impact on different areas of assessment varied.

Thomas Combes, 2006, speaks in [this](#) radio interview about how to communicate positive messages about human rights and how to portray victims of violations as heroes and not just as victims.

## NEWS FROM EIUC/Global Campus Alumni

On 25-27 September, more than a dozen alumni from four regional hubs of the Global Campus Alumni were present at the Fundamental Rights Forum in Vienna as speakers and organizers of various events <http://www.fundamentalrightsforum.eu>. This included Thomas Coombes from Amnesty International as keynote speakers on communicating about human rights, Diego Naranjo from EDRI, Kersty McCourt from the Open Society Foundation, Ashwanee Budoo from the Centre for Human Rights of the University of Pretoria Kerstin Schinnerl from the Domestic Abuse Intervention Center.



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Wiebke Lamer, EMA Fellow, in this [paper](#), attempts to explain why there is a neglected status of press freedom in the international human rights debate.



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On 23 September, in a beautiful ceremony at the Scuola Grande di San Rocco in Venice, we welcomed 89 freshly graduates in our alumni community. Carla Miranda, Secretary General of the E.MAlumni Association, gave the EMAActivism prize to the two students who co-organized the Human Rights Film Festival: Giovanni Park and Fiona Servaes. Around 30 students were involved in this year edition of the festival. A fabulous example of collective work.



*Picture: E.MAlumni Association President, Véronique Lerch, during her speech at the ceremony.*

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## NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI HUBS

### LISBON

On 5 September the hub in Lisbon had "Back to Business" drinks with current and former EMA students, where they discussed human rights trends and opportunities.

### BRUSSELS

On 6 September the Brussels Hub met in defiance of the end of summer for its "nah-ah I'll tell YOU when the summer is over EMA/GCA drinks". It was a pleasant evening with old friends and new faces. Greetings from Brussels to all!



## MEET THE BOARD



*Adam Jacobi Møller* (2007) is from Denmark. He joined the E.MAlumni Association in 2017 as he felt like plugging back into the vast E.MA network and give back to the Association hence he ran for the Board and was elected. Adam has worked for UNCHR, UNICEF, EU, INGOs as a freelance journalist, photographer and documentarist globally. In the Board he is involved in communication projects, particularly evolving around the Universal Declaration of Human Rights campaign as well as this newsletter. Learn more about the E.MAlumni Board members [here](#) and how to join [here](#).

## JOB BOARD

Please help other alumni by posting jobs [here](#). You will not only help the wider alumni community, but you also ensure that qualified human rights activists will be better supported to get a job within the human rights world. We also have an [internship board](#) and a board for [education opportunities](#).



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