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## EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

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

Florence, 13-15 December 2017

Scientific Coordinators: Andrea Ichino | European University Institute (EUI), Saumitra Jha | Stanford University, Luigi Narbone | European External Action Service (EEAS)

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

### Day 2: Economic and Political Dimensions of Peace-building

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

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

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

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

#### ■ FACULTY

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