

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

**Opening**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
**16:00 – 18:00**  
**Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain**

**15:00 – 17:00**  
**Geneva & La Valetta**

**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 Coexistence and Tolerance

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

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

**Opening remarks**

Dr. Ouided Bouchamaoui, Nobel Peace Laureate

**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



## **Second module:**

### **The prohibition of hate speech**

Focus on

The prohibition of hate speech, xenophobia and racism

**21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Special guests & workshops**

#### **21<sup>st</sup> September**

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

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> September**

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

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> September**

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

#### **24<sup>th</sup> September**

Dr. Prashant Sharma  
President, Dharma Alliance

#### **25<sup>th</sup> September**

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

### **Debates among students**

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

### **Third module:**

#### **Xenophobia and racism**

Focus on:

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

**28<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

#### **28<sup>th</sup> September**

Mr. Ibrahim Salama

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

#### **29<sup>th</sup> September**

Mr. Menno Ettema

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

#### **30<sup>th</sup> September**

Mr. Finn Jarle

Executive Director of the Oslo Center

#### **1<sup>st</sup> October**

Mrs. Maricela Munoz

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

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## **Fourth Module:**

### **Intercultural & Interreligious Dialogue**

**5<sup>th</sup> October – 9<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> October**

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

Mr Herizal, Advisor  
Higher Committee of Human Fraternity

#### **6<sup>th</sup> October**

Mrs. Claudine Haenni  
Director, Bridging-Changes

#### **7<sup>th</sup> October**

Mrs. Marion Lalisse  
European Commission Coordinator on combating anti-Muslim Hatred

#### **8<sup>th</sup> October**

Dr. Azza Karam  
Founding President and CEO of Lead-Integrity

#### **9<sup>th</sup> October**

Mrs. Safak Pavey  
Senior Adviser, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

#### **Debates among students**

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

## **Fifth Module:**

### **The contemporary challenges of multilateralism**

Focus on

the contemporary challenge of multilateralism and humanitarian work

**12<sup>th</sup> October – 16<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> October**

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

#### **13<sup>th</sup> October**

Mrs. Sian Hutchinson  
Head, Global Programme on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE)  
United Nations Counter Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), United Nations Office of Counterterrorism (UNOCT)

#### **14<sup>th</sup> October**

H.E. Mr. Larbi Djacta  
UN Under-Secretary-General and Chair of the UN International Civil Service Commission

#### **15<sup>th</sup> October**

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

#### **16<sup>th</sup> October**

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

Mrs. Gemma Connell, Chief of OCHA's Assessment, Planning and Monitoring Branch (APMB)

#### **Debates among students**

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

## **Sixth Module:**

### **Cultural diplomacy**

Focus on Coexistence through diplomacy

**19<sup>th</sup> October – 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

#### **19<sup>th</sup> October**

H.E. Mr. Jan Wahlberg, Ambassador, Centre for Peace Mediation of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

#### **20<sup>th</sup> October**

Dr. Joana Ricarte  
Researcher  
University of Coimbra Institute for Interdisciplinary Research (iiiUC)

#### **21<sup>st</sup> October**

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

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> October**

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

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> October**

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

### **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

## **Seventh Module:**

### **Fundamental elements of international law**

Focus on Fundamental elements of international law and parliamentary diplomacy

**26<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **26<sup>th</sup> October**

Dr. Bertrand Ramcharan  
Former High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations

#### **27<sup>th</sup> October**

Mr. Enrique Baron, Former President of the European Parliament

#### **28<sup>th</sup> October**

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

#### **29<sup>th</sup> October**

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

#### **30<sup>th</sup> October**

Dr. Mihir Kanade, Member of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development,  
and Head of Department of International Law at UPEACE

#### **Debates among students**

Moderated by Mrs. Monica Baldi Vice-President of the European  
Parliament Former Members Association



**Eight Module:**

**Commercial Diplomacy**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November – 13<sup>th</sup> November**

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**10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**11<sup>th</sup> November**  
**12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**13<sup>th</sup> November**

Experts from WTO, UNCTAD, UNECE, WIPO, UNIDROIT, ITC

**Debates among students**

Moderated by Prof. Stefano Giovannelli (to be confirmed)

## **Ninth Module:**

### **The role of women**

### **in peaceful coexistence**

**16<sup>th</sup> November – 20<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **16<sup>th</sup> November**

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

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

#### **17<sup>th</sup> November**

Prof. Şebnem Köşer Akçapar, Ankara Social Sciences University

#### **18<sup>th</sup> November**

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

#### **19<sup>th</sup> November**

H.E. Mrs. Maritza Chan, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations in New York

H.E. Dr Jasna Lambert, Public Diplomacy Scholar

#### **20<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Tenth module:**

### **Approach to peaceful coexistence and case studies**

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> November**

H.E. Dr. Mohamed Osman  
UPEACE Ambassador and National Commission on Human Rights of Somalia

#### **24<sup>th</sup> November**

H.E. Mr. Mai Phan Dung (invited)  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

#### **25<sup>th</sup> November**

H.E. Mr. Samuel Dusengiyumva, Mayor of the City of Kigali, Rwanda (invited)

#### **26<sup>th</sup> November**

Mrs. Fatima Akilu  
Executive Director of the NEEM Foundation

#### **27<sup>th</sup> November**

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

#### **Debates among students**

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

## **Eleventh module:**

### **Wrap-up on**

### **Coexistence:**

#### Working Group sessions

#### **30<sup>th</sup> November**

Working Session One

#### **1<sup>st</sup> December**

Working Session Two

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Working Session Third

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Working Session Fourth

#### **4<sup>th</sup> December**

Working Session Fifth

#### **Debates among students**

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

**Twelfth module:**

**The Kingdom of Bahrain's soft power model in terms of coexistence in a comparative prospective**

**Provisional week: 24-31 January 2026**

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