

UNAI MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT 2016/2017

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During the 2016/2017 reporting period, Universidade Federal de Uberlândia undertook a number of activities that underscore its commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly noteworthy:

The Human Rights and Global Justice Lab promotes research on human rights issues and aims to prepare students, researchers, professionals and activists with the necessary skills to understand how to respect and protect human rights. For these reasons, the Lab organizes several activities, including the creation of two study groups focused on (1) the study of international human rights law and (2) the institutional aspects of the protection and promotion of human rights. During the meetings held in the period covered by this report (for two academic terms/semesters), their members were assigned with reading tasks and the groups met on a weekly basis to discuss human rights issues related not only to the national context, but also to the global and regional systems. Another example of activity related to UNAI principles was the II Colloquium on Human Rights and Global Justice, which brought together scholars, students and representatives of various sectors of civil society to discuss the implementation of national and international human rights laws.



In addition, the Brazilian Center for Studies in Law and Religion is a unique initiative in Brazil, which aims to study the relationship between law, state and religion from national and international perspectives, as well as to study and promote freedom, equality and non-discrimination in matter of the religion or belief. To achieve this purpose, the Center organizes scientific meetings and conferences to stimulate valuable discussions and interactions, as well as events aiming to empower civil society and to promote peace among diverse groups, focusing on inter-religious and



intercultural dialogue. Its websites publish case law, relevant national and international law, articles, comments, notes, reports, information on resources (journals, books, videos, websites), useful links and news related to religious freedom and religion-state relations. Members of the Center have been invited to present academic contributions or to speak at important events (including the OHCHR in Geneva, UNESCO and the Human Rights Ministry in Brazil, national parliaments, prestigious universities around the World). Some of the recent activities of the Center includes an outreach project on "Religion and Human Rights: Promoting the Respect for Religious Diversity", one international seminar in partnership with Oxford Brookes University, one interdisciplinary seminar, the 4th Research Meeting on Law and Religion, a Case Notes Workshop and a Legal English Workshop focusing on human rights decisions.



Scholars linked to the Human Rights Lab, to the Law and Religion Center and to other faculties, units and research groups of the Federal University of Uberlândia have participated as speakers in numerous events and published scholarly papers related to UNAI principles.

Links: <http://www.ufu.br>

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