



AUTUMN SCHOOL

International Intensive Course

Building competencies and awareness on the international protection of girl children affected by armed conflict

**Organized by the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict
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The Autumn School is an international intensive course held online that offers the possibility of academic and professional training on the subject of international human rights law and international humanitarian law with regard to the protection of children in armed conflict and with a specific focus on gender issues.

The Autumn School is open to all those interested in learning more about the protection of children affected by armed conflict. The course will cover key issues related to the protection of children in armed conflict, in particular girl children, offering the participant a comprehensive knowledge of the topic. The classes will provide both a theoretical and practical perspective and will involve the participation of auditors from different fields of study and training.

The course also aims at ensuring a space for networking in order to create like-minded *Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC)* and *United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325* “champions groups” coordinated by the professors of the course. These groups will be composed by a maximum of 10 participants who will work on specific topics by exchanging ideas/experiences. These groups will be the protagonists of the last two days of the course: each of them will elaborate together a paper as result of the exchange of ideas that will be illustrated by one representative per group during a final round table with professors and experts.

Participants/Auditors: It is required that the participants have a background in Law, Political Science, International Relations or Sociology. It is preferable that participants hold a University degree (at least a BA or equivalent with 3 years of studies in these disciplines) or have an equivalent professional experience in a relevant field. Having already completed a three-year course is a non-mandatory requirement.

Graduates of other disciplines will be considered depending upon the courses they have followed.



We particularly encourage the participation of those from the universities and research centers that are part of the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict as well as organizations working in the sector.

Schedule: The 40 hours Autumn School will be held online from 4th to 19th October 2021 (two weeks from Monday to Thursday plus two days, for a total of 10 days). The attendance of participants from different countries and geographical areas is foreseen. For this reason the difference in time zones will be considered and the course will be held from 2.30 to 6.30 pm CET so to allow every participant to attend it.

The online course will be recorded and made available to enrolled people for consultation also in the days following the school.

The courses will be held in English and French.

Deadline for course registration: 20th September 2021

A certificate will be issued at the end of the course.

COURSE ORGANIZATION

The Autumn School favours a balance between theory and practice with a multidisciplinary approach. Participants will receive an overview of international and regional instruments available for the protection of children in armed conflict from speakers working in the sector and bringing their experience and expertise to the discussion.

The speakers will be selected from international and regional organizations, institutions and agencies, NGOs, and will include professors and experts in different fields.

In the last two days of the course, group work is planned with the aim of discussing specific issues addressed during the course, with regard in particular to *Children and Armed Conflict* (CAAC) and *United Nations Security Council Resolution* (UNSCR) 1325 and in order to create like-minded “champions groups” on these topics.

Moreover, **a final individual examination of the course is foreseen.** It will consist of an essay of a maximum of 10 pages; each student will therefore elaborate an essay on a specific topic that must be communicated by the end of the eighth day of the course. The essay must be sent not later than 5 days after the end of the course.

The best essays will be published in a scientific publication.

10 hours of individual study will be considered in addition to the duration of the course for the elaboration of this final essay.

The certificate will be issued at the end of the course after receiving the final individual essay and with a minimum attendance of 70% of the entire course.



PROGRAMME

DAY	MODULES
Monday, October 4th, 2021 2.30-6.30 pm CET	<p><i>Introduction to the Course</i></p> <p>Greetings from institutional representatives / Introduction and practical information by the Coordination Committee of the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict</p> <p>Representative of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation</p> <p>Virginia Gamba, <i>Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict</i></p> <p>Paolo de Nardis, <i>Istituto di Studi Politici S. Pio V</i></p> <p>Laura Guercio, <i>University of Perugia, Italy</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Overview of International Law</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Humanitarian Law (Fausto Pocar, <i>International Institute of Humanitarian Law – Sanremo, Italy</i>) • International Human Rights Law (Giuseppe Cataldi, <i>University of Naples L'Orientale, Italy</i>) • The new wars and the protection of vulnerable people/groups (Ahmeda Alfatlawi, <i>University of Kufa, Iraq</i>) <p><u>Participants are divided into two <i>Like-minded champions groups</i>: <i>Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC)</i> and <i>United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325</i></u></p>



<p>Tuesday, October 5th, 2021</p> <p>2.30-6.30 pm CET</p>	<p><i>Protection of the most Vulnerable Groups during Armed Conflict: a Gender Perspective</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of Children: International and regional legal and policy framework (Domenico Rosani, <i>University of Innsbruck, Austria</i>) • A Gender Perspective: <i>The Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women (DEVAW), the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action</i> (Klodiana Beshku, <i>University of Tirana, Albania</i>) • The United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) and related ones: the importance in integrating the gender perspective in the protection of children in armed conflict (Jan Marie Fritz, <i>University of Cincinnati, USA</i>) <p>Round table:</p> <p><u>The 1325 National Action Plans (NAPs): The Italian NAP and a Comparative analysis with other National Action Plans</u></p> <p>Laura Guercio (moderator), <i>University of Perugia, Italy</i> Roja Fazaeli, <i>Trinity College Dublin, Ireland</i> Janet Serwah Boateng, <i>University of Cape Coast, Ghana</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, October 6th, 2021</p> <p>2.30-6.30 pm CET</p>	<p><i>The Protection of Children in Armed Conflict</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The international law and the protection of Children in Armed Conflict: <i>The Geneva Conventions of 1949, the Additional Protocols of 1977 and customary International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The protection of Children in Armed Conflict under the UN Convention on the Rights of Child (CRC) and its Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict; The protection of children in armed conflict and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); the Paris Principles and the Vancouver principles</i> (Marco Pertile, <i>University of Trento, Italy</i>) • The Children and Armed Conflict Agenda and its implementation - SRSG/CAAC mandate: Framework set up by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and the United Nations Security Council (UNSC); Main topics related to CAAC.



	<p><i>General Overview on:</i> resolutions, six grave violations and the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM), listing/delisting criteria, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict and the Action Plans; Countries on the CAAC Agenda; Implementation of the CAAC Agenda by the UN at regional level (Anne Schintgen, <i>Head of the Europe Liaison Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict</i>)</p> <p>Testimonials:</p> <p><u>Responsibility to protect: which role of States?</u></p> <p>Katherine Cocco, <i>Child Protection Specialist - Children and Armed Conflict (MRM), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</i></p> <p>Representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)</p>
<p>Thursday, October 7th, 2021</p> <p>2.30-6.30 pm CET</p>	<p><i>The violations committed against female population and children</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence against female population: what challenges for the international community? (Representative of the <i>International Committee of the Red Cross, ICRC, Geneva</i>) • Violence against children <i>Recruitment or use of children as soldiers, Abduction, Sexual violence, Attacks against school and hospitals, Killing and maiming, Denial of humanitarian access to children</i> (Radoslaw Malinowski, <i>Tangaza University College, Kenya</i>) <p>Round table:</p> <p><u>Experiences and voices from the field: how universities work in conflict zone?</u></p> <p>Simona Lanzellotto (moderator), <i>lawyer, expert on legal protection of vulnerable people</i></p> <p>Dragos Chilea, <i>University of Târgu Mureş, Romania</i></p> <p>Thomas Mwagalwa, <i>Official University of Bukavu, Republic Democratic of Congo</i></p> <p>Joseph Enyoma Akonye, <i>Alex Ekwueme Federal University Ndufu-Alike, Nigeria</i></p>



	<i>Week end</i>
<p>Monday, October 11th, 2021</p> <p>2.30-6.30 pm CET</p>	<p><i>Monitoring, Reporting and Accountability under International Criminal Law</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and reporting (Francesca Capone, <i>S. Anna School of Advanced Studies Centre, Pisa, Italy</i>) • International jurisdictions and transitional justice (Stefano Dominelli, <i>University of Genoa, Italy</i>) • The ad hoc international Courts (Marco Pedrazzi, <i>University of Milan, Italy</i>) • Case studies (Fausto Pocar, <i>International Institute of Humanitarian Law – Sanremo, Italy</i>)
<p>Tuesday, October 12th, 2021</p> <p>2.30-6.30 pm CET</p>	<p><i>The humanitarian-development-peace (HDP) nexus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (Khalid Al- Mamoury, <i>El Alamein Institute, Iraq</i>) tbc • Social Stigmatization and Reintegration (Marion Bedi-Visschers, <i>University of Applied Sciences Regensburg, Germany</i> / Bahtije Gerbeshi Zylfiu, <i>University of Pristina, Kosovo</i>) • Prevention, Protection, access to healthcare and psychological support and education (Souleymane Barry, <i>Général Lansana Conté University, Guinea</i>) <p>Round table:</p> <p><u>Mediation and reconciliation process</u></p> <p>Debora Capalbo (moderator), <i>Sapienza University of Rome, Italy</i> Maria Caterina Federici, <i>University of Perugia, Italy</i> Annamaria Rufino, <i>University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli”, Italy</i> Kito Masimango, <i>Université Panafricaine de Conformente en Oceanique, Democratic Republic of Congo</i> Ziyad Al-Nuaimi, <i>University of Mosul, Iraq</i></p>



<p>Wednesday, October 13th, 2021</p> <p>2.30-6.30 pm CET</p>	<p><i>Conflict, Displacement and Asylum: the new current challenges</i></p> <p>Forced migration: definitions and scope (<i>Ivana Roagna, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, UNICRI</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Refugee Law and International legal standards protecting internally displaced persons (IDPs) (<i>Amina Maneggia, University of Perugia, Italy</i>) • Contemporary Slavery: Human Trafficking and Forced Labour definitions and overlaps; International legal standards in the fields of slavery, trafficking in persons, forced labour and child labour (<i>Silvia Scarpa, John Cabot University, Italy</i>) <p>Round table: <u>The new challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic</u> Giovanna Gnerre Landini (moderator), <i>PhD, Researcher in International Law and Human Rights</i> Settimio Stallone, <i>University of Naples Federico II, Italy</i> Andreas Müller, <i>University of Innsbruck, Austria</i> Gianluigi Mastandrea Bonaviri, <i>PhD in International and Comparative Law / First Secretary, Italian Embassy in the Arab Republic of Egypt</i> Massimo Fragola, <i>Permanent Seminar of International Studies, Italy</i></p>
<p>Thursday, October 14th, 2021</p> <p>2.30-6.30 pm CET</p>	<p><i>Conflict and dispute intervention. Focus on UNSCR 1325 (2000)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace-keeping and peace-building missions (<i>Sergio Marchisio, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy</i>) • The UNSCR 1325 and the participation of women in peace missions: a gender perspective in the United Nations Peace and Security efforts (<i>Anne Runyan, University of Cincinnati, USA</i>) • The children perspective in UN Missions (<i>Laura Guercio, University of Perugia, Italy/Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict</i>)



	<p>Round table:</p> <p><u>Testimonials from the field</u></p> <p>Stefano Del Col, <i>Major General, Head of Mission and Force Commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)</i></p> <p>Gianluca Alberini, <i>Deputy Director General/Principal Director for the United Nations and Human Rights, Directorate General for Political Affairs and Security, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation</i></p> <p>* N.B. By this day the students must communicate the subject of the individual essay that they will have to submit not later than 5 days after the end of the course</p>
	<i>Week end</i>
<p>Monday, October 18th, 2021</p> <p>2.30-6.30 pm CET</p>	<p><i>Like-minded CAAC and UNSCR 1325 champions groups - Introduction to the work</i></p> <p>Each group will work during this session to define its paper as the result of an exchange of ideas/experiences.</p> <p>The paper will consist of a maximum of 5 pages in which the groups will focus: 1) <i>social and legal framework of the topic</i>; 2) <i>critical aspects</i>; 3) <i>recommendations</i>.</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 19th, 2021</p> <p>2.30-6.30 pm CET</p>	<p>Round table: Presentation of the papers from each group</p> <p><i>Conclusions and final remarks</i></p>

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