



## EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

# *LEARNING FROM CONFLICTS: APPROACHES TO PEACE-BUILDING AND THE ROLE OF EUROPE*

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Sala Belvedere

Villa Schifanoia, Via Boccaccio 121 - Florence

**11-13 NOVEMBER**

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

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 particular, 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, the Sahel/Horn of Africa, 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; officials from member governments, EU institutions and international organizations; and practitioners from the private sector and NGOs.



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## PROGRAMME

### **11 NOVEMBER THE DRIVERS OF CONFLICT**

- 08.45 - 9.00 Institutional greetings
- 09.00 - 09.30 Presentation of the Executive Training Seminar: Objectives and Learning Outcomes  
**Luigi Narbone** | Middle East Directions (MED) Programme, EUI
- 09.30 - 11.30 Thematic Introduction  
**Mats Berdal** | Kings College London
- 11.30 - 12.00 *Coffee break*
- 12.00 - 13.30 Group Practicum: Parallel Sessions of the Country Groups  
**Luigi Narbone** | Middle East Directions (MED) Programme, EUI
- 13.30 - 14.30 *Lunch*
- 14.30 - 16.00 Views From the Field with a Focus on Drivers of Conflict in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa  
**Francesco Strazzari** | Sant'Anna University
- 16.00 - 16.30 General Discussion on the Views from the Field
- 16.30 - 17.00 *Coffee break*
- 17.00 - 18.00 Group Practicum: Parallel Sessions of the Country Groups  
**Luigi Narbone** | Middle East Directions (MED) Programme, EUI
- 18.00 - 18.30 General Debriefing of the Country Groups' Activities for the Day
- 19.30 *Welcoming Dinner*

### **12 NOVEMBER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF PEACE-BUILDING**

- 09.00 - 11.00 Thematic Introduction  
**Samy Saadi** | Team Leader Near and Middle East, Stabilization Unit, German Federal Foreign Office
- 11.00 - 11.30 *Coffee break*
- 11.30 - 13.00 Group Practicum: Parallel Sessions of the Country Groups  
**Luigi Narbone** | Middle East Directions (MED) Programme, EUI
- 13.00 - 14.00 *Lunch*
- 14.00 - 15.30 Views from the Field with a Focus on Economic and Political Dimensions of Peace-building in Syria  
**Jihad Yazigi** | The Syria Report
- 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 <b>Luigi Narbone</b>   Middle East Directions (MED) Programme, EUI
17.30 - 18.00	General Debriefing of the Country Groups' Activities for the Day
<b>13 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>NEGOTIATING PEACE: INSIGHTS FOR DIPLOMACY FROM PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIORAL GAME THEORY</b>
09.00 - 11.00	Thematic Introduction <b>Nomi Bar-Yaacov</b>   Chatham House
11.00 - 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 - 13.00	Views from the Field with a Focus on Negotiating Peace in Ukraine <b>Remi Dufлот</b>   European External Action Service <b>Adras Racz</b>   Pazmany Peter Catholic University
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: <b>Luigi Narbone</b>   Middle East Directions (MED) Programme, EUI
16.00 - 18.00	Final Country Group Presentations
18.00 - 18.30	Final Remarks and Award of Certificates
18.30 - 19.00	<i>Farewell Cocktail</i>

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