The subject of Intercultural Dialogue is multi-, inter- and trans-disciplinary by nature and affects all areas covered by ECSA-Jean Monnet networks. The current decade greatly increases diversity in the European Union. With the accession of 10 new members, potential of further enlargements, and sustained immigration flows, the EU represents an immense richness of cultural, social and linguistic diversity. In such a context, the shared values that hold our societies together, such as freedom, fairness, democracy, human rights, rule of law, tolerance and solidarity, become more important than ever.

The re-definition of citizenship as a plural (pluralist) concept is an essential part of the intercultural discourse, in view of opening new horizons and ways for the practice of participatory and deliberative democracy at local, national, European and international level, from the city up to the European Union and to other international institutions. This is a road that provides opportunities to all to exercise the same citizenship rights in the “inclusive City”. In this context new roles are offered to civil society organisations and movements and to local government institutions.

The project aims at elucidating the political and institutional dimensions of the intercultural dialogue as a fundamental component of social cohesion and human security, then a significant element of good governance.

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“Governing a Multicultural Europe: A New Republican Approach”

Constantine Stephanou (Panteion University, Athens, ECSA-Greece), Dario Castiglione (University of Exeter), Dimitris Chryssochou (University of Exeter), Francesca Longo (University of Catania), Krassim Nikolov (Bulgarian European Community Studies Association), Iro Stephanou (Panteion University, Athens), Michael Tzinissizelis.

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“Intercultural Dialogue and EU-Med Partnership”

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**h 15.30-17.00**

- W.A. Mozart 250th anniversary of the birth
  - JUVARRA QUARTET

- Welcome addresses
  - LUIGI FILIPPO DONÀ DALLE ROSE, Rector Delegate for European Union Programmes
  - PAOLO PADOIN, Prefect of Padua
  - YOURI DEVUYYS, European Commission, Brussels

**h 17.00-19.30**

- Introduction
  - ANTONIO PAPISCA, Project Coordinator

- Keynote speech
  - KLAUS STARL, University of Graz, Executive Director of the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy

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**Saturday 25 March**

*Faculty of Political Science, Aula Magna, Via del Santo, 26*

**h 9.00 -12.00**

- Panels presentation
  - ECSA Greece - Panteion University, Athens Research Team
    - “Governing a Multicultural Europe: A New Republican Approach”
    - Coordinator: CONSTANTINE STEPHANOU

  - University of Padua Research Team
    - “Intercultural Dialogue and human rights, civil society and world order issues”
    - Coordinator: MARCO MASCIA

- Debate

- Conclusions