

## HIMANRICHTS

Invitation to the

## **Lecture and Panel Discussion**



Friday, 25 November 2016, 5.30 pm

Hotel Due Torri Verona

## The Mediterranean Sea a big refugee graveyard and Italy the only one trying to stop this?

Thousands of refugees are desperately trying to come to Europe in order to hopefully find a better life. The entrance for this new life seems to be Italy. But the passage to get there is extremely dangerous. Many of the refugees drown in the Mediterranean Sea if they are not rescued. All this is causing big troubles to Italy that has to face countless people from other countries trying to set foot on shore. But what shall be done? If the borders here are closed like other European countries are doing it the people will definitely die. Is that what we all – no matter what country we come from – want? What is the legal situation for the refugees, for their rescuers, for Italy being part of Europe? What can we do to help Italy tackle these challenges? What happens if we do not show our support?

## **Speakers**

Sandra Hammamy, Organization Sea-Watch e.V.

Avv. Alessio Sangiorgi, Unione forense per la tutela dei diritti umani

Irene Piccolo, University of Rome La Sapienza, consultant on human rights

**Pierluigi Allegretti**, professor of International law in Quito and a paralegal with years of experience in Italy and abroad on migration and refugee law (both at professional level and as officer of relevant NGOs)

Malek Adly, Lawyers Network Director, The Egyptian Center for Economic & Social Rights