

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

20 September 2019 ARRIVAL IN SAN MARTINO AL CIMINO VT

9.00 pm Welcoming Dinner

10.30 pm Meeting for coordination of the Rome International Seminar 2019 III Edition

21 September 2019 SALA CARAVAGGIO BALLETTI PARK HOTEL

10.00 am OPENING SESSION:

Welcome : Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva Director Rome International Seminar - Roma Tre University (Italy)

Greetings : Min. Plen. Sergio Pagano - Vice Director General DGCS MAECI (Italy)

Gen. Franco Federici - Former UNIFIL Sector West Commander in Lebanon - Head of Operations Department of the Italian Joint Operations Headquarters (JOHQ) - Italian Ministry of Defence

Gen. Kristin Lund - Force Commander UNTSO in Jerusalem (United Nations) (Connection at 10.45 am)



11.00 am Coffee Break

11.30 am I SESSION: : “Past students : university cooperation in the Balkans and the Middle East”

Coordinator : Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva - Director Rome International Seminar - Roma Tre University (Italy)

Interventions :

LEBANON: USEK University of Kaslic - Vanessa Sfeir (Tutor)

JORDAN: American University of Madaba (AUM) - Helen Mazin Mubarik Zraicat (Tutor)

SYRIA: Syrian Private University in Damascus (Syria) - Wassim Gharz Edine (Tutor)

ISRAEL: Hebrew University and Ben Gurion University - Narmeen Idrees (Tutor)

PALESTINE : Palestinian Universities - Ahmad Imad Muna (Tutor)

ITALIAN /EU: Roma Tre University and Goteborg University - Cinzia Vanzo (Tutor - Coordinator)



1.00 pm PRELIMINARY RECTORS' COORDINATION SESSION (only Professors)

1.30 pm Conclusion – Lunch

3.00 pm II SESSION : Academic Presentation of Rome International Seminar III Edition 2019

Charmain : Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva Director Rome International Seminar Roma Tre University (Italy)



Prof. Francis Campbell - Vice Chancellor St. Mary T. University of London (UK)

Prof. Manuela Consonni - Israeli University Coordinator – Hebrew University in Jerusalem (Israel)

Prof. Fr. George Hobeika - President of USEK University (Lebanon)

Prof. Nazir Ibrahim - President of Syrian Private University in Damascus (Syria)

Prof. Deibl Helmut Jakob - Rector Delegate University of Vienna (Austria)

Prof. Igor Maksimtsev - Rector St Petersburg State University of Economics (Russian Federation)

Prof. Ibrahim Matar - Palestinian University Coordinator for RIS (Palestine)

Prof. Ivanka Popovic - Rector for Research at the University of Belgrade (Serbia)

Prof. Aleksandra Nikolić - Vice-Rector of University of Sarajevo (Bosnia Herzegovina)

Prof. Ihab Sawalha - President Delegate of AUM - Dean of Student Affairs (Jordan)

Prof. Esther Souto Vice Rector National Distance Education University (UNED) (Spain)

Prof. Eva Wiberg - Rector of University of Goteborg (Sweden)

5.00 pm Discussion – 6.00 pm Conclusion - 8.00 pm Dinner Concert NEPI Borgia Castel



9.00 am III SESSION : “University cooperation : strategies and challenges for Peace” DISCUSSION

Introduction : Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva - Director Rome International Seminar Roma Tre University (Italy)

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10.30 am Free Time

12.00 am Visit of the Abbey Church and Museum

12.30 am Visit of Palazzo Doria Pamphilj

1.30 pm Lunch

3.00 pm IV SESSION : “Global Citizenship: European Perspective”

Prof. Luigi Moccia - President CEAS of Roma Tre University (Italy)



4.30 pm V SESSION : RECTORS’ MEETING - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

6.00 pm Conclusion

8.00 pm Dinner

23 September 2019 TO ROMA TRE UNIVERSITY

11.00 am Departure to Rome (Students) - Departure to Fiumicino Airport (Professors)

1.00 pm Arrival in Rome - Hotel

“One of the basic challenges of the 21st Century is assuring international peace and fostering development, in the light of the new World balance. Today, there are problems that can only be solved by action at the global level. New strategic thinking is required to approach global issues and advance “global public goods”. Consequently, international communities must become protagonists of a new strategy to intervene in crisis areas and to promote peace, human rights and development with a strategy based on realistic and effective foreign common policy. Such a strategy must include the collaborative efforts of diplomatic, economic and peace forces actions, while being rooted in the common goal of development of a strong cooperation culture of solidarity capable of understanding local needs and providing quick and efficient solutions that are at once professional and respectful of human dignity. Such a strategy must rely on cultural expertise and include expert knowledge of the theoretical elements of crisis and development management and the capability to understand the real comprehensive needs of the populations, and their historical and cultural roots in order to give effective answers to them, and to promote peace and development even in the first phases of the interventions.

The central position of the university doesn't mean a sort of elitist action even if it could seem like this. What we could like to point out is, on the contrary, that only the enlargement of human mind through the scientific research, enriched with the personal experience on the field, can foster a more careful analysis of the problems and broad-minded approach to the human being and his needs when is in the emergency situations. This university methodology is useful instrument to stimulate the co-operation between people and between individuals. It seems anyway to be the case of underling that when we speak of university co-operation in the field of humanitarian crises we don't want to mean the only exchange of lectures and researchers which is usually done in the academic collaboration, even if also this kind of activity seems to be useful. University co-operation is in fact a more general approaching strategy which is made of analysis and action jointed together, of training and research on the field in co-operation between academic world and civil institutions, international organisations, volunteers, etc. in order to make possible prevention of crises and humanitarian assistance at the same time. That is to say it is not enough to be an expert of this specific field in order to work out such a programme" (Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva, MD PhD - Director of Rome International Seminar)

ACADEMIC PROGRAM IN ROMA TRE UNIVERSITY

**23/26 September 2019 THESIS HALL – DEPARTEMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCES
"GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND THE PROMOTION OF PEACE AND HUMAN SECURITY:
THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL/REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY"**

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.

23 September 2019 THESIS HALL – DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCES OPENING SESSION - Draft Program

3.00 pm Welcome: Prof. Luca Pietromarchi - Rector of Roma Tre University (Italy)

Dr. Pasquale Basilicata - Director General Roma Tre University (Italy)

3.30 pm SESSION : "New International Challenges for Development and Peace"

Greetings: Prof. Daniele Fiorentino – Director of Department of Political Sciences Roma Tre University (Italy)

Prof. Vincenzo Buonomo - Rector of Pontifical Lateran University (Holy See)

Msg. Andrea Lonardo - Director of Culture and University Office – Vicariate of Rome (Holy See)

Prof. Luigi Moccia – President CEAS Roma Tre University (Italy)

Director AICS Luca Maestripieri - Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo (Italy)

Gen. Vincenzo Camporini - Former Chief of Staff of the Italian Defence and Advisor IAI (Italy)

Gen. Massimo Minniti - Head V Dep. HQ Carabinieri, Commander Training Bilateral Mission in Palestine (Italy)

Chairman: Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva Director of Rome International Seminar (Italy)



24 September 2019 THESIS HALL

I MODULE : Internationalization of human rights

10.00 am Prof. Pietro de Perini Human Right Centre, University of Padua (Italy)

4.00 pm “Ensure Security in building Peace” - Italian Joint Operations Headquarter - Ministry of Defence



25 September 2019 THESIS HALL

8.30 am MEETING WITH POPE FRANCIS – GENERAL AUDIENCE IN ST. PETER - VATICAN



II MODULE: Global challenges and socio-economic responses

2.30 pm Prof. Maddalena Marchesi Professor of Financial Regulation Pontifical Lateran University (Holy See)

26 September 2019 THESIS HALL

III MODULE: Intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean perspective

10.00 am Dr. Daniela Huber – Responsible for the Mediterranean and Middle East Program IAI - Rome



PROGRAMME AT SAN MARTINO AND "ROMA TRE" UNIVERSITY

PARTICIPANTS: 11 Professors : 5 Middle East + 2 Balkans + 1 Russia + 3 Roma Tre (+ 4 EU)

Post Graduate Students: 22 Middle East Universities + 9 Italian (+ 1 EU) Students

MODULES :

(20/22 September 2019) San Martino VT (Intensive Course)

- **PEACE AND RECONCILIATION**
- **POLITICAL SCIENCES AND INTERNATIONAL LAW**

(23/26 September 2019) DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCES - 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 /PAPERS : 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 program 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 Program 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.

COORDINATION OF ROME TRE UNIVERSITY

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Dott. Pasquale Basilicata - Director General

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Prof. Daniele Fiorentino - Director of Department of Political Sciences

Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva – Director of Rome International Seminar



WHAT PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS SAY OF ROME INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

“Warm thanks and deep appreciation for the incredible effort that you have again led to see the new round of the Rome International Seminar bear the fruits of your vision and determination” **(Professor from Syria)**

“I have to say it was an excellent opportunity at both, personal and University levels. The benefits were clearly observed both in terms of the participation of our students, who have been part of a series of round table discussions, and as an opportunity for the American University of Madaba in Jordan to participate as an Institution” **(Professor from Jordan)**

First of all, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the holding of this international seminar and the theme that is an ever green topic and for the brilliant success of this meeting between Euro-Mediterranean young people whose memory is traumatized by the still gaping scars of a dramatic history **(Professor from Lebanon)**

“In beautiful very calm and peaceful environment I enjoyed having open and enriching discussions with students and professors from Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Israel and Jordan, Sweden and Italy” **(Vice Rector of the University of Sarajevo – Bosnia Herzegovina)**

“The Seminar was able to give a great impetus for new ideas and thoughts, exchange experiences and best practices with rectors and vice rectors and representatives of universities from Europe, Balkans and Middle East, regions of growing interest nowadays and in the nearest future” **(Rector of Economic State University of St. Petersburg – Russian Federation)**

“I would like to report that the seminar is very successful attended by four graduate students from each of the Universities in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, and one student from Sweden. The Palestinian participants included two from Bir Zeit, one from Bethlehem and one from Al-Quds University. The tutor of the Palestinian delegation is Ahmad Muna, the owner of the Educational bookshop on Salah Eddin Street. The fact that students from the above countries sat together in one hall to discuss issues focusing on peace and development is a great achievement. The credit for this amazing feat is to Dr, Massimo Caneva, the Director of the program who worked relentlessly to organize and administer the Seminar.” **(Professor from Palestine)**

“The essential value of the dialogue between cultures to guarantee peace and harmonious coexistence between peoples, highlighting the primary role of cultural diversity as a tool for cohesion, social integration and human development was at the core of the Rome 2019 Seminar, organized by the Magnificent Rector of Rome Three Prof. Luca Pietromarchi and Prof. Massimo Caneva. The human, civic and democratic and not least academic values expressed in Rome 2019 Seminar is shared by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, daily, within our academic work in a complex and challenging and often divided reality like that of the country” **(Professor from Israel)**

“Nelson Mandela, a figure for development and peace, once said, “The power of education extends beyond the development of skills we need for economic success. It can contribute to nation-building and reconciliation.” During the 8 days we spent in Italy, we were able to discover the true meaning behind those words. Although students from 5 different countries were brought together to discuss major issues related to peace, we were able to find a common language to communicate, the language of peace.” **(Students from Jordan)**

"The quaint and inviting setting of the event, its promise of cultural exchange, its intellectual rigor, and its welcoming environment gave us more than just a respite from our academic endeavours and our struggle to contribute to the process of recovery and rebuilding of our war-ravished country. It was indeed an occasion for intellectual growth and development, thinking out of the box, reflecting critically on regional and international issues, networking with international colleagues, and having the chance to express our views and inject our perspective into the discussions of the seminar. The total effect and the sum of this experience is that it is a "promise of hope, and a victory for the culture of dialog." (Students from Syria)

"On the educational level, this seminar has enhanced our knowledge in the topics delivered. On the cultural level, we had the amazing opportunity to actually Meet the Pope who encouraged us in our mission to be Agents of Peace, visit the Italian Ministry of Defence and watch the concert in the Castello in Nepi. On the social development level, it allowed us to exchange not only experiences and ideas but also opinions about many taboo topics going on in our respective countries. These debates improved our dialogue skills and problem solving skills. Thank you for giving this once in a lifetime opportunity to many of us and for letting alumni students share their previous experiences in this seminar. Hand in hand, we are sure we can achieve the main purpose of this project which is "PEACE". Thank you for all the efforts and time spent to organize this seminar with a special dedication to Professor Massimo Caneva who made it all possible. We hope to be part of the future editions too!" (Students from Lebanon)

"We would like to thank the Italian Cooperation Agency for their support and encouragement in making this seminar a reality. As well as their commitment to maintaining peace in the Middle East through the various projects and programs that they fund and organize. In addition, all of us participants in this seminar recognize the crucial part that the ministry of Foreign affairs and the University of Roma Tre have in the success of this program. And we highly recommend for them to continue this initiative and their support for this seminar and we encourage them to help and support a 4th edition of this seminar in 2020. We also would like to extend our deepest gratitude and acknowledgement to Dr. Professor Massimo Caneva for everything he is doing to make sure this seminar is a success. We acknowledge that it is very hard work to work on three different levels, Academics, Religious and military at the same time while also taking care of every detail to do with this program and for that we salute Professor Caneva. Without his efforts this seminar could not have happened. Kind regards from Palestine" (Students from Palestine)

"At the beginning, we would like to thank you Prof. Caneva for the wonderful opportunity you gave us by inviting to participate in this important endeavour. We felt very privileged to be chosen to this seminar and we deeply appreciate all the efforts you made in order to succeed it and to prepare a comfortable atmosphere for a peace issues dialogue. This encounter with the other is very important step toward peace in the middle east, and by the good work of yours and your amazing team you promote it admirably. This program had many life-altering and life-changing effects on all of us. It created a space for us to get to know the other on a human level, before we even knew where one person was from or their background. It brought people from different conflict areas, nationalities and backgrounds, where it would have been very difficult, or even impossible, to bring them together under one roof in their home land. Conducting this conference in Italy was very important as it shed the light on the importance of the EU taking a stand and encouraging peace talks and negotiations amongst every party." (Students from Israeli)