ROME INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR
RIS III EDITION - Challenges
20/28 September 2019 in Italy

“UNIVERSITY COOPERATION: EURO BALKANS MIDDLE EAST”

In cooperation with

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EU Centre of excellence "Altiero Spinelli" University "Roma Tre"

PROGRAMME DRAFT

20 September 2019 ARRIVAL IN SAN MARTINO AL CIMINO VT

8.00 pm Welcome Dinner

21 September 2019 SALA CARAVAGGIO BALLETTI PARK HOTEL

10.00 am OPENING SESSION:

Welcome: Prof. Luca Pietromarchi - Rector of Roma Tre University (Italy)
Greetings : Amb. Giorgio Marrapodi - Director General DGCS MAECI (Italy)
Dr. Leonardo Carmenati - Director of the Italian Agency Development Cooperation (Italy)
Minister Plen. Raimondo De Cardona - Diplomatic Advisors to the Minister of University MIUR (Italy)
Gen. Franco Federici - Former UNIFIL Sector West Commander in Lebanon
Introduction : Prof. Luigi Moccia - President CEAS of Roma Tre University (Italy)

Chairman : Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva Director Rome International Seminar Roma Tre University

11.00 am Coffee Break

11.30 am I SESSION: “Past students: university cooperation in the Balkans and the Middle East”
Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva - Director Rome International Seminar Roma Tre University (Italy)
Palestinian University Students Coordinator (Palestine)
Israeli University Students Coordinator (Israel)
Jordan AUM University Students Coordinator (Jordan)
Lebanon University Students Coordinator (Lebanon)
Syrian University Students Coordinator Syrian Private University in Damascus (Syria)

1.30 pm Conclusion – Lunch
22 September (Sunday) 2019 SALA CARAVAGGIO BALLETTI PARK HOTEL

9.00 am III SESSION : “University cooperation : strategies and challenges”
Introduction : Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva - Director Rome International Seminar Roma Tre University (Italy)

Prof. Francis Campbel - Vice Chancellor St. Mary T. University of London (UK)
Prof. Igor Maksimtsev - Rector St Petersburg State University of Economics (Russian Federation)
Prof. Eva Wiberg - Rector of University of Goteborg (Sweden)
Prof. Ibrahim Nazir - President of Syrian Private University in Damascus (Syria)
Prof. Rima Mattar - Vice President of USEK University (Lebanon)
Prof. Ihab Sawalha - President Delegate of AUM - Dean of Student Affairs (Jordan)
Prof. Manuela Consonni - Israeli University Coordinator – Hebrew University in Jerusalem (Israel)
Prof. Esther Souto - Vice Rector National Distance Education University (UNED) (Spain)
Prof. Aleksandra Nikolić - Vice-Rector of University of Sarajevo (Bosnia Herzegovina)
Prof. Ivanka Popovic - Rector of University of Belgrade (Serbia)
Prof. Deibl Helmut Jakob - Rector Delegate University of Vienna (Austria)

10.30 am Free Time (Visit of the San Martino Abbey Church)

1.30 pm Lunch

3.00 pm III SESSION : “Global Citizenship: European Perspective”
Prof. Luigi Moccia - President CEAS of Roma Tre University (Italy)

5.00 pm IV SESSION : “Youth and new culture of development cooperation” Dr. Emanuela Benini MAECI /AICS

6.30 pm Conclusion
8.00 pm Dinner

23 September 2019 ROMA TRE UNIVERSITY - MAIN HALL RECTORATE

11.00 am Departure to Rome and Departure to Fiumicino Airport (Professors)
1.00 pm Arrival in Rome - Hotel
Facing the challenges and seizing the opportunities of globalization, engaging with the dynamics of the governance of the global world, where conflicts increase and inequalities rise together with the concerns for the survival of the planet and of the entire humanity, this is the task that has become urgent in politics, economics, sciences, including humanities and social studies.

Global studies have been spreading in recent times, covering in a multi- and inter-disciplinary approach a variety of topics and aspects which characterise the complexity of today's world and the emerging of the increasingly heterogeneous (post-national) societies in the most crowded regional areas of the world. This is especially true in the Euro-Mediterranean (Euro-Med) region (generally defined as ranging from Europe to Middle East, North Africa, including the sub-Saharan countries down to the Horn of Africa).

In line with these studies, come into play human rights instruments and related systems of safeguard, socio-economic issues related to growth and environmental protection (Development Goals 2015-2030), policy choices connected with migrations, cultural diversity and dialogue, at both international and regional level, involving states, intergovernmental institutions, nongovernmental organisations, as well as civil society engagement, whose main concerns and objectives are focused on promoting peace and sustainable development, based on human security and ever more inclusive, open and harmonious societies.

Basically, three main thematic areas will be therefore taken in consideration in a three-days session dedicated respectively to:

- Internationalization of human rights;
- Global challenges and socio-economic responses;
- Intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean perspective

This proposed approach stands in coherence with the Rome International Seminar mission of giving to its selected audience of participating students a real opportunity for reflecting and discussing on the opportunities, risks and challenges that globalization process entails, with an aim to promote exchanges, relations and develop efforts for a culture of peace as a key-factor for reaching not only a greater and better understanding between peoples, but also more realistic prospects in terms of educational goals for the formation of new generations of leaders.

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3.00 pm Welcome: Prof. Luca Pietromarchi - Rector of Roma Tre University (Italy)
Dr. Pasquale Basilicata – Director General Roma Tre University (Italy)
Greetings: Amb. Giorgio Marrapodi - Director General DGCS MAECI (Italy)
Dr. Leonardo Carmenati - Director of the Italian Agency Development Cooperation (Italy)
Ms. Andra Lonardo - Director of Culture and University Office – Vicariate of Rome (Holy See)
Amb. Pierfrancesco Sacco - Italian Ambassador to the International Organizations of the United Nations in Rome

4.00 pm Introduction: Prof. Luigi Moccia – President CEAS Roma Tre University (Italy)
Prof. Massimo Maria Canева Director of Rome International Seminar

5.00 pm Interventions of Diplomats and UN Representatives
7.00 pm Conclusion
8.00 pm Dinner in Hotel

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24 September 2019 MAIN HALL
I MODULE: Internationalization of human rights

25 September 2019 MAIN HALL
II MODULE: Global challenges and socio-economic responses

26 September 2019 MAIN HALL
III MODULE: Intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean perspective

27 September 2019 MAIN HALL RECTORATE - EXAMS
PROGRAMME AT SAN MARTINO AND "ROMA TRE" UNIVERSITY

PARTICIPANTS: 11 Professors: 5 Middle East + 2 Balkans + 1 Russia + 3 Roma Tre (+ 4 EU)
23 Post Graduate Students: 20 Middle East Universities + 3 Italian Students

MODULES:
(20/22 September 2019) San Martino VT (Intensive Course)
  • PEACE AND RECONCILIATION
  • POLITICAL SCIENCES AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

(23/26 September 2019) MAIN HALL Roma Tre University OPENING SESSION AND MODULES
GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND THE PROMOTION OF PEACE AND HUMAN SECURITY:
THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL/REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY
MODULES:
  • Internationalization of human rights;
  • Global challenges and socio-economic responses;
  • Intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean perspective

EXAMS: 27 September 2019 MAIN HALL

THE RATIONALE

The III Edition of the "Rome International Seminar", organized by "Roma Tre" University organized in collaboration with the Italian Agency for Development, is aimed to pursue the following main objectives:

• to work out new study and training methods for the advancement of peace as global public good, to be achieved and support through educational means and efforts, based on more competent, comprehensive intercultural approaches to mutual knowledge and respect;
• to develop dialogue and cooperation at university level, in order to help, facilitate and assist research and higher education experiences, based on the mobility of scholars and students from European, Mediterranean and Middle East countries;
• to provide contributions, to expand knowledge and skills in the field of peace studies, crisis management, sustainable development, human security, and cultural heritage;
• to encourage the promotion of actions to be undertaken, particularly through university cooperation, in association with civil society, state and local authorities, for the promotion of initiatives and measures directed to realize better conditions for territorial cohesion and social integration.

In the light of the contemporary political balance, one of the basic challenges for the XXI Century is the safeguarding of international peace and sustainable development, especially in Mediterranean areas of crisis and conflict. Some of today problems can be solved only by action at global level. A new strategic thinking is required to approach global issues therefore advancing “global public goods”. International communities must become protagonists of a new strategy to intervene in crisis areas and to promote peace and sustainable development with a strategy based on a more realistic and effective foreign policy. Such strategy must include interdisciplinary and interinstitutional approach, while rooted in the common goal of development and a strong cooperation culture, capable of understanding local needs and providing quick and efficient solutions, at the same time professional but more important still respectful of human dignity.

When addressed with new sensibilities, new perspectives can lead to more effective solutions. Such a strategy must rely on cultural expertise and include a wide knowledge of the theoretical elements of crisis and development management, the capability to understand the various needs of each population, their historical and cultural roots in order to give effective answers and to promote peace and development even in the first phase of intervention. A competent and comprehensive response requires a multidisciplinary approach. A relevant programme for peace should take into account the cultural context, in order to advance the technical and cultural objectives of cooperation. Universities can and should play a significant role in this new strategy, if they build partnerships with other relevant factors, including international organizations, diplomats, peace constituencies, and NGOs. Universities
should not act as elites, far away from real problems and challenges. Universities and their faculty should be engaged in the field and share their expertise and knowledge, as well as learn from other actors.

**THE MISSION**

The Programme contributes to intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding, social cohesion, among young people of Mediterranean Universities through academic cooperation and scientific knowledge. Our final goal is to educate the new generations towards a lasting peace and sustainable social development. We believe that the future of peace and sustainable development are depending and actually conditioned by the education of the young generation. The dynamics of the contemporary, complex, interconnected and highly-charged international environment present new challenges and opportunities for scholars, policy analysts, and decision makers, at the international level, more specially, in areas of crisis. This situation is especially relevant in areas with chronic tension, cleavages and conflict among (as well as inside) national entities, some of them facing several acute social and economic crises.

These crises require a much deeper understanding of the diplomatic and strategic roles. Against this backdrop, this program primarily intended to elucidate the role of diplomacy and university cooperation as a main vehicle for addressing the broad cluster of political and security questions that impinge entire regions, and which cannot, therefore, be effectively dealt with exclusively a narrow unilateral or bilateral vantage point. This focus on the role of collaborative diplomatic and academic mechanisms is designed to provide the students with new insights, concepts, and analytical tools for fully understanding the enhanced functions of diplomacy.

**THE SEMINAR PROGRAMME**

The Seminar Modules is focused on concrete topics, such as: sustainable development, cultural heritage and tourism, peace and reconciliation, including the response of university cooperation to the crises. In the course of this simulation, the students will experiment a wide-range of diplomatic and strategic concepts, techniques and scenarios in a controlled and structured effort to emulate real time crisis-situations, with emphasis on the mechanisms and tools for mitigating them. This program intends to emphasize the innovative response of university cooperation as a new strategy and an important tool to promote peace, integration, and democracy, starting from a better reconciliation between young people divided by conflicts. This university cooperation is also viewed as an essential means of contributing to intercultural and interfaith dialogue. Main aims will foster mutual knowledge and respect, both on a national and an international level. The roles of education and academic institutions as crucial tools of public diplomacy, is a very desirable goal, with appeal for young people.

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