



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It is with pleasure that I offer my support to the 7<sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Education Conference “Addressing the Challenges of the Civil Society” to be hosted by the Faculty of Law at Universidad de Chile in Santiago Chile.

Over the past seven years, the IHRE conference series has explored the various facets of Human Rights Education worldwide. The inaugural IHRE Conference, 'Educating for Human Rights, Peace and Intercultural Dialogue' was hosted by Western Sydney University in 2010 with successive conferences hosted by the University Kwazulu - Natal in Durban, South Africa; Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland; Soochow University, Taipei, Taiwan, the American University, Washington DC, United States of America and University College Roosevelt (Utrecht University) in Middelburg, the Netherlands.



Western Sydney University was a fitting place to host the first IHRE conference. Comprising six campuses in Western Sydney- a region that boasts great diversity, opportunity and growth – Western Sydney University is developing a strong international profile through thriving international student programs and successful research endeavours. Together with our commitment to equity and diversity issues, we are determined to maintain a strong emphasis on human rights education.

The 2016 conference will look at a broad spectrum Human Rights Education issues. These include Human Rights Education in formal education systems and professional training, Human Rights Education’s role in the judiciary, multiculturalism and gender discrimination, as well as Human Rights Education’s place in transitional justice and social rights.

I commend the Faculty of Law at Universidad de Chile for hosting this year's conference and encourage human rights academics and practitioners to participate in this important exchange of ideas. It is a good opportunity to reflect on how we can advance peace and justice in our societies.

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