

Annual Report, 2014

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**TITLE OF THE CHAIR:** UNESCO UC3M CHAIR IN PUBLIC FREEDOMS AND CIVIC VALUES

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**HOST INSTITUTION:** UNIVERSITY CARLOS III DE MADRID (UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III DE MADRID)

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### 1) **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

During the second year of activity of the Chair, the website and the blog have become essential tools for the dissemination of the Chair's activities.

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 as well as sexual violence in conflicts. The research undertaken so far has resulted in a considerable number of scientific articles, chapters and papers. The coordinator of the Chair – Aitor Martínez – has submitted his PhD dissertation on the right of self-determination, obtaining the maximum grade (Sobresaliente cum laude per unanimity). Research on all the topics mentioned will be continued in 2015 along with new research in areas such as climate change 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 will negotiate the legal framework for enhancing the cooperation with Women for Africa Foundation starting from July 2015. This is perfectly in line with the fact that Africa is a priority at UNESCO.

The Chair continues to establish contacts with other UNESCO Chairs in Spain, Latin-America and Africa. The Chair will take advantage of the Agreements already signed 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 has organized a seminar on the situation of women in Mali's conflict. This year the Chair will organize a seminar on women and climate change, paying particular attention to the situation of African rural women.

## 2) **ACTIVITIES**

### a. **Education/Training/Research**

#### i. Education

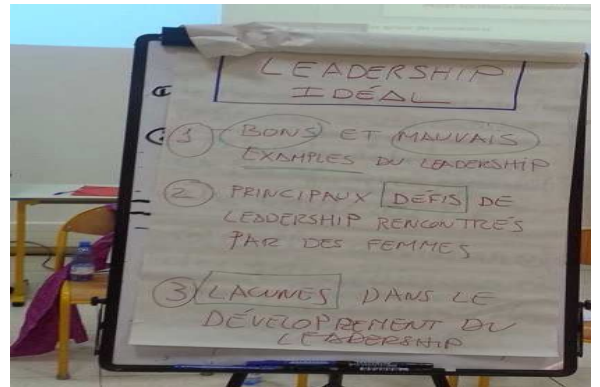
The following courses have been offered within the framework of different degrees at Carlos III University:

- “Instrumentos y Regímenes de Cooperación Internacional” (International Cooperation Regimes and Mechanisms), in Spanish. Compulsory courses in the degrees of Law and Business. With focus on the analysis of the use of force, human rights, environmental protection, refugees, among other topics. (sept –november 2014).
- “The role of civil society actors in conflict prevention and peace building”, optional course in various Degrees in Engineering, in English ( Sept- October, 2014).
- 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 Cooperation, Expert Degree in International Conflicts Management and Expert Degree in Mediation.

#### ii. Training (short term)



Focus Groups on Gender, Leadership and peace (1 week) for Malian women leaders in Bamako (Mali), within a project sponsored and coordinated by Women for Africa Foundation and the ECOWAS' Gender Center, February 2014



We held meetings with around 100 Malian women coming to Bamako from all over the country.



# Cátedra UNESCO UC3M en libertades públicas y valores cívicos



The European Union: promoting peace through mediation and dialogue, 4 hours training within the framework of the University of Salamanca Master in European Union, November 2014.



June, New York University, Warner Center, Training on Social Leadership, within the framework of the Women for Africa Foundation and New York University Programm: Ghanaian Women Social Leadership.



The 26 participants designed 7 peace projects that they are going to implement in their local communities: the cola projects. Additionally the participants prepared and launched a call for action

June (16-20), Bamako, Intensive Training in Mediation, Conflict Resolution and Leadership for a group of 26 Malian Women, within the Women for Africa Foundation and ECOWAS programme: Women of Mali in Action for Peace.



**September** – one week intensive training in the College of Nursing at New York University, for the 10 nurses participating in the Ghana Wins Project. This project is sponsored by Women for Africa Foundation and Bank of Santander and the Chairholder is the project coordinator.



October (20-24), intensive training in Conflict Resolution for African Women, at Carlos III University. Sponsored by Women for Africa Foundation

### 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 Malian 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.

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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 organised a Seminar on this topic (October 2014).

\* Women and Climate Change.

African Women Manifesto for Climate Change: prepared in the framework of an Agreement between Women for Africa Foundation and J.A. Kufuor Foundation (Ghana) in cooperation with African women organizations active in the fight against climate change, including the Green Belt Movement Organization, in Nairobi (Kenya)

\* Freedom of religion in a multicultural world. The most recent outcomes of the research undertaken in this area by the Chairholder include a chapter in a collected volume 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 has been finalized by the Chair Coordinator: Aitor Martínez Jiménez. The thesis has been 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.

\* Cultural Diversity: The Chairholder has contributed to a volume on the UNESCO Convention on Cultural Diversity edited by Jesús Prieto de Pedro and Beatriz Barreiro

**b. Conference/Meetings/Missions to the Field**

**February, 17** Within the framework of the Carlos III University Solidarity Week, organized by the Vice-Rectorate for Equality and Cooperation, the Chair has organized a **Seminar on the situation of Women in Africa.**



**February 2014, mission to Accra** (Ghana), organized by Women for Africa Foundation. Meetings with the Ghanaian Ministers of Gender and Education. Meeting with Ghanaian business women and social leaders.

Meeting with the former President of Ghana, Mr. J.A. Kufuor, to explore possible avenues for cooperation with his Foundation in Ghana.



**March, Participation in the first Crans Montana African Women Forum.** The Chair joined the Panafrican Women Network for a Culture of Peace, which was launched within the framework of the Forum. The formation of this Network has been promoted and supported by UNESCO.



The network acknowledges the critical contribution of African women to conflict prevention, peace-building and post-conflict stabilization. Women social and political leadership is aligned with a culture of peace and by fostering women empowerment and leadership we are contributing to build up more inclusive and ultimately more democratic societies. Democracy is a pre-condition for peace.



## II Jornades per La igualtat

**3-7 de març**  
Exposició "Dones rellevants als Països Catalans" a la Fac. de Ciències Socials

**Dijarts 4 de març**  
17h Xerrada "Desafiaments per la igualtat entre dones i homes. Diferents mirades al món global" amb:  
- **Lola Ballo**, periodista i escriptora valenciana  
- **Alicia Cebada**, coordinadora de projectes a "Mujeres por Africa"  
- **Issatou Ndiaye**, presidenta de la "Asociación de Mujeres Africanas"

18.30h Projecció del documental "La guerra contra las mujeres" de Hernán Zin, i posterior col·loqui

**Dimecres 5 de març**  
17h Xerrada sobre noves masculinitats amb **Joan Sanfeliu Albelda**, sociòleg i formador en igualtat a equaliza.net  
18.30h Debat "Les claus de la igualtat" amb diferents forces polítiques del País Valencià

**Dijous 6 de març**  
16.30h Xerrada "La necessitat del feminisme" amb **Macu Gimeno**  
17.30h Xerrada-taller "Sexualitat, plaers i auto-coneixement sexual" amb **Raquel Lobato Agudo**, de "La Alegre Conchita", sexòloga  
Tancament del congrés amb l'actuació d'ESIR, grup de música valenciana format per dones

**Col·laboren:**  
Departament d'Estudis de Gènere i Igualtat  
Universitat de València  
Universitat de València  
bea bloc d'estudiants agermanats

## Universidad de Valencia, Lecture on Women's Equality, March 2014

**March, Women and Africa Roundtable, organized by the Chair within the Framework of the Women's Week at Carlos III University.** The participants to the roundtable were: Jose Manuel Albares (Deputy-director for Subsaharian Africa, Foreign Affairs Ministry), Ambassador Juan Antonio Yáñez-Barnuevo (Director of Women for Africa Foundation), Prof. Patricia Iranzo (Professor at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid – Project Coordinator at Women for Africa Foundation), Alicia Cebada (Chairholder).



**March, Chiring a Round Table on Religion and Sexual and Reproductive Rights, with J.J. Tamayo and Ana María Pérez del Campo as the main Speakers, organized by the University Institute for Gender Studies, at Carlos III University.**



May, Circulo de Bellas Artes,  
Madrid – Workshop on sexual  
violence in conflict: the case  
of RDC.

Organized by Change.org



**July 18<sup>th</sup>, Lecturer at the High Level Seminar on Climate Change**, organized by the Spanish Foreign Affair Ministry. More information on this Seminar [HERE](#).

**August, 28<sup>th</sup>, WHO Summit on Climate Change and Health, Geneva:** The Chairholder attended, on behalf of Women For Africa Foundation, the first global conference on Climate Change and Health convened by WHO. A very interesting multilateral meeting with the participation of Ministers of Health from the Member States and representatives of civil society organizations from all over the Globe. Climate change is not merely an environmental challenge. It is a multidimensional phenomenon with multisector implications. We have been discussing the impact of climate change on health. Health will suffer from water shortage, the spread of water and food borne diseases as well as vector borne diseases, from the consequences of extreme weather events, etc. The health systems of many States are not prepared to deal with additional strain caused by climate change. The challenge is to strengthen those systems and infrastructures related to health. On the other hand by combatting the root causes of climate change we will be bringing improvement to global human health. The need to have more resilient health infrastructures that can for example endure natural disasters and more greeny hospitals was also raised by the participants. There was also general agreement that the participation of ministers of health in the climate change negotiations should be promoted.



October (13-15) Participation in the VII Workshop in Security and Defence, organized at the University of Valencia.

October, 22, Carlos III University – Workshop on the future of Mali, convened by the Unesco Chair. More information [HERE](#).

October, 29 – Roundtable on Sexual Violence in RDC, with Caddy Adzuba. More information [HERE](#).



October, 30. Brussels. Participation in a Civil Society Dialogue Network Meeting on: Designing and Supporting National Dialogues: What Role for the EU and Civil Society? Convened by EPLO (European Peace Liaison Office).

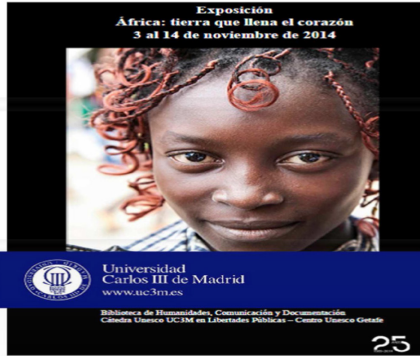


Photo exhibition, at Universidad Carlos III, “África: tierra que llena el corazón”, 3-14 November, organized by the Chair and the UNESCO Center in Getafe.



Mission to Ghana (4-12 November) within the framework of the Women for Africa's Foundation project in Ahwiam: Painting Africa: African Women Against Malaria



November, 27, Participation in the Workshop "[Por un futuro de Paz en el País Vasco: derribando murallas y construyendo puentes](#)", organized by the Foundation Culture of Peace. Caixa Forum, Madrid.



November, 24-28, Participation in the Days Against Gender Violence – Roundtable on Sexual Violence in Armed conflicts. University Carlos III.

In 2014, the Chairholder has continued the cooperation with Women for Africa Foundation. Within the framework of an agreement with this Foundation the Chairholder is providing advice and support as well as participating in the coordination of projects 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, Mali, Kenya and New York. The first field mission to Mali took place in January 2014. The partners of the Foundation in these projects are: New York University, the ECOWAS' Gender Center, Women in Law and Development (WILDAF-Ghana), and Babson College (Boston, USA) . 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..

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;), 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.

i) Conferences and organizational activities undertaken by the Chairholder:

- Roundtable on Women and Africa, convened by the Chair within the framework of the UC3M Women's Week, organized by the UC3M Vice-Rectorate of Equality and Cooperation. Full Program available [here](#).
- Organization, along with the New York University and Women for Africa Foundation, of a one-week training in Leadership for Ghanaian social leaders, New York, September 2014.
- Photo exhibition at Carlos III University: Srebrenica Inferno, April 2013, remembering the Srebrenica's massacre. See 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.

Ongoing negotiations of 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

- 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, 2014
- Cebada romero, Alicia, **“La violencia sexual en el conflicto de Mali: la Mujer como Víctima y como Protagonista de la Lucha contra la Impunidad”**, 30 Anuario Español de Derecho Internacional, 2014, pp. 47-86
- Cebada Romero, Alicia **“Global Law: The Human Face of International Law”**, en: NICKEL; GREPPI (Eds.) *The changing role of Law in the Age of Supra and Transnational Governance*, Nomos, 2014, pp. 101-126. ISBN: 978-8487-5361-4
- Cebada Romero, A. **“Artículo 5 – Norma General relativa a los derechos y obligaciones”**, en J. Prieto de Pedro; B. Barreiro, *Una Convención para la Diversidad Cultural: Análisis sistemático*, Trotta, 2015 (en proceso de edición).
- Chair’s website: [click here](http://portal.uc3m.es/portal/page/portal/catedras/catedra_unesco/home).  
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- Media: RDC- La Violencia Sexual como arma de guerra, published in: <http://blogs.20minutos.es/mas-de-la-mitad/2014/06/03/la-violencia-sexual-como-arma-de-guerra/>

### e. Cooperation with UNESCO Headquarters, Field Offices

- The Chair became member of the Panafrican Women Network for a Culture of Peace: From thoughts to action, promoted by UNESCO.

**f. Other**

- 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 more than 20 Bachelor Thesis from January 2014 to December 2014

**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, Tanzania 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 Entrepreneurship. It would be a 15-hours intensive training at the University.

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 will contribute with a chapter to a collective volume on Gender and Peacebuilding.

• **Activities**

Within the framework of the Solidarity Week, organized by the Vice-President for Equality and Cooperation, the Chair will host a roundtable on Cooperation for Education.

Within the framework of the Woman's Week, organized by the Vice-President for Equality and Cooperation, the Chair will organize a Round Table 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 Climate Change. 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 launching of the first edition of the Master in Management of Equality Policies, recently approved.

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; climate change; 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.