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# Venue

The venue of E.MA and EIUC is the graceful Benedictine **Monastery of San Nicolò**, situated on the laguna side of the Lido di Venezia.

The monastery was founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> century and transformed into a Renaissance cloister in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. After the suppression of the Benedictine order in 1770, the monastery was re-opened by Franciscan monks for educational purposes.

In 1998, the City of Venice generously conceded use of this architectural and historical monument as the seat of EIUC.



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# DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

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of the global economic crisis  
on human rights

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# EIUC DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

## The impact of the global economic crisis on human rights

Saturday, 18 July 2009, Venice Lido

### Background note

The EIUC Diplomatic Conference is every year devoted to an exploration of topical issues in the area of human rights and democratisation. It brings together academics and experts from the EIUC participating universities and associated organisations, EIUC Advisory Board members, members of the EU COHOM group, and human rights and democratisation experts from the EU institutions.

The 2009 Diplomatic Conference will discuss the impact of the global financial and economic crisis on human rights. Specific focus will be devoted to themes such as the environment, social rights and the impact on civil society.

The aim of the conference is to reflect on how to put human rights principles and not only economic interests at the heart of crisis responses and global economic governance.

The conference coincides with the day of the Redentore Festival in Venice and will conclude with a viewing of the spectacular fireworks over the Venice lagoon.

9.00 Shuttle from hotels to Monastery of San Nicolò

### 9.30 Welcome addresses and introduction

HORST FISCHER – EIUC President  
DIEGO VECCHIATO – Director - Directorate International Relations, International Development Cooperation, Human Rights and Equal Opportunities, Region of Veneto  
PATRICIA BOCCHI - Human Rights Unit, External Relations DG, European Commission

ELINOR HAMMARSKJOLD - Director, Human Rights Department, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU Presidency - Human Rights Policy Challenges for the European Union

10.15 Coffee Break

### 10.45 Keynote speeches

LUIGI CONDORELLI – Professor of International Law, University of Florence - L'impact de la crise financière sur le droit international des droits de l'homme

MORTEN KJÆRUM – Director, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights – The Impact of the Financial Crisis within the European Union

General discussion

13.00 Lunch at Nicelli Airport's restaurant

### 14.30 Workshop I: The impact of the crisis on the environment

Introduction and Chair:  
Prof. ATTILA TANZI – University of Bologna

### Workshop II: The impact of the crisis on social rights

Introduction and Chair:  
Prof. OLIVIER DE SCHUTTER – University of Louvain-la-Neuve – UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

### Workshop III: The impact of the crisis on civil society

Introduction and Chair:  
Prof. ZDZISLAW KEDZIA – EIUC Board member, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan – Member and Rapporteur of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

16.00 Coffee break

### 16.15 General discussion and recommendations

Chair:  
Prof. HORST FISCHER – EIUC President, Ruhr-University Bochum

### 17.30 End of Conference

20.00 Dinner at Nicelli Airport's restaurant

### 22.30 Redentore Festival – Fireworks night

