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### **Bio Note**

Omar Grech is Coordinator of the Human Dimension Programme at MEDAC since 2001, where he lectures in international law including international human rights law. He studied law at the University of Malta and qualified as a lawyer in 1999. He has also pursued studies in English literature at the Board of Continuing Education at the University of Cambridge. From 1999 to 2000 he practiced law with one of Malta's leading law firms. From 2007 to 2009 he was Director of the International & EU Office of the University of Malta. His main interests in international law are: human rights, international criminal law, development and human rights as well as the link between human rights and conflict. He is the coordinator for the University of Malta of the MA in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security programme (a collaborative Masters programme between the University of Malta and George Mason University). In the winter of 2011 he was Fulbright Scholar at the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University.

As Coordinator of the Human Dimension Programme he has built strong links with a number of civil society institutions across the Euro-Med region especially in Jordan, Morocco, Israel and Ireland. Between 2001 and 2007 he was a member of the Human Rights Education Working Group of the Euro-Med Human Rights Network. He has lectured and conducted workshops in Italy, Lebanon, Cyprus, Turkey, Ireland and Croatia. Recent publications include:

Democratic Transitions: Perspectives and Case Studies, MED Agenda, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, 2012 (editor)

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