

ADVANCED COURSE

MEDIATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS

University of Genoa

Department for Political and
International Sciences

Aula Mazzini – Via Balbi 5

Aula Meridiana – Via Balbi 5

22nd -27th July 2024

The “Advanced Course on Mediation in International Conflict” is a Summer School designed to delve into the dynamics of international conflicts and to develop advanced skills in conducting mediation in the context of international organizations and bilateral diplomatic relations. Through an interdisciplinary approach, the course focuses on mediation in international conflicts and the post-conflict phase, inclusive participation of civil society, and protection of children in armed conflicts.

The course aims to provide and consolidate advanced skills in order to create professional figures capable of being employed in international mediation, both during conflict and post-conflict peacemaking.

The Summer School is organized by the University of Genoa (Department of Political and International Sciences) and by Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict with the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Lectures and activities will be held in English. The course will run from Monday July 22nd, 2024 to Saturday July 27th, 2024. The course will be held only in presence and the participation to all the lectures and activities is mandatory in order to achieve the final diploma.



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MODULE 1: Introduction to Mediation (Monday 22 July – Aula Mazzini)

9.00 – 9.30

Welcome of participants

Federico Delfino – *Rector, University of Genoa*

Daniela Preda – *Director, Department of Political and International Sciences - University of Genoa*

Laura Guercio – *SG Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict*

Pasquale Ferrara – *Ambassador, General Director for Political Affairs and Security, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

9.30 – 11.00

M. Pedrazzi – *Full Professor of International Law and Director of the Department of International, Legal, Historical and Political Studies, University of Milan*

The definition of international and internal conflicts in contemporary International Law

The general principles of International Humanitarian Law

11.00 – 12.15

M. Cardoni – *Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Directorate General for Resources and Innovation*

Egypt's role in the quest for a political solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

- Coffee Break -

12.30 - 13.30

L. Petruljeskov – *IDLO Program Lead, Training Expert in Mediation*

Mediation, non formal justice and customary justice

Legislative and institutional frameworks

- Lunch -

15.00 – 18.00

L. Petruljeskov – *IDLO Program Lead, Training Expert in Mediation*

Workshops, exercises and case studies. Identification of best practices.

MODULE 2: Mediation in International Conflicts: Approaches, Tools and Global Perspectives (Tuesday, 23 July – Aula Meridiana)

9.00 – 11.00

C. Ragni – *Full Professor of International Law, University of Milan*

The impact of international criminal accountability and of transitional justice on conflict mediation

- Coffee Break -

11.30 – 13.00

G. Cama – *Full professor of Political Science, University of Genoa*

Civil wars and their political solutions

- Lunch -

15.00 – 18.00

E. Corradi – *Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Genoa - Assistant Teaching Professor, Florida International University*

Workshops, exercises and case studies. Identification of best practices.

MODULE 3: Post-conflict mediation to achieve lasting peace (Wednesday 24 July – Aula Mazzini)

9.00 – 10.30

P. Wall – *Research Fellow, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, International Institute of Humanitarian Law*

The role of international mediation in peace building

10.30 – 12.00

D.-M. Fry – *Violence Prevention Educator and Trainer*

Approaches to peace-building: top-down v. bottom-up

- Coffee Break -

12.30 – 13.30

D.-M. Fry – *Violence Prevention Educator and Trainer*

Peace and Sustainable Development

- Lunch -

15.00 – 18.00

L. Carpaneto – *Professor of European Union Law, University of Genoa*

Workshops, exercises and case studies. Identification of best practices

MODULE 4: Mediation in international conflicts: participation of civil society. Inclusive approaches (Thursday 25 July – Aula Mazzini)

9.00 – 10.30

V. Sancin – *Full Professor of International Law, University of Ljubljana – Member and Vice-Chair of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee*

How relevant (and successful) is the role of civil society in international mediation?

10.30 – 12.00

A. Annoni – *Professor of International Law, University of Ferrara*

Women's role in international armed conflicts and in the post-conflict

- Coffee Break -

12.30 – 13.30

Mid-term debate among participants on the analyzed issues

Moderated by Francesca Maoli – *Professor in International Law, University of Genoa*

- Lunch -

15.00 – 17.00

M. Miraglia – *Professor of Criminal Procedural Law, University of Genoa*

International justice and negotiated justice. Is coexistence possible from a restorative perspective?

17.00 – 18.00

Discussion on case law

**MODULE 5: Mediation and international standards
on children in armed conflicts
(Friday, 26 July – Aula Mazzini)**

9.00 – 10.30

F. Pocar – *Emeritus Professor of International Law - Former President, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia - President of Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict*

The Legal framework of international and EU law (the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, the EU legal framework)

10.30 – 12.00

S. Del Col – *Former NIFIL Head of Mission/Force Commander / Director for Analysis and Studies of the Supreme Defence Council, Presidency of the Republic*

International mediation and child protection in the conflict and post-conflict phases

- Coffee Break -

12.30 – 13.30

Kristin Skoberne & Federica Sola

Political Affairs Officers, Office of the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict at United Nations

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- Lunch -

15.00 – 18.00

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L. Guercio

Lawyer - Secretary General, Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflicts - OSCE Moscow Mechanism Expert
Workshops, exercises and case studies. Identification of best practices.

**MODULE 6: The challenges of mediation in the contemporary context
(Saturday, 27 July – Aula Mazzini)**

10.00 – 12.00: Roundtable and discussion with the participants

Chair and Introduction: **F. Pocar**

*Emeritus Professor - Former President, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
President, Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflicts*

L. Fratini

Coordinator for Women, Peace and Security - Youth and Mediation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Directorate General for Political Affairs and Security

The "Italian way" to mediation: towards the Italian Network for International Mediation

D. Mancini

Ambassador, rtd – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

A Global Agenda for the Hybrid World

12.00 – 12.15 Final Ceremony and Diplomas