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UNITAR GLOBAL DIPLOMACY INITIATIVE 2019-2020





ABOUT

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is the principal training arm of the UN system headquartered in Geneva with Offices in New York, Hiroshima and Port Harcourt. At the UN Headquarters in New York, and for the last 20 years, UNITAR New York has been the gateway to learning opportunities, with a vision of providing knowledge “on the UN, by the UN and for the UN”. It develops and delivers an average of 30 courses annually to thousands of members of the international community – diplomats, UN staff, and members of civil society (including NGOs) and the private sector. Its courses focus on: 1) developing technical knowledge of the UN system and its functioning; 2) building skills that are specific to multilateral diplomacy; and 3) exchanging information and research in the form of Conferences (or series of Conferences) on areas of topical and immediate interest to negotiators at the UN.

DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

UNITAR Global Diplomacy Initiative programme provides a rare opportunity for students to learn about diplomacy from diplomats themselves. Although there is no shortage of courses on global politics and policies, few (if any) provide this education in the context of first-hand experience – experience the United Nations is uniquely situated to provide.

Through this method students will gain an understanding of current global issues, and of the shaping of things to come - on the scene, as they happen. The instructors will be current UN ambassadors, diplomats and delegates, with material covering a range of global issues from the past, present and future. In keeping with the spirit of this “real-world” learning methodology, courses will blend classroom instruction with observation of UN General Assembly sessions and other UN forums. Students will develop a global political perspective through a first-hand look at the modern statecraft.

The understanding of global leadership provided by this programme is something few ever experience – a diplomatic education that is personal and in-depth. This breadth of understanding is complemented by its depth, so that even often overlooked aspects of leadership are considered by better understanding the lives of the leaders themselves.

Befitting the mindset of global diplomacy, students will be encouraged to think collaboratively, creatively and critically. These skills will be applied to various mechanisms of diplomacy, the media discourse and the responsibilities of being part of the global community, ultimately with the goal of developing more socially aware and politically active students. Spaces are limited, and a selection process will take place.

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General Information and Overview of the Programme

Programme Schedule

UNITAR Global Diplomacy Initiative programme takes place on a term by term basis for **Fall, Summer, or Spring**. Participants should register for the term that fits best into their schedule. Cost is \$2,000 per term and full payment must be received before the programme starts. If participant would like course credit, this must be arranged with participants individual colleges.

Class Schedule: Fridays at 10am-1pm for one-on-one instructions with former Ambassadors, UN staff and Professors associated with UNITAR. Students are encouraged to attend various other events run by UNITAR as well as other UN Agencies to get hands on experience. These events take place during UN hours of 10am-5pm.

Class Venue: The UN Secretariat Conference Rooms

Programme Structure

Unit I: Academic: Total of twenty-seven hours of lecture sessions.

Unit II: Practical: Fifteen to twenty hours of attending meetings of the UNITAR Core Diplomatic Training that fits participant's schedule.

Perks: Participants will receive a UN ID that allows access to the Secretariat, Conference Rooms and the UN library. Participants have to follow certain protocols such as notifying UNITAR staff 24-48 hours prior that they are visiting the UN other than for scheduled classes and trainings. Participants will also receive a UNITAR Global Diplomacy Initiative completion certificate as well as certificates from any other training attended upon finishing the programme.

Previous UNITAR 2018 Catalogue can be viewed here:

http://unitar.org/ny/sites/unitar.org.ny/files/uploads/unitar-2018_programme_okweb_rev_1.pdf

Extracurricular: Voluntary attendance at UN Secretariat Side events will be highly encouraged based on participant's interests in these topics.

Registration:

To register for this course, prospective participants will have to provide their Resume/CV as well as a cover letter describing why they are interested in this programme and how it would be beneficial to them.

Please go to the following link for more information and to complete registration:

<https://www.unitar.org/event/full-catalog/unitar-global-diplomacy-initiative-spring-2019>

UNIT I: ACADEMIC COURSES

Globalization and Multilateral Diplomacy

Lecturer: H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeev

This course examines the acceleration of states' interdependence on a worldwide scale and the intentions of the global community to articulate collective interests, as well as to work out cooperative problem-solving arrangements to prevent threats to global peace and violations of human rights, cope with water and food crises, and manage climate change challenges. The course reveals gaps in global governance and controversies between globalization and state sovereignty, universality and tradition. The course also examines the potential and limits of institutions of global governance, primarily the UN. Finally, the course reveals the variety of ethical issues raised by the structures of global rule, and the effects of globalization, and normative questions of accountability and responsibility in international affairs.

Course duration: 3-hour classes/2 Sessions | **Tentative Dates: 1st February 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm & 8th February 2019 10:00am-1:00pm (TBC)**

The General Assembly, the Security Council, and the Differences Between the Two

Lecturer: Mr. Roy Lee

This session will review the Charter-based mandates of the General Assembly and Security Council, as well as their procedures. How have the written mandates in the Charter matched the practice of the two principal organs over the past 70 years? Do their mandates overlap? Does either body have an "exclusive" competence over certain issues? Who decides if either body is accused of acting outside its mandate? How do the procedures for conducting business and for taking decisions differ between the two principal organs? What ideas for reform have been mentioned or proposed? What challenges exist for amending the Charter to make needed institutional changes, or are there other ways of initiating change without Charter amendment?

Course duration: 3-hour classes | **Tentative Dates: 15th February 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm (TBC)**

Climate Change, Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Lecturer: Professor Narinder Kakar

In December 2015, countries adopted the new historic Paris Agreement on climate change. For the first time, 195 Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) pledged to curb emissions, strengthen resilience and join to take common climate action. This followed two weeks of negotiations at the United Nations climate change conference (COP21). The course will include discussion on the impact of the climate deal and its meaning for the world, reflection on the necessary efforts countries will need to make to achieve the commitments, and deliberation on the financial frameworks needed to implement the agreement in developed and developing countries. Additionally, the course will consider the share of responsibility of developed and developing countries in the implementation of all commitments made in the climate change agreement and analyse the importance of this agreement for the achievement of the rest of the goals in the 2030 Agenda for SDGs.

Course duration: 3-hour classes/2 Sessions | **Tentative Dates: 22 February 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm (TBC) & 1st March 2019 10:00am-1:00pm (TBC)**

Regional Organizations and Conflict Resolution

Lecturer: Dr. Angel Angelov

This course examines the role of regional organizations in conflict resolution. Special attention is given to the specific and ever-evolving division of labor, based on comparative strengths and weaknesses, between the United Nations and regional organizations (i.e. AU, EU, NATO, CIS and OSCE) in tackling different conflicts (i.e. Kosovo, Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Somalia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Moldova and Macedonia). The relevant policy and scholarly debate is centered on two main arguments. On one hand, it is argued that regional problems require regional solutions; while on the other hand, it is maintained that the regional engagement could be problematic on its own. The course aims at assisting the students in developing analytical skills for critically examining the capabilities and interests of different international organizations. To that end, the students will employ an interdisciplinary tool such as the *SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats)* analysis, which facilitates a systematized approach towards the unit and system levels of analysis of international organizations.

Course duration: 3-hour classes | **Tentative Dates: 8th March 2019 10:00am-1:00pm (TBC)**

Conflicts, Crises, and the Quest of Global Peace & Security

Lecturer: Ambassador Omar Annakou

This course covers issues related to peace and security, including post-conflict situations, reconciliations, and the nexus between security and development. The course examines the process of reconciliation: the necessity of reconciliation, the stages of reconciliation, ownership of reconciliation process, and the obstacles to reconciliations. Themes will also include the managing of turbulent transitions, identifying situations likely to lead to violent conflict, state building strategies in the context of fragile situations, and the nature of transitions from conflict to peace. Special attention will be given to the linkage between security, peace, and development through the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies and institutions at all levels. The importance of sustainable peace to development and the nexus between justice, peace, and human rights shall be also addressed. *Course duration: 3-hour classes* | **Tentative Date: 29th March 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm (TBC)**

UN Security Council Reform

Lecturer: Dr. Angel Angelov, Second Secretary

It is only natural that every sovereign state strives to promote its national interests and to counter the expansion of the influence of its neighbours. The inclusion of 193 countries in one multilateral framework leads to a perpetual drive for adjusting it in a way that is acceptable to its composite elements, particularly to the most influential of them. The process of adjustment is often referred to by the label of “reform”. Probably the most important and certainly the most visible aspect of the reform drive is associated with the composition of the almighty United Nations Security Council (UNSC). The UNSC reform process represents a mirror that reflects the conflicting interests of the most influential states in the world. The desire of those countries to achieve their goals leads to the formation of alliances and counter-alliances, whose importance goes beyond the reform itself. This course examines the “big picture” of the UNSC reform. Its aim is to assist the students in looking for an answer to the most relevant research questions: who wants what, why and what strategies are followed for the achievement of the desired outcome. The course is based on analysis of hundreds of national statements on the reform and relevant UN documents and scholarly literature. An important source of insights derives from the lecturer’s experience as participant in the process during the last decade.

Course duration: 3-hour classes | **Tentative Date: 5th April 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm (TBC)**

Responsibility to Protect (R2P)

Lecturer: Ms. Jelena Pia-Comella,

This course is designed to help participants gain greater understanding of the political and constitutional role and responsibilities of the Security Council under the UN Charter and vis-à-vis the other organs of the United Nations system, to learn about the procedures and practice of the Security Council and discuss topical issues on which the Council is deliberating. Ultimately, the Responsibility to Protect principle reinforces sovereignty by helping states to meet their existing responsibilities. It offers fresh programmatic opportunities for the United Nations system to assist states in preventing the listed crimes and violations and in protecting affected populations through capacity building, early warning, and other preventive and protective measures, rather than simply waiting to respond if they fail. Since the adoption of the Responsibility to Protect in 2005, the United Nations Secretary-General has taken a series of steps to elaborate on the principle and guide its practical implementation. Member States have also regularly considered implementation of the principle during formal and informal meetings and the principle has been repeatedly referenced and reaffirmed in relevant United Nations resolutions. Other actors have advocated for and supported the implementation of the principle. It will also introduce the Security Council Presidency and students will receive overviews of the political and legal frameworks. Security Council Sanctions and the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Branch, which assists the Security Council design, implements and evaluates sanctions. Participants will also get an overview of the United Nation's global political commitment of responsibility to protect (R2P) embodies a political commitment to end the worst forms of violence and persecution. It seeks to narrow the gap between Member States' pre-existing obligations under international humanitarian and human rights law and the reality faced by populations at risk of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.

Course duration: 3-hour classes | **Tentative Date: 12th April 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm (TBC)**

These courses will also discuss the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations



Faculty Profiles

Note: For the benefit of the participants, when appropriate, key note speakers will also be invited.

H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Former Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations



Senior Fellow and Lecturer at MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, European Studies Council, Yale University. Ambassador Yuriy Sergeyev is a former Ukrainian diplomat and politician, having served as the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations from 2007 to 2016 and Bahamas (2008-2015); as Ukrainian Ambassador to France and UNESCO “2003-2007”; to Greece, and Albania (1997-2000). He held various posts in the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Director of Information Department (1992-1994); Chef de Cabinet (1994-1996); First Deputy Minister (2001); State Secretary (2001-2003). Before joining diplomatic service of Ukraine in 1992, Yuriy Sergeyev for 12 years worked in the academic sphere as assistant professor, associate professor, professor at Kiev State University (Ukraine); at UNESCO guided Politechnical Institute in the Republic of Mali (1983-1986); and at the Scientific board of the Institute of Eastern Studies “Paris-Sorbonne IV” (France). He has a PhD degree from the Institute of Linguistics of Ukrainian Academy of Science (1987). Yuriy Sergeyev holds a rank of Ambassador of Ukraine (2000). He is a Grand Officer of the State Order of Ukraine "For Merit" (2006).

Dr. Roy S. Lee

Professor at Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies



Dr. Lee is a Professor at Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies since 2007. He was also Professor at Columbia Law School from 1997-2014. He worked with the United Nations Secretariat from 1967 to 1999. He was the Executive Secretary for the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court; Director of the Division for the codification and development of international law, UN Office of Legal Affairs; Secretary of the International Law Commission; and Secretary of the Sixth (Legal) Committee of the General Assembly. He has published nine books on space law, law of the sea, the International Court of Justice, norms of democracy, peace problems and international criminal law and procedures, as well as some thirty articles on various subjects and issues of international and environmental law. He studied law in China and did post graduate work (LL.M. and Ph.D.) at McGill in Canada and at London University, United Kingdom respectively. He was elected to the *Institut de Droit International* in 2001 and was a vice-president of the *Institut* in 2007. He has been Permanent Observer to the United Nations for the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (an inter-regional institution comprising 47 Asian and African states).

Dr. Angel Angelov

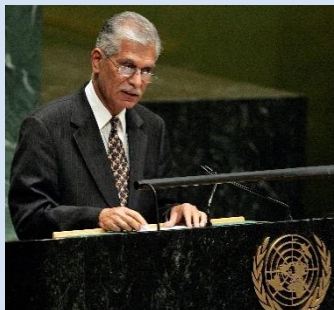
First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria



He is specialized in the work of the UN Security Council, with a particular focus on agenda items related to Europe and the Middle East. Dr. Angelov was recently elected as a Bureau member of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee for the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly. Dr. Angelov has been a visiting professor at several universities in Europe and North America where he teaches courses on different aspects of the work of the UN. He holds various academic degrees in political science, international security and regional studies from the University of Geneva, the University of Bologna and the University of Athens. Dr. Angelov was awarded numerous research grants, contributed to over 100 international conferences and workshops on foreign policy and has published more than 40 academic and media articles and book chapters. He is a member of editorial boards of a peer-reviewed journal and contributes to different think tanks.

H.E. Mr. Narinder Kakar

Permanent Observer of University For Peace to the UN and Adjunct Professor at Pace University School of Law



The Former Permanent Observer of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). IUCN, the world's oldest and largest environmental network, dedicated to the cause of natural resources conservation. Mr. Kakar also serves as Co-Director of UN Environmental Diplomacy Programme and Adjunct Professor at Pace University School of Law. The IUCN and UPEACE have observer status in the General Assembly. Mr. Kakar has had extensive experience working for the United Nations. Prior to joining IUCN and UPEACE, he served the UN Development Programme (UNDP) for over 30 years with progressively increasing responsibilities, culminating in the position of UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative. During his long career with UNDP, his

responsibilities included development and management of programs in human development and the broader aspect of sustainable development. He continues to participate actively in the discussions related to the 2030 Agenda. Mr. Kakar secured his bachelor-level diploma after studying at Delhi Polytechnic and subsequently did his Diploma in Journalism from the Institute of Journalism in Delhi. He secured his master's degree from the Hacettepe University in Turkey. Subsequently, he was a Research Associate at Harvard University.

Ms. Jelena Pia-Comella

Former Deputy Executive Director, International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect



Ms. Jelena Pia-Comella has 20 years of experience in international relations and a deep knowledge of the United Nations system. She previously served as Director of Programs at the World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP) since July 2008. Her career began as a diplomat representing the country of Andorra to the UN, the United States and Canada and as such participated in the 1998 Rome Conference. In 2002, she was appointed Deputy Permanent Representative of Andorra to the UN. In addition, she served as Chargé d'affaires a.i./Chief of Mission to the United States and Canada from 2001 to 2007. In 2008, Ms. Pia-Comella joined the Center for Women's Global Leadership and Women's Environment and Development Organization as a consultant to coordinate the Gender Equality Architecture

Reform Campaign, a coalition of over 300 NGOs for the purpose of strengthening gender equality at the UN.

Dr. Omar Annakou

Ambassador at the Permanent Mission of Libya



Dr. Omar Annakou heads the economic and development section. During his tenure, he gained considerable experience in multilateral diplomacy, intergovernmental negotiations strategies and working methods of the UN main bodies including Security Council, General Assembly, main committees, and UN Development and Humanitarian Agencies. He was elected Vice-President of the (UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS) Executive Board 2017. Prior to joining the Libyan Mission, he was appointed as a chief advisor to the president of the Libyan General National Congress GNC (the Interim president of Libya), during 2012-2013. Before that, He was also advisor to the president of the Libyan National Transition Congress (NTC) and presidential chief de cabinet of the interim president of Libya, 2011-2012. During his

work with GNC and TNC, in addition to his consultative, managerial and supervising duties, he was dealing with international technical cooperation between GNC and TNC and the UNSMIL and EU.

UNIT II: Practical

UNITAR Diplomatic Training and Lectures Series for Spring Enrollment

February

- Artificial Intelligence and Robotics
- Effective Negotiation in Multilateral Conferences
- Columbia Law School Series: Women's Leadership and Negotiation Skills

March

- Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies: What they are and Potential Applications for the UN
- Global Sources of Domestic Inequalities
- Columbia Law School Series: Conflict Resolution as a Weapon against Poverty

April

- Elections in the United Nations Organs
- Cyberspace and Cybersecurity Policy Issues, Risks and Strategies
- Columbia Law School Series: Empowering Women in Peace Processes
- UN Forum on Indigenous Issues (22 April – 3 May)

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UNITAR Diplomatic Training and Lecture Series for Summer Enrollment

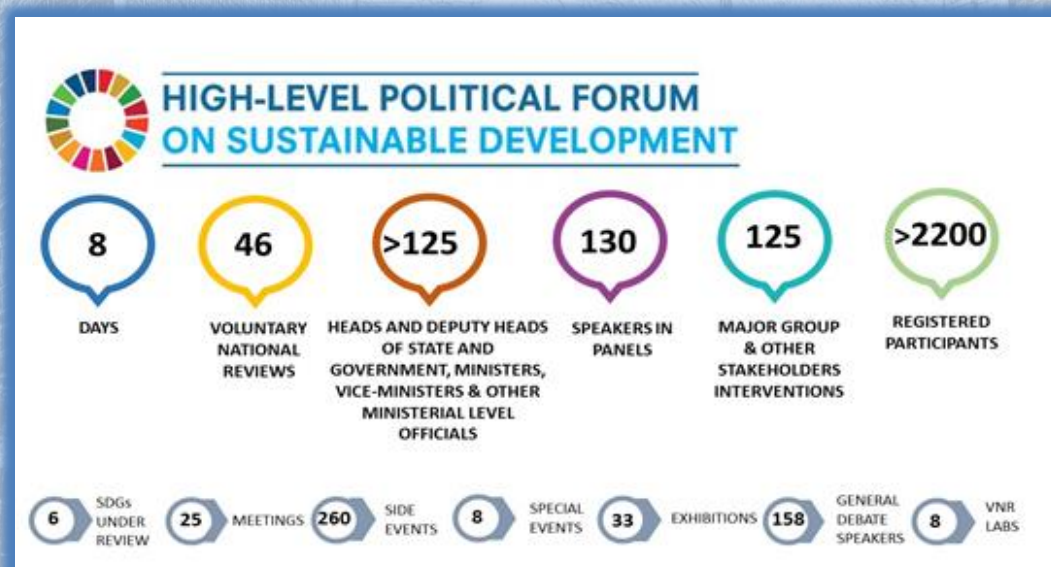
June

- The Structure, Drafting, and Adoption of United Nations Resolutions
- The Security Council Work Programme
- Strengthening Preventive Diplomacy and Multilateral Negotiation

July

- Access to attend over 260 events on Sustainable Development Goals at the Secretariat, Missions of countries and UN agency offices.

The Division for Sustainable Development in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are co-organizing the High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF) SDGs Learning, Training and Practice sessions – a capacity building, networking and experience-sharing event, with high-level speakers and experts on crucial topics related to the implementation of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.



UNITAR Diplomatic Training and Lecture Series for Fall Enrollment

September

- 73rd United Nations General Assembly and the Main Committees
- Introduction for New Delegates on the Work of the Security Council
- The Work of the Economic and Social Council

October

- Columbia Law School Series: Conflict Resolution And Ensuring Access To Justice In Developing Nations
- The Security Council Work Programme

November

- Columbia Law School Series: Women, Peace And Security: Achieving Gender Equity In Conflict Resolution
- Columbia Law School Series: Leadership And Conflict Resolution: Leading Self And Leading Others

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Extracurriculars: United Nations Agency Side Events

During the Spring Term:

- ❖ Commission for Social Development
- ❖ UN Women: Commission for Status of Women Week
- ❖ Statistical Commission
- ❖ Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

During the Summer Term:

- ❖ Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- ❖ States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- ❖ High-Level Political Forum Events

During the Fall Term:

- ❖ 74th United Nations General Assembly
- ❖ Meetings of 1st Committee: Disarmament & International Security
- ❖ Meetings of 2nd Committee: Economic & Financial
- ❖ Meetings of 3rd Committee: Social, Humanitarian & Cultural
- ❖ Meetings of 4th Committee: Special Political & Decolonization
- ❖ Meetings of 5th Committee: Administrative & Budgetary
- ❖ Meetings of 6th Committee: Legal

Note: Events may change and are subject to the schedule of the United Nations

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