



University for Peace



JOINT PROGRAM
**Postgraduate Diploma on Peaceful Coexistence: Reinforcing Peace, Human Rights,
and Development**

First module:

Approach to the peaceful coexistence and case studies

Opening

Sunday 7th September 2025
16:00 – 18:00
Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

Introductory remarks (video recorded message)

H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence

H.E. Mrs. Irina Bokova, Former Director General of UNESCO

H.E. Mr. Francisco Rojas Aravena, Rector of the University for Peace

Opening remarks

H.E. Mr. Samuel Dusengiyumva, Mayor of the City of Kigali, Rwanda*

Special lecture

H.E. Mr. Evarist Bartolo, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Education of Malta & Member of the Senate of Gioya Higher Education Institution

*Following with the Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations Office at Geneva



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Special guests & workshops

8th September

H.E. Mr. Francisco Rojas Aravena, Rector of the University for Peace

Mr. Bobir Tukhtabayev

Chief of the Relations with the United Nations and Intergovernmental Organizations in
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Paris

9th September

Ms. Safak Pavey

Senior Adviser, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

10th September

H.E. Mr. Mai Phan Dung

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the
United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

11th September

Ms. Fatima Akilu

Executive Director of the NEEM Foundation

Debates among students

Moderated by H.E. Mr. David Fernandez Puyana, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of
the University for Peace to the UN Office at Geneva

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Second module:

The impact of peaceful coexistence on international peace and security

14th – 18th September

Special guests & workshops

14th September

Prof. Hal Klepak

Professor Emeritus of History and Strategy at the Royal Military College of Canada

15th September

Ms. Monika Froehler

Executive Director of the Ban Ki Moon Foundation

16th September

H.E. Mr. Mauro Miedico

Director of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism

17th September

Ms. Corinne Momal-Vanian

Executive Director of the Kofi Annan Foundation

18th September

Prof. Rick Fawn

School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews

Debates among students

Moderated by Mr. Julio Andrade, Assistant Head, CIFAL Global Network and Associate Director, Project Development & Fundraising at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

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Third module:

The prohibition of hate speech, xenophobia and racism

21st – 25th September

Special guests & workshops

22nd September

Mr. Michael Wiener
Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

23rd September

Mr. Kuany Kiir Kuany
Programme Manager, Education for Peace & Global Citizenship
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Paris

24th September

H.E. Ms. Somia Djacta
Ambassador of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
(ICESCO) to UNESCO in Paris

25th September

Ms. Ouided Bouchamaoui
Nobel Laureate and Professor of Practice of Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution at NYU
Abu Dhabi

26th September

Mr. Leon Saltiel
Representative of the World Jewish Congress to UN in Geneva

Debates among students

Moderated by Mr. Michael Wiener, Human Rights Officer, Office of the High
Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



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Fourth module:

The role played by science and technology in promoting peace and countering racism

28th September – 2nd October

28th September

Mr. Ibrahim Salama

Former Chief of Treaty Bodies at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

29th September

Mr. Menno Ettema

Head of Unit, Hate Speech, Hate Crime and Artificial Intelligence Unit, Council of Europe

30th September

Mr. Mario Castro Grande

Senior External Affairs Officer, International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

1st October

Ms. Maricela Munoz

Director of External Relations, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA)

2nd October

Mr. Gordon Simango

Director, Liaison Office of All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) to the African Union

Debates among students

Moderated by Dr. Mariateresa Garrido, Assistant Professor, M.A. Programme Coordinator, Department of International Law, Coordinator, Doctoral Degree Programme, UPEACE

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Fifth Module:

Intercultural & Interreligious Dialogue

5th October – 9th October

5th October

Prof. Mark V. Vlastic, Senior Fellow and Adjunct Professor of Law & Public Policy, Georgetown University and Co-founder, Madison Law & Strategy Group

6th October

Ms. Claudine Haenni
Director, Bridging-Changes

7th October

H.E. Mr. Paul Bekkers, Ambassador and Special Envoy on Freedom of Religion and Belief, Netherland

8th October

Dr. Amjad Mohamed Saleem
Manager on Protection, Inclusion and Engagement
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

9th October

Ms. Marion Lalisce
European Commission Coordinator on combating anti-Muslim Hatred

Debates among students

Moderated by Dr Uzma Rashid, Associate Professor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, UPEACE



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Sixth Module:

The contemporary challenges of multilateralism and humanitarian work

12th October – 16th October

12th October

H.E. Ambassador Dr. Khalid AL-Ghaith
Secretary-General of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity

13th October

Dr. Hana Omar, Director of International Relations and Partnerships at the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSrelief)

14th October

H.E. Mr. Tom Fletcher
Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (OCHA)

15th October

Mrs. Sarah Poole
Special Representative of the Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

16th October

H.E. Mr. Jorge Moreira da Silva
UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNOPS

Debates among students

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Seventh Module:

Coexistence through diplomacy

19th October – 23rd October

19th October

Joana Ricarte
Researcher

University of Coimbra Institute for Interdisciplinary Research (iiiUC)

20st October

H.E. Mr. Wook-Jin Chang
Chief, NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

21nd October

Mr. Eric Tistounet
Former secretary of the UN Human Rights Council, OHCHR

22rd October

H.E. Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mexico
to the United Arab Emirates

23th October

H.E. Mrs. Anaclaudia Rossbach,
Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN-Habitat

Debates among students

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OHCHR



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Eight Module:

Fundamental elements of international law and parliamentary diplomacy

26th October – 30st October

26th October

Mr. Enrique Baron, Former President of the European Parliament

Ms. Monica Baldi

Vice-President of the European Parliament Former Members Association

27th October

Mr. Omar Mukthar

Senior Advisor of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

28th October

Dr. Annyssa Bellal, Executive Director of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

29th October

Prof. Daphne Richemond-Barak, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University

30th October

Mr. Bertrand Ramcharan

Former High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations

Debates among students

Moderated by Prof. Juan Carlos Sainz, Vice-Rector of the University for Peace

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Ninth Module:

Commerce & coexistence

2nd November – 13th November

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Tenth Module:

The role of women in peaceful coexistence

16th November – 20th November

16th November

Prof. Şebnem Köşer Akçapar, Ankara Social Sciences University

17th November

Ms. Adriana Quinones, Head of Human Rights and Development, Deputy Director of the UN Women Office at the United Nations in Geneva

18th November

Ms. Maimouna, Founder of Fondation Maman Sahelienne & Nasen Refugee Award for Africa in 2024

Ms. Jin Dawod, Founder of Peace Therapist & Nasen Refugee Award for Europe in 2024

19th November

H.E. Mrs. Pramila Patten
Under-Secretary General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict

20th November

Mrs. Meenakshi Gopinath
Chair, Centre for Policy Research, and Founder-Director of Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP)

Debates among students

Moderated by Prof. Adriana Salcedo, Head of the Peace and Conflict Studies Department at the University for Peace in Costa Rica