

Foreword

This is the sixth edition of the Humanitarian Action & Human Rights Yearbook presented by the Institute of Human Rights at the University of Deusto. The aim of this publication is to provide academics, professionals and other people involved in the field with a space for reflection and the exchange of experiences and research in Humanitarian Action and Human Rights. It is intended that, with this edition, this space for the creation of critical thought in the abovementioned field will be maintained and made accessible not only to the academic world, but also to the social agents involved on both a national and international scale. In coherence with our aim to provide a high quality review, and in the search for a scientific recognition, several changes have been introduced.

The content of this the sixth edition of the Yearbook is made up of various types of contributions. Firstly, a number of studies by members of some of the international and European networks of which the Institute is member of. Secondly, articles that are the result of research carried out by people from outside the Institute, people with experience straight from the field of humanitarian action and human rights. And lastly, other studies incorporating and updating research work conducted by graduates from the European MAs run by the Institute. Most of the content is in the form of monographic studies or articles.

Since last year's edition, the Yearbook continues with the accomplishment of publishing criteria for scientific recognition and therefore, be included in international indexes. Call for papers for next year's edition is open, as you can see in the requirements for submission. Therefore, we invite those of you reading

this copy to put forward your proposals, and to spread out this possibility.

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