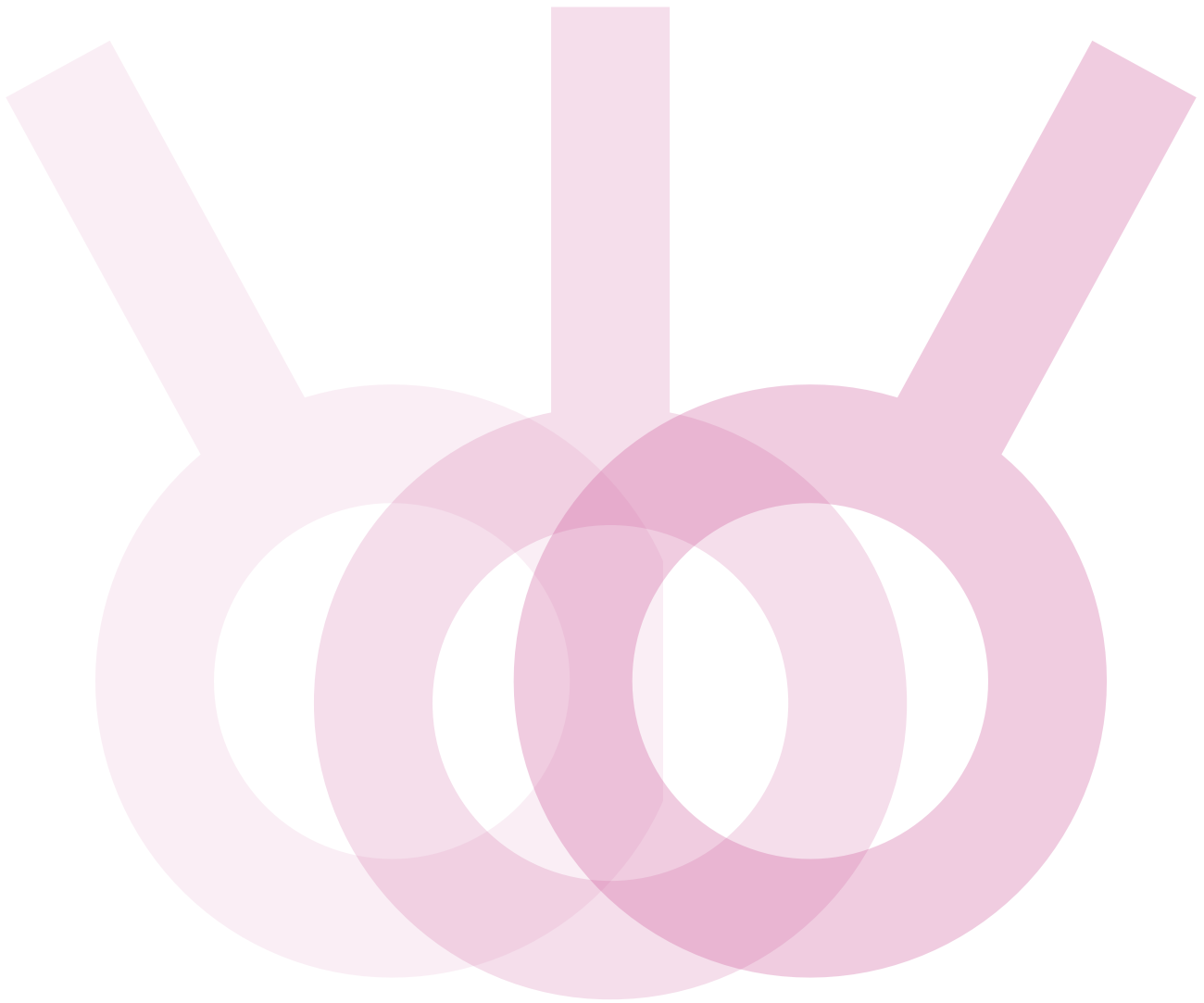


UNESCO/UC3M Chair in Public  
Freedoms and Civic Values:  
**Annual Report 2018**



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

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

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the sixth year of activity of the Chair, the website and the blog - [www.iuscogens.com](http://www.iuscogens.com) - have continued to perform as essential tools for the dissemination of the Chair's activities and for propelling the debate on different topics related to the Chair's field of action.

The Chair's team has undertaken research on different areas including: peace and security from a gender perspective, rights of the Elder and gender equality. The research undertaken so far has resulted in various scientific articles, chapters and papers.

The Chairholder's action in the field has taken place within the framework of a cooperation agreement with Women for Africa Foundation to manage projects in different African countries. This Agreement is in line with the fact that Africa is a priority at UNESCO. The Chairholder keeps on coordinating projects under the umbrella of Women for Africa Foundation in Ghana, Tanzania and Kenya. Additionally, she is advising for projects in other countries, including Morocco, among others.

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

The Chair has organized the Second High Level Seminar on Equality, Peace and Security, in September 2018.

## ACTIVITIES

### I) EDUCATION

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

- "Public International Law" (Dual Degree in Law and Economics), in Spanish. Compulsory course. With focus on the analysis of international relations, international conflicts and international legal order. (September-December. 2018).
- Various sessions on human rights protection, sexual violence in armed conflicts, women and development, international mediation and international conflict analysis have been imparted 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 Master Degree in Mediation.

## II) RESEARCH IN ACTION: Workshops, Seminars and Missions in the Field.

March ←



Dialogue Session at Women for Africa Foundation on Gender Equality, Women's Day 2018.



Women's Leadership Forum in Accra, Ghana. An event co-organized by Women for Africa Foundation and Yale University.



May



The Chairholder talked on Women's Leadership in the Forum of the International Bar Association on Leadership of Women in Law, in London on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

June




Summer Course at Universidad de Málaga. Session on Women's Leadership. Summer course GENERA for African Students in Spain.

June



From 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> the Chairholder participated in an Intensive Training on Leadership at Babson College (Boston, US) in the framework of the Launch & Grow Project from Women for Africa Foundation, Bank Santander and Babson College, targeting Kenyan women entrepreneurs.

August

 MINISTERIO DE DEFENSA  
Dirección de Comunicación Institucional de la Defensa

**Nota de prensa**

**El Ministerio de Defensa se compromete con el papel de las mujeres como agentes de paz**

**23 jul. 18:** La ministra de Defensa, en la reciente cumbre de la OTAN del pasado 11 de julio, manifestó su compromiso y determinación con las mujeres como agentes de paz y expresó su voluntad de potenciar, fundamentalmente a través de nuestra participación en las misiones en el exterior, el papel de la mujer en zonas de conflicto como elemento transformador clave en la búsqueda de soluciones duraderas.

Margarita Robles ha mantenido hoy una reunión de trabajo con Alicia Cebada y Manola Urriza, de la Fundación Mujeres por África, en la que se ha abordado la configuración de un plan de acción para potenciar el papel de las mujeres como agentes de paz.

Se trata de una iniciativa que enlaza con el trabajo que el Ministerio viene realizando en distintos ámbitos, como es el caso de los proyectos de impacto rápido sobre el terreno. No obstante, este nuevo impulso del Ministerio enfrenta de manera más global, coherente y estratégica con el mandato de Naciones Unidas formulado en el Programa Mujer, Paz y Seguridad del Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU.

Cooperation with the Ministry of Defence for the design and implementation of an action plan on Women, Peace and Security.



September, 3-16



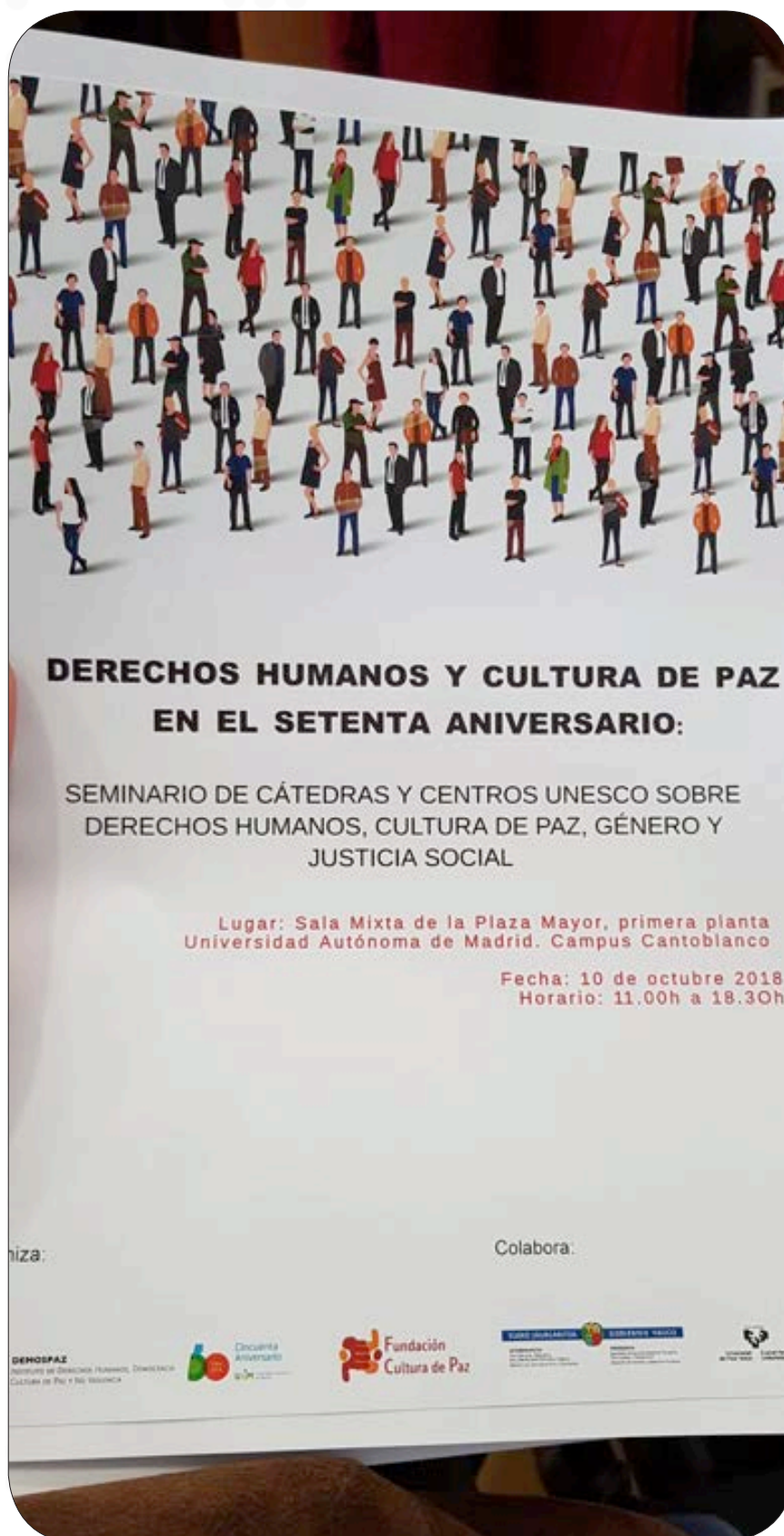
Field Mission to Tanzania within a team of Women for Africa Foundation with a view to shooting a documentary on the Green Voices Project.

September, 28



Second High Level Seminar on Equality, Peace and Security, UC3M.

October, 10



Participation in the Seminar of UNESCO Chairs on Human Rights, Culture of Peace and Social Justice, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.



October, 12



Conference at Cambridge University within the framework of the Women at the top table Workshop organized by Karama.

November and December

Training on Coaching in Education for teaching staff at UC3M.

### III) RESEARCH

The Chair Team has engaged in research in the following areas:

- Peace and Security

a) We are working with Women for Africa Foundation within the framework of the project: Women, Peace and Security.

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) We are working with the Spanish Institute of Strategic Studies in activities related to peace and security.

d) We are working with the Ministry of Defence for the design and implementation of an Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.

- Women and Climate Change

a) Management of the Green Voices project, within the framework of the cooperation with Women for Africa Foundation. Green Voices is a Women for Africa Foundation's Project on Women, Climate Change and Communication in Tanzania.

- Human Rights

Rights of People of Age (collected volume)

- Gender:

The Chairholder is a member of the University Carlos III Institute for Gender Studies and cooperates with the Carlos III University Vice-President for Equality.

#### **IV) INTERUNIVERSITY EXCHANGES/PARTNERSHIPS**

Within the framework of the cooperation agreement with Women for Africa Foundation Foundation the Chairholder is providing advice and support as well as participating in the coordination of projects in Ghana, Mali, Kenya and Tanzania. Within the framework of this Agreement the Chairholder has travelled frequently in the course of the year to Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and New York. The partners of the Foundation in these projects are: New York University, 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.

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.

#### **V) PUBLICATIONS/MULTIMEDIA MATERIALS**

"Las respuestas de la Comunidad Internacional a los conflictos internacionales contemporáneos: el caso de Siria", en Cuaderno de Estrategia 188, Seguridad Global y Derechos Fundamentales, 2018, disponible en: [http://www.iece.es/publicaciones-new/cuadernos-de-estrategia/2018/Cuaderno\\_188.html](http://www.iece.es/publicaciones-new/cuadernos-de-estrategia/2018/Cuaderno_188.html)

"Mujeres, paz y seguridad: hacia una red global de mujeres mediadoras". En: J.L. González Cussac; F. Flores Giménez, "Seguridad y Derechos. Análisis de las amenazas, evaluación de las respuestas y valoración del impacto en los derechos fundamentales", Valencia, Tirant lo Blanch, 2018, ISBN: 978-84-1313-086-6, pp. 281- 301.

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](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](http://www.iuscogensinternacional.com))

## VI) COOPERATION WITH UNESCO HEADQUARTERS, FIELD OFFICES

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

## VII) 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 20 Bachelor Thesis from January 2017 to December 2017 on topics related to International Peace and Security.

# FUTURE PLANS and DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS

## I 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 continue to focus on the cooperation with the Vice-President for Equality and the Vice-President for International Cooperation.

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 will continue to explore new avenues for cooperation.

## II ACTIVITIES

The Chair will keep on working in the following areas of research in 2019: peace and security, including women, peace and security and security and human rights; climate change; political leadership; sustainable development goals.





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