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1) **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The activity of the Chair during this first year since it was established has firstly focused on the design and establishment of the Chair's team. That included the selection of the Chairholder and her team, the design and launching of the Chair's website and the Chair's blog. The website and the blog are expected to become essential tools for the dissemination of the Chair's activities. Prominent scholars were invited by the Chairholder to become members of the Chair's Scientific Advisory Council.

The Chair's team has undertaken research on different areas including: peace and security; religion and multiculturalism; identity and citizenship; self-determination and stateless people. The research undertaken so far has resulted in a considerable number of scientific articles, chapters and papers. This research will be continued in 2014 along with new research in areas such as universal jurisdiction or post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

The Chairholder's activity in the field has pivoted around a cooperation agreement with Women for Africa Foundation to manage projects in different African countries. The Chair is negotiation the legal framework for enhancing the cooperation with Women for Africa Foundation. This is perfectly in line with the fact that Africa is a priority at UNESCO. The Chair is establishing the framework for cooperating with other UNESCO Chairs in Spain, Latin-America and Africa. The Chair will take advantage of the Agreements already signed

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by UC3M with Universities all around the Globe. The ultimate scope is to create a Network of UNESCO Chairs working in topics related to Public Freedoms and Civic Values.

The Chair has worked closely and will continue to do so with the UC3M Vice-President of Equality and Cooperation.

The Chair is preparing a Permanent Seminar on Gender, Equality and Public Freedoms, which will be launched in 2014.

2) **ACTIVITIES**

a. **Education/Training/Research**

i. Education

The following courses have been offered within the framework of different degrees at Carlos III University:

- “Periodismo Internacional: Grandes Organizaciones Globales” (*International Journalism: the major global organizations*), in Spanish. Compulsory courses in the degrees of Journalism and Audiovisual Communication. With focus on the analysis of international conflicts and human rights and on the role of the media and civil society in peace-making and international conflict resolution . (12 sept -12 dec, 2012; and 19 March- 7 May, 2013).
- “Sociedad Internacional” (International Society) optional course within the Degree in Humanities, in Spanish, (12 sept – 13 december, 2012).
- “Instrumentos y Regímenes de Cooperación Internacional” (Instruments of International Cooperation). Compulsory course within the Degree in Law, in Spanish (19 March – 7 May, 2013).
- “The role of civil society actors in conflict prevention and peace building”, optional course in various Degrees in Engineering, in English (10 sept-23 october, 2013).
- Various sessions on human rights protection, international responsibility of States and individuals, women and development, international mediation and international conflict analysis have been given within the framework of different Masters Degrees at Carlos III University: Master in Human Rights, Master in International

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Cooperation, Expert Degree in International Conflicts Management and Expert Degree in Mediation.

ii. Training (short term)

- The European Union's Foreign and Security Policy, 8 hours training within the framework of the University of Salamanca Master in European Union, 11 November 2013.
- Mediation, Dialogue and Leadership Training, Ghana, in cooperation with the University of New York, within the framework of Women for Africa's Foundation Project: Ghana Wins. One week intensive training developed in Accra and Afrikiko (Ghana) in December 2013. The participants to the training were 15 young women leaders working in the social field. The participants were selected with the assistance of women's civil society organizations in Ghana.

iii. Research

These are the lines of research underway at the moment:

* Peace and Security:

a) We are working with Women for Africa Foundation and the Economic Community of Western Africa States (ECOWAS) within the framework of the project: Supporting African Women for peace. This project includes research on the situation of women in Mali and on the contribution of women to the national reconciliation process.

b) Member of the research project "Global Security and Human Rights: a Spanish and European Perspective", led by Professor Fernando Flores, from the University of Valencia.

c) The Chair has prepared a research project on the situation in Mali in the aftermath of the conflict in the Northern part of the country. The Chair has applied for funding for this project to the Spanish Institute for Strategic Studies (Spanish Ministry of Defence).

* Women and Sport: By the end of 2013 we initiated a research on the sport as a human right and our main goal is to analyze the situation in two African countries: Ghana and Mali. The Chair has prepared a research project on this topic and applied for funding to the Real Madrid Chair at the Universidad Europea, Madrid.

* Freedom of religion in a multicultural world. The most recent outcomes of the research undertaken in this area by the Chairholder include an article, which has

been recently published in the New Zealand Journal of International and Public Law (full reference on list of publications) and a chapter in a collected volume, which has been accepted for publication and it is currently in the process of being published by Columbia University Press (see full reference on the list of publications).

- * Identity and Citizenship. The Chairholder is member of the research team on Identities and Citizenship: Political and Legal Foundations of Diversity, led by Professor Jose María Sauca, UC3M (2013-2015).
- * Self-determination of peoples: A doctoral thesis on this topic is in the process of being finalized by the Chair Coordinator: Aitor Martínez Jimenez. The thesis is being supervised by the Chairholder.
- * Statelessness: Valeria Cherednichenko is completing her doctoral thesis on the situation of stateless people in Spain. The doctoral dissertation is being supervised by the Chairholder.
- * Gender: The Chairholder is a member of the University Carlos III Institute for Gender Studies and the Chair cooperates with the Carlos III University Vice-President for Equality and Cooperation.

b. Conference/Meetings

- i) Conferences: Within the framework of the Carlos III University Solidarity Week, organized by the Vice-President for Equality and Cooperation, the Chair has organized a Seminar on the situation of Women in Africa (February 17, 2014). Within the framework of the Carlos III University Woman's Week, organized by the Vice-President for Equality and Cooperation, the Chair has taken the task of organizing a Round Table on women's civil society movements in Africa, which will take place in March 2014. Both events will be held at the University Carlos III.

Additionally, we are in the process of raising funds for organizing two Conferences on "Sport as a Human Rights in Africa" and on "The situation in Mali after the conflict". Both academic events would be held in the second semester of 2014 at Carlos III University.

- ii) Meetings: In November 2013 we organized a meeting with Professor Carmen Caffarel, chairholder of the UNESCO Chair in Communication Research and Africa, to explore avenues for cooperation. We agreed on the need to prepare and sign a cooperation agreement between the two Chairs.

In October 2013, we held some meetings with the University Carlos III Vice President for Equality and Cooperation, with the view to discussing the possibility of joining efforts and work together. We are establishing the legal framework for cooperation. As concrete illustrations of the will to cooperate, the Chairholder was invited by the Vice-President for Equality and Cooperation to become a member of the Carlos III University Equality Council.

In August 2013, the Chairholder held a series of meetings with Ms. Maria Teresa Fernández de la Vega, President of Women for Africa Foundation. They decided to sign a cooperation agreement on which basis the Chairholder is providing advice and support as well as participating in the coordination of projects of the Foundation in Ghana, Mali, Kenya and Benin. Within the framework of this Agreement the Chairholder has travelled frequently in the course of the year to Ghana and Kenya. The first field mission to Mali took place in January 2014. The partners of the Foundation in these projects are: New York University, Columbia University, Princeton University and UN Habitat. It is the mission of the Chairholder within the framework of the contract with Women for Africa Foundation to manage and organize the relations with all the partners. With this scope she has travelled to New York and to Nairobi, to meet up with the American Universities teams as well as with the staff from UN Habitat respectively.

The cooperation with Women for Africa Foundation is one of the most important actions of the Chair. We think that this puts the Chair in line with the fact that Africa is a priority at UNESCO, as underlined in the UNESCO document “Priority Africa at UNESCO, an operational strategy for its implementation 2014-2021”. Our projects in Africa are designed to the benefit of African Women and based on local ownership and they touch upon crucial areas for development such as: education (Ghana Wins in Ghana; African School of Economics, Benin), leadership and peace (Women capacity building in mediation and conflict resolution: Malian Women in Action for Peace), economic empowerment (Program for business women in Kenya), or health (Fight Against Malaria: Painting Africa Against Malaria, in Ghana (Ningo). All these projects fit in the priorities underlined by UNESCO in the document mentioned above.

iii) Conference and organizational activities undertaken by the Chairholder:

- Organization, along with the New York University and Women for Africa Foundation, of a one-week training in Leadership for Ghanaian social leaders, Ghana, December 2013.
- During the second semester of 2013, the chair holder has been organizing, within the framework of the contract with Women for Africa Foundation, and in partnership with the Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS) two activities in Mali, which will take place in 2014, within the framework of the

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project: “Malian Women in Action for Peace”. These activities are a Focus Groups (27-28 February 2014) for around 60 Malian Women to get their impressions and first hand information on the challenges facing Malian women within the framework of the National Reconciliation Process; and the second activity is a one week intensive training for 25 Malian women on leadership and mediation (5-9 May 2014). Both activities will be carried out in Bamako.

The Chairholder is in charge of designing the agenda for the Focus Groups and the curriculum for the training.

- Photo exhibition at Carlos III University: Srebrenica Inferno, April 2013, remembering the Srebrenica’s massacre. See more information [here](#).

iv) A selection of conference and workshops presentations by the members of the Chair’s Team.

Aitor Martínez Jiménez, Coordinator of the Chair:

Seminar on the Report on the Curuguaty Massacre, (Paraguay). 17/10/2012. Ecocultura. Colegio Cristo Rey. Asunción. Paraguay. See video [here](#).

Aitor Martinez has co-authored a Report on the Curuguaty Massacre (Paraguay). This Report has produced a big impact in Paraguay: Informe Matanza de Curuguaty. Aitor Martínez Jiménez PEICC (Plataforma de Estudio e Investigación de Conflictos Campesinos). More information, [here](#).

Paraguay, the country without memory. The Marina Cué case 04/02/2013. Ateneo de Madrid. Madrid.España. More information [here](#).

The Curuguaty Massacre 26/10/2012. Universidad Católica de Asunción (UCA). Asunción. Paraguay. See video [here](#).

Conference on the Curuguaty case. 19/06/2013. Universidad del Cono Sur de las Américas (UCSA). Asunción. Paraguay. See video [here](#).

Seminar on crimes against humanity and genocide in Paraguay, before the Argentinian Courts. Asociación Mujeres de Guatemala. 19/12/2013. Reported [here](#).

Aitor has presented criminal charges before the courts of Argentina against those allegedly responsible for the international crimes during Paraguay's dictatorship, on the basis of universal jurisdiction: Querrela criminal por la comisión de los delitos de genocidio y/o lesa humanidad que tuvieron lugar en Paraguay en el periodo comprendido entre el 15 de agosto de 1954 y el 3 de febrero de 1989. Aitor Martínez Jiménez. Full text [here](#).

Comparecencia ante el Congreso de Uruguay 07/12/2012. See video [here](#).

Comparecencia ante la Comisión de Derechos Humanos del Congreso de Uruguay 11/12/2012. Versión Taquigráfica N° 1429 de 2012 de la comparecencia. More information [here](#).

c. Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships

The Chairholder has signed a cooperation agreement with Women for Africa Foundation for the coordination and direction of various projects in different African countries. All of these projects have an educational component.

We are in the process of negotiating Partnership Agreements with other UNESCO Chairs in Uruguay, the United States and different African Countries, with the view to establishing a network of Chairs in the field of public freedoms.

It is our intention to take advantage of the cooperation agreements already signed by Carlos III University with various Universities in Latin-America and Africa to establish partnerships with UNESCO Chairs at those Universities and to promote the exchange of students and professors.

d. Publications/Multimedia Materials

Journal Articles (refereed): 3

Book (chapter): 1, in the process of being published.

Occasional Papers: 3

Blog Posts: 3

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- Cebada Romero, Alicia, "El Derecho internacional global: una retórica útil para una transformación necesaria", *Revista Española de Derecho Internacional*, 2013, Vol. 65, n° 1, p. 15-42.

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- Cebada Romero, Alicia. “La Reforma del Sector de la Seguridad”, EUNOMIA, Revista de Cultura de la Legalidad, 4/2013, pp. 202-208
- Cebada Romero, Alicia, “The European Court of Human Rights and Religion: Between Christian Neutrality and the Fear of Islam”, *The New Zealand Journal of Public and International Law, Bill of Rights Anniversary Special Issue*, 2013 (Impact factor: 0.33 W&L U. ranking)
- Cebada Romero, Alicia: “Religious-Based Legal Pluralism in Europe”, in: Jean L. Cohen; C. Laborde (ed.) *Beyond Post-Secularism: Political Religion, Legal Pluralism and Democratic Constitutionalism*, Columbia University Press, in the process of being published (accepted), 2014
- Martínez Jiménez, Aitor. La Iniciativa Legislativa Popular como instrumento de participación ciudadana en el siglo XXI. Fundación IDEAS ISBN: 978-84-15386-14-8. Depósito Legal: M-21083-2012
- Martínez Jiménez, Aitor. La Iniciativa Ciudadana Europea: Profundizando en la democracia. Fundación IDEAS. ISBN: 978-84-15386-21-6. Depósito Legal: M-39922-2012
- Martínez, Aitor y Silván, Aitor. Lecciones de la Historia para la renovación socialdemócrata. Fundación IDEAS, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FESP) ISBN: 978-84-15386-24-7. Depósito Legal: M-1266-2013
- Cherednichenko V., EuroMaidan: One Goal, One Future And One Dream, Blog post for One Young World, <http://www.oneyoungworld.com/blog/euromaidan-one-goal-one-future-and-one-dream>, 2 December 2013 Also published at the Huffington Post UK website under the same title, http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/the-one-young-world-summit/euromaidan-one-goal-one_b_4391253.html?utm_hp_ref=uk&ir=UK, 6 December 2013
- Cherednichenko V., A ray of hope for stateless Sahrawis in Spain?, Blog post for European Network on Statelessness, <http://www.statelessness.eu/blog/ray-hope-stateless-sahrawis-spain-1>, 22 October 2013
- Cherednichenko V., Cowne R., Change Takes Time. It Is Not An Event, It Is A Process, Blog post for One Young World, <http://www.oneyoungworld.com/blog/change-takes-time-it-not-event-it-process>, 4 October 2013
- Chair’s website: click [here](http://portal.uc3m.es/portal/page/portal/catedras/catedra_unesco/home). (http://portal.uc3m.es/portal/page/portal/catedras/catedra_unesco/home) For accessing the Chair’s blog “ius cogens”, click [here](http://www.iuscogensinternacional.com) (www.iuscogensinternacional.com)

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e. Cooperation with UNESCO Headquarters, Field Offices

- The Chair provided input to the draft Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures, via email forwarded to Katérina Stenou, Director of the Intersectorial Platform for A Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in the Bureau of Strategic Planning (email sent on October, 9th 2013).

f. Other

- The Scientific Advisory Council of the Chair has been set up with the following members (you can access their CV by clicking on the hyperlinks below):
 - [Maria Teresa Fernández de la Vega](#), Presidenta de la Fundación Mujeres por África.
 - [Christine Chinkin](#), Catedrática de Derecho Internacional Público, London School of Economics
 - [Jean Louise Cohen](#), Nell and Herber M Singer Profesor de Cultura Contemporánea. Departamento de Ciencia Política. Columbia University.
 - [Juan Antonio Yáñez-Barnuevo](#), Embajador, Director de la Fundación Mujeres por África.
 - [Fernando Mariño](#), Catedrático de Derecho Internacional Público, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
 - [Josep Antoni Tribó](#) - Catedrático de Finanzas Corporativas, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
 - [Rosa San Segundo](#) - Catedrática de Biblioteconomía y Documentación, Directora del [Instituto Universitario de Estudios de Género](#), Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
 - [Felipe González](#), Comisionado de la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos. Relator para los Derechos de los Emigrantes.
 - [Elvira Domínguez Redondo](#), Senior Lecturer en Derecho, Middlesex University, Londres y adjunct Lecturer del Irish Centre for Human Rights (NUI Galway, Irlanda)
- Consultancy for the National Security Department of the Spanish Government on the preparation of the National Security Strategy.
- The chairholder is member of the [Academic Network of European Peace Liaison Office](#), in Brussels, providing advice and analysis on the role of civil society in peace-building.
- The chairholder has supervised 7 Bachelor Thesis from September 2013 to January 2014:
 - On corporate social responsibility: Elvira Camarasa, “Comparación de cadenas hoteleras europeas y americanas y reflexiones sobre CSR”; Susana del Castillo, “Las grandes empresas petrolíferas: RSC y estrategia medioambiental”.

- On Climate Change: Irene Palomo, “Eficacia del régimen de comercio de derechos de emisión en Europa y su impacto económico y empresarial en el sector eléctrico español”.
- On Human Rights, Asylum and Refugees: Lidia Soto, “Inditexgrate”; Inés Zaldivar, “El movimiento del colectivo LGTB y el derecho de asilo por persecución basada en la orientación sexual”; Laura Díaz, “El riesgo país y la inversión extranjera directa: análisis jurídico de la expropiación de YPF”.
- On International Peace and Security: Ignacio Belmar, “Iran y la proliferación nuclear”; Alejandro Lerena, “La Ley de Amnistía de 1977 y los crímenes del franquismo”.

3) FUTURE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS

• Partnerships

The Chair wants to establish partnerships with UNESCO Chairs within the field of Public Freedoms with a view to set up a Network. We have already contacted UNESCO Chairs in Latin America and Africa. We want to take advantage of the wide network of agreements signed by Carlos III University with other Universities worldwide.

Within the University Carlos III, the Chair will focus on the cooperation with the Vice-President for Equality and Cooperation, Professor Rosario Ruiz Franco.

The Chair will enhance our Partnership with Women for Africa Foundation. Besides the coordination of the projects underway in Ghana, Mali, Benin and Kenya, we want to explore a new avenue for cooperation. With the assistance of the Carlos III University Vice-President for Equality and Cooperation we want to design a course for African women in Spain, in Intercultural Mediation. It would be a 15-hours intensive training at the University.

The Chair will sign a cooperation agreement with the UNESCO Chair in Communication Research and Africa, hosted by University Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain. Our initial plan is to work on Women and Democracy in Africa.

The Chair is exploring possible avenues for cooperation with the Joint Center University of Granada-MADOC (Spanish Ministry of Defence), in Granada (Spain). The chairholder is negotiating with General Amador Enseñat y Barea, the Secretary General of MADOC.

• Activities

Within the framework of the Solidarity Week, organized by the Vice-President for Equality and Cooperation, the Chair will host a Seminar on the situation of Women in Africa, with the participation of Maria Teresa Fernández de la Vega, President of Women for Africa Foundation, and Professor Carmen Caffarel, Chairholder of the UNESCO Chair in

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Communication Research and Africa at University Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid. The Seminar will be held at Carlos III University on February, 17th 2014.

Within the framework of the Woman's Week, organized by the Vice-President for Equality and Cooperation, the Chair will organize a Round Table on Women's Social Movements in Africa, to be held on March, 14th 2014 at Carlos III University.

The Chair will launch the Permanent Seminar on Gender, Equality and Public Freedoms, to promote and facilitate research on this topic.

The Chair will host a Conference on Women and Sport in Africa: sports as a human right. During the conference we will present a Report on this issue that will be completed along 2014.

The Chair will host a Conference on the situation in Mali after the conflict: the contribution of Malian women to peace. A report prepared by the Chairholder will be presented in this Conference.

The Chair will cooperate with the Carlos III University Institute for Gender Studies in the design of the curriculum for the Master in Management of Equality Policies, which is in the process of being launched.

The Chair will keep on working on the following areas of research in 2014: peace and security, including women, peace and security and security and human rights; women and sport; freedom of religion and multiculturalism (related to the International Decade for the rapprochement of Cultures and Religions); identity and citizenship; self-determination and stateless people. We also want to promote research and debate on the Post-2015 Agenda focusing on the importance of Equality. Another research area of interest to the Chair is universal jurisdiction with focus on Spain and the plan to amend the current regulation.