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Conference on «The competences for a culture of democracy and intercultural dialogue: where politics and societal values lie intertwined» (Andorra, February 7 and 8, 2013)

The members of the Bergamo UNESCO Chair attended the Conference on «The competences for a culture of democracy and intercultural dialogue: where politics and societal values lie intertwined». The conference, organized by the European Council, was held in Andorra and was attended by the permanent Representatives of the Member States, as well as by a number of international experts. The debate aimed at the development of the European Council's education program for the years 2014-2015.

National meeting of the Italian UNESCO Chairs (Rome, March the 1st, 2013)

The Bergamo UNESCO Chair attended the Meeting of Italian UNESCO Chairs organized by the UNESCO National Commission, where the scientific projects supported by the various Chairs and the partnerships with the UNIT-WIN networks were illustrated and discussed

Formalization of the agreement between ADEA and the Bergamo UNESCO Chair, (Tunis, March 2013)

The ADEA (Association for the Development of Education in Africa) and the Bergamo UNESCO Chair formalized an agreement that opens the way to the development of joint education projects to be implemented across the African continent.



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*Cardinale Óscar Andrés
Rodríguez Maradiaga*

Honorary Degree awarded to Cardinal Maradiaga (University of Parma, May 10, 2013)

On the 10th of May, 2013 Cardinal Óscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa (Honduras) and President of the Catholic University Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz of Tegucigalpa, was awarded an Honorary Degree in International Business and Development at the University of Parma. The graduation ceremony was attended by the representatives of the Bergamo UNESCO Chair and by a number of local authorities, including Romano Prodi, UN Secretary General's special envoy for peace-keeping missions in Africa.



Paideia Project: Human rights education (Bergamo, September 10, 2013)

On the 10th of September, 2013 the headquarters of L'Eco di Bergamo (a local newspaper) hosted a press conference in which the Paideia Project - Human

rights education was illustrated to the public. The Project, sponsored by the Diocesan Council for Secular Associations (CDAL, Consulta Diocesana Associazioni Laicali), the CISL union, the Research community Culture - Religioni - Diritti - Non violenza [Cultures, religions, rights, non-violence] and the Bergamo UNESCO Chair, offers human

rights education to social workers and individuals operating in the fields of international cooperation, migration and education, especially those occupying leading positions. The course is scheduled into 10 lessons beginning in September 2013 and is expected to close in May 2014 with a three-day workshop to be held at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva.





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National Roundtable on “Education and migration: public policies” (Bergamo, September 25, 2013)

The Roundtable was sponsored by the University of Bergamo and the Bergamo UNESCO Chair as part of the European Project Sirius Network. The debate aimed at exploring the point of view of University staff, local school teachers and ordinary citizens concerning the public policies on education and migration. The representatives of the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR), supervisory school authorities, school teachers, NGO staff, and researchers collaborating to intercultural education projects attended the roundtable.

International Conference on “Economic ethics and human rights” (Bergamo, October 11, 2013)

The Conference was organized jointly by the Bergamo UNESCO Chair and the Bergamo Chamber of Commerce. A number of experts, including Emanuele Prati (General Secretary of the Bergamo Chamber of Commerce), Alfred Fernandez (OIDEL, Geneva), Patrice Meyer-Bisch (IIEDH, Fribourg University), Gianfranco Rusconi (University of Bergamo), Angelo Carrara (President of the Bergamo Handicrafts Association) and Stefania Gandolfi (Bergamo UNESCO Chair), delivered a speech on the topic.



ADEA Methodological Workshop (Tunis, October 28 and 29, 2013)

The ADEA (Association for the Development of Education in Africa), that formalized an agreement with the Bergamo UNESCO Chair in March 2013, organized a methodological workshop focusing on the implementation of the political strategies which emerged from the 2012 triennial meeting held in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso). A representative of the Bergamo UNESCO Chair was invited to join the Workshop.



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Workshop hosted by the Notre-Dame du Kasayi University, Kananga (Congo), October 28-30, 2013

The Bergamo UNESCO Chair, in collaboration with the ONLUS Association Vittorino Chizzolini, sponsored a Workshop on «The promotion of human rights, the basic premise of sustainable development», which was held in Kananga (Congo) at the *Notre-Dame du Kasayi* University, and was attended by university lectures, politicians and ordinary citizens.



International Conference on «Becoming Europe. From solidarity to the integration of Turkey and the Balkan Nations» (Bergamo, November 16, 2013)

The Conference was organized jointly by the *Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso* [Balkans and Caucasus Observatory], the Bergamo UNESCO Chair and the *Serughetti-La Porta* Foundation, and benefited from the sponsorship of the Autonomous Province of Trento and of the European Union. The Conference represents the closing step of the «*Racconta l'Europa all'Europa - Tell Europe to Europe*» Project, whose goals included fostering the public debate, in a number of European Union member States, about the integration of Turkey and of the Balkan Nations.



«Banning Poverty» (Bergamo, Novembre 19, 2013)

The Bergamo UNESCO Chair, the Research community *Culture - Religioni - Diritti - Non violenza* [Cultures, religions, rights, non-violence] and the ONLUS Association Vittorino Chizzolini invited Professor Riccardo Petrella (University of Lovanio) to give a lecture about the fight against poverty, its origins and the actions which ought to be carried out in order to eradicate it.



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Riccardo Petrella
Visiting Professor
Università di Lovanio

LOTTA ALLA POVERTA'
manifesto dell'iniziativa
"Banning Poverty"

Conferenza
19 novembre ore 17
Aula 5 sede S. Agostino



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Tempus Project Workshop, Caceres (Spain), December 3 and 4, 2013

On the 3rd and 4th of December, 2013 a workshop related to the *Tempus* Project "The human rights-based approach to higher education" was held in Caceres (*Estremadura*). The three-year project (2014-2016) was launched by the Bergamo UNESCO Chair in collaboration with a network of Chairs and Universities located in Spain, Great Britain, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.



Johanne Bouchard, Stefania Gandolfi, Patrice Meyer-Bisch (eds.). 2013. *Les Droits de l'homme. Une grammaire du développement* [Human Rights. A grammar of their development]. Paris, L'Harmattan.

Since the Wien Conference, whose 20th anniversary is celebrated this year, all UN official documents have reiterated the basic principle that human rights are universal, indivisible and interdependent. Yet, institutional concerns have never gone beyond general statements rather than leading to binding decisions.

A grammar of the Right to Development is a major step forward, since the latter cannot be considered to be only an item in a list of basic rights, but has to do with the very interdependence of human rights as a whole. Indeed, rights, freedom and responsibility represent the main interrelated vehicles of development, as well as a means and an end to its achievement. This entails that a new realistic and comprehensive approach is called for in order to shed light on the key dynamic indicators.





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