Foreword

The University of Deusto's Human Rights Institute in Bilbao presents the thirteenth edition of its Yearbook of Humanitarian Action and Human Rights. The articles included in this issue aim to contribute to greater critical reflection and exchange of practices, experiences and research in the field of Humanitarian Action and Human Rights. Contributions include studies on both disciplines from the academic world as well as material by professionals and social agents who work on the front line of action.

The thirteenth edition of the Yearbook contains various types of multidisciplinary articles divided into two clearly defined thematic blocks: on the one hand, transitional justice and peace-building processes and on the other some synergies related to integration, migration and rights. Both thematic areas have a point in common: a vocation to apply the knowledge generated to build a fairer more egalitarian society as well as to create critical thinking that can be transferred beyond the academic world.

The first two articles have a more legal perspective. They offer a framework approach to jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional transitional justice mechanisms to address flagrant human rights violations. The first article analyses the human tragedies in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo while the second examines protection and recognition of the rights to truth, justice and reparation for victims of the civil war before regional European jurisdiction. A series of articles follows that also analyse the transitional process and peace-building in Colombia. However, they focus on selected political, communication, legal and education issues.

In contrast, the three last works that close the section encompass the coherence frameworks of the external aspects linked to migratory policy and international co-development as well as the internal dimension of migration and integration processes in host societies. These studies raise different approaches to the analysis of the challenges that associations face to strengthen the participatory network for migrant groups. Emphasis is placed on the key role of religious diversity among minority religious denominations as an integrating force.

The Yearbook's advisory and editorial boards have been firmly committed to fulfilling the requirements of prestigious academic publications from the first issues. With this purpose in mind, they continue to ensure that the

necessary requirements are met to form part of internationally recognised scientific journal databases. As in previous issues, contributions are welcomed not only from the academic world but efforts are also made to encourage greater involvement from social agents and disseminate this possibility.

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