



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE ENDANGERED LAWYER

This year's international initiative in support of lawyers persecuted for their professional duties focuses on Turkey, where lawyers who defend and promote fundamental rights - especially the right of defense - are subject to harassment, threats, intimidation, violence, arbitrary arrests, as well as trials without any right of defense.

The Venice Criminal Lawyers' Association, the Italian Criminal Lawyers' Association (UCPI), the Endangered Lawyers Project by UCPI and the Feliciano Benvenuti Foundation - Venice Law School, with the support of the Venice Bar Association, the Venice metropolitan area, the Municipality of Venice, the Municipality of Asiago, the Institut des Droits de l'Homme des Avocats Européens, the International Criminal Bar and the EIUC Global Campus, join the initiative and express their solidarity with their colleagues and those who are engaged and committed to the protection of fundamental rights in Turkey, as in the rest of the world, and condemn any form of repression aimed at conditioning these activities, underlining that the professional function of lawyers is an essential condition for rule of law and democracy.

### ROUND TABLE OPEN TO THE CITIZENS

**Thursday 24 January 2019 at 3 PM**

Palazzo Franchetti, Sala del Portego

San Marco, 2847, Venice

#### Keynote Speech

with

**Avv. Federico CAPPELLETTI**, *Chairman*, Head of the "Europe and International Relations" Committee, Venice Criminal Lawyers' Association

**Avv. Paola RUBINI**, Member of the Council of the Italian Criminal Lawyers' Association

**Avv. Nicola CANESTRINI** and **Avv. Ezio MENZIONE**, Heads of the Endangered Lawyers Project by the Italian Criminal Lawyers' Association

**Dott. Francesco MARTONE**, Spokesperson of the network In Difesa Di – per i diritti umani e chi li difende

**Avv. Roberto RIGONI STERN**, Mayor of Asiago, City of Human Rights Defenders

With the participation of a Turkish lawyer who will present an initiative in support of endangered lawyers in Turkey.



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