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EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

Learning from Conflicts: Approaches to Peace-Building and the Role of Europe

Florence, 13-15 December 2017

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Venue: Conference Room, Villa La Fonte, European University Institute

■ ABSTRACT

This Executive Training Seminar focuses on approaches to conflict resolution and peace-building and the role that Europe can play in these processes. The informed audience will be exposed to insights from economics, political science, psychology and organizational behavior, as well as to the input and experiences of practitioners and researchers with deep understanding of the three case studies selected. In the specific the Executive Training will draw on practitioners' experience and on the latest academic analysis and field-based research in three strategic areas: drivers of conflicts; political and economic dimensions of conflict resolution and peace-building; approaches to diplomacy and negotiation. The participants will be immersed in a unique training where inputs for reflection and practical work will complement the comparative perspective adopted to focus on three conflicts: Syria, Colombia and Ukraine. This Seminar is aimed at the training and networking of EU's and EU Member States' practitioners and policy-makers, working in the field of conflict prevention and resolution, mediation, prevention of violent extremism and humanitarian assistance, and to officials from member governments, EU institutions and international organizations, as well as to practitioners from the private sector and NGOs.

■ PROGRAMME

Day 1: The Drivers of Conflict

8.45-9.00	Institutional Greetings Vincenzo Grassi Secretary General of the European University Institute Miguel Poiaras Maduro Director of the School of transnational Governance
9.00-9.30	Presentation of the Executive Training Seminar: Objectives and Learning Outcomes Luigi Narbone EUI and EEAS
9.30-11.30	Thematic Introduction David Laitin Stanford University
11.30-12.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12.00-13.30	Group Practicum: Parallel Sessions of the Country Groups Chair: Luigi Narbone EUI and EEAS
13.30-14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30-16.00	Views From the Field with a Focus on Drivers of Conflict in Ukraine Julie Wilhelmsen NUPI Hilde Katrine Haug Former political analyst at OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine
16.00-16.30	General Discussion on the Views from the Field
16.30-17.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17.00-18.00	Group Practicum: Parallel Sessions of the Country Groups Chair: Luigi Narbone EUI and EEAS
18.00-18.30	General Debriefing of the Country Groups' Activities for the Day

Day 2: Economic and Political Dimensions of Peace-building

9.00-11.00	Thematic Introduction Saumitra Jha Stanford University
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30-13.00	Group Practicum: Parallel Sessions of the Country Groups Chair: Luigi Narbone EUI and EEAS
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>

14.00-15.30	Views from the Field with a Focus on Economic and Political Dimensions of Peace-building in Syria Jihad Yazigi Journalist Anis Nacrou Former acting Head of European Union Delegation in Syria
15.30-16.00	General Discussion on the Views from the Field
16.00-16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.30-17.30	Group Practicum: Parallel Sessions of the Country Groups Chair: Luigi Narbone EUI and EEAS
17.30-18.00	General Debriefing of the Country Groups' Activities for the Day

Day 3: Negotiating Peace: Insights for Diplomacy from Psychology and Behavioural Game Theory

9.00-11.00	Thematic Introduction Nir Halevy Stanford University
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30-13.00	Views from the Field with a Focus on Negotiating Peace in Colombia Juanita Goebertus Estrada Institute for Integrated Transitions Rodrigo Uprimny Dejusticia
13.00-13.30	General Discussion on the Views from the Field
13.30-14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30-16.00	Group Practicum: Parallel Sessions of the Country Groups Chair: Luigi Narbone EUI and EEAS
16.00-18.00	Final Country Group Presentations
18.00-18.30	Final Remarks and Award of Certificates
18.30-19.30	<i>Farewell Cocktail</i>

■ FACULTY

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