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The international election observation training at the Monastery drew a group of former alumni together. From left: Manfred Nowak, Charlemagne Gomez (EMA 2000 and facilitator at the course), Florence Carrot (EMA 2014), Samantha Chaitkin (EMA 2002) and Gabriel Alves de Faria (EMA 2012).

*“You cannot sit idly by and let the rights of others be eroded or abused. It is in this way that writers both inspire righters, and are righters themselves.”*

*Seamus Heaney*

Dear fellow alumni,

These words from the great Irish poet should resonate with us. It is great to read in the category "News from alumni" about your ongoing efforts to defend and promote human rights. We want to read more about what you are currently working on. So write to us to inspire others!

Warm wishes on behalf of the board,

Véronique Lerch

President, E.MAlumni Association

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### IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION

On 25 May 2018 the EU General Data Protection Regulation ([GDPR](#)) comes into effect. The legislation gives you more control over your personal data, such as who may send you newsletters. That includes the EMAlumni Association Newsletter that you have signed up to voluntarily. We invite you to stay on our distribution list. But if you wish you can say 'goodbye' by unsubscribing at the bottom of this email. You, as all alumni, are instrumental in making our professional network functioning and we hope that you will continue to receive the EMAlumni Association updates. Thanks!

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### NEWS FROM ALUMNI



*Christian Vium*, EMA 2007, has stirred the media surface in Denmark with his anthropological photo exhibition [The Wake](#) at the acclaimed Moesgaard Museum in Denmark. The [exhibition](#) is open through 27 May.

*Olivia Herman*, EMA 2015, did her doctoral seminar on *The State-*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SUMMER SCHOOL

The Venice School of Human Rights offers [summer school](#) in **today's challenges in the field of human rights**. The period is 9 - 16 June 2018 and will take place in Lido, Venice. Application deadline: 14 May.

Further, the 13th edition of the Summer School in **Cinema Human Rights and Advocacy**, a training initiative developed by [EIUC](#) and [CHR](#) is open for registration. **Early Bird**: 9 May 2018 **Registration Deadline**: 20 June 2018.



#### PAST EVENTS

##### GLOBAL CAMPUS CLASSROOM

The Global Campus Classroom in Yerevan, Armenia, took place between 23- 27 April, while the country was in turmoil in the aftermath of the peaceful overturn of the government. Besides from discussing the current events, the theme this year was "The Influence of Diaspora on Democracy-Building Processes: Behavioural Diversity". The aim of the Global Classroom is to gather students and experts from the seven regional master's programmes of the Global

*Centricity of International Human Rights Law: a Challenge for Post-Conflict Justice?* on 26 March. Congratulations Dr. Herman!



*Charlotte Campo* (above), EMA 2011, received the price for *most meritorious trainee-lawyer* from the Order of Flemish Bar Associations (Belgium) for her human rights engagement.

*Karin Lukas*, EMA 1999, became a member of the Austrian Commission of Jurists. The Commission is committed to the development of the rule of law and the protection of fundamental rights.

*Claudia Bonamini*, EMA 2007, talks in this [podcast](#) about EU statement of 20 March 2016 to slow the arrival of refugees from Turkey.

*Irene Milleiro*, EMA 1998 was appointed to the Advisory Board of [Re-Imagine Europa](#).

Hey! Did you publish an article, book, photo or video touching upon a human rights subject? [Write](#) us if you want to share it with fellow alumni.

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## NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI HUBS

Campus of Human Rights and creating a unique international forum of discussion on human rights and democracy issues through keynote speeches, presentations, practical seminars and debates.



Picture including students, alumni, and EMA/EUIC management.

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## VISUAL CONTEST 2018 - LAST CALL!



Above: Best picture 2015 by Max Bastard

If you didn't submit your photo or video for this year's [Global Campus Visual Contest 2018](#) yet, there is still time. The theme of this year's contest is diversity and inclusion. The registration is open **until the 4. May 2018**.

Below: Best documentary 2017 by Adam Jacobi

Moller (click image to watch).

## **GALWAY**

The Alumni Hub in Galway met over a fish dinner and strengthened the network of alumni and students in the city.



## **LISBON**

The active EMA Hub in Lisbon has met twice in the last couple of months to connect alumni with EMA students and as part of its series of informal discussions. The last discussion was on the rights of trans and intersex people in Portugal. Marta Ramos, an alumna and executive director of ILGA Portugal presented the new law voted by the Parliament a few days before and explained the consequences of it.



## **STRASBOURG**

Seven former and current EMA students, professors and a potential EMA student met in Strasbourg to discuss threats to human rights, opportunities for the current students in Strasbourg and the annual Kosovo field trip. Well done Strasbourg!

## **LUXEMBOURG**

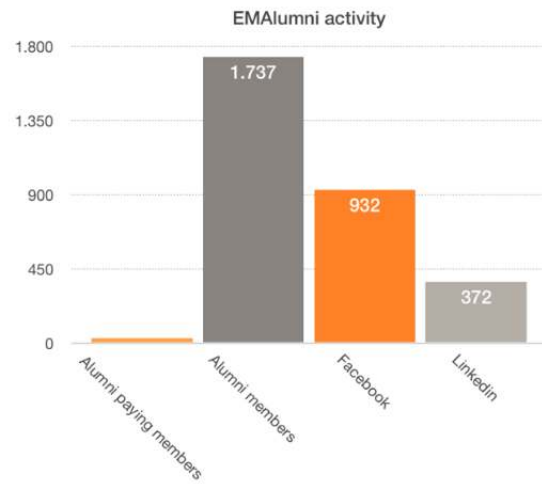
In Luxembourg the EMAmbassador met



## **MEET THE BOARD**

*Jennifer Vallentine* graduated in 2015 and is originating from Australia. Jen has worked in programs supporting asylum seekers and is also the co-founder of a company producing artists designed bedlinen (a random, yet always interesting combination). At the moment Jen is based in Vienna and particularly interested in the effects of asylum processes on mental health and wellbeing, with particular focus on self-harm in immigration detention. She was drawn to the EMA Board because she believes in creating strong networks within the sector with a focus on collaboration and capacity building.

with two of the three students for a night of drinks, food and discussions.



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### 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](#).

### SUPPORT THE EMALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Are you a 'supporting' member of the E.MAlumni Association? If not, sign up [here](#) and support the Association with a small amount. If you wonder what is happening in the social sphere among your peers join the groups on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).



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