



COURSE:

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS

DESCRIPTIVE

This course pretends to examine the United Nations system, in which the goal of eliminating war and conflict will be deeply studied. A critical approach to the work performed by the different UN bodies will be also analysed taking into account that the notion of peace is strongly linked to the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including development. It will also examine the UN involvement in the conflict prevention and peacebuilding architecture through the analysis of the main debates taking place currently at the international level. It will enable a careful evaluation of the UN peace and human rights agenda, as well as mechanisms aimed at promoting lasting peace worldwide. Following this course, participants will be able to make a global assessment about conflict resolution and post conflict peace-building as a part of the UN collective peace and security system.

AUDIENCE

This course complements the different editions of the “Course on Human Rights and Peace within the United Nations” held in Geneva. It is open to students and professionals –lawyers, legal advisers, NGO staff, human rights advocates, media specialists, and professionals working in emergency situations and staff from other international organizations –who want to deepen their expertise in this specific issue.

SCHEDULE AND VENUE

During two weeks in July, this course will take place at the campus of the United Nations mandated University for Peace (UPEACE) in San Jose (Costa Rica). High reputed experts on peace studies and law from UPEACE and Abat Oliba CEU University will teach in this course. Visits to the national and regional institutions based in Costa Rica will be organized.

CERTIFICATE

Participants will obtain a certificate at the end of the course issued by UPEACE and the UNESCO Chair on Peace, Solidarity and Intercultural Dialogue of the University Abat Oliba CEU (Spain).

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for this course must be submitted via email to Prof. Carmen Parra Rodriguez.
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YOUR APPLICATION WILL NEED TO INCLUDE:

- A short motivation letter (no more than one page)
- Your curriculum vitae
- Competence in English. The course will be bilingual –Spanish and English-.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

First week (9-13 July, 2018)

Topics:

- The outlaw of war and armed conflict: from the League of Nations to the United Nations
- Approach of the United Nations System: the Work Performed by the Security Council, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council
- International law as means to promote peace worldwide
- Prevention of conflicts and peacebuilding in light of the United Nations
- Efforts to create a world free of scourge of war and conflict: the role of mediation and human rights
- The prevention of conflicts through the respect of the three pillars of the United Nations: peace and security, human rights and development

Second week (16-20 July, 2018)

Topics:

- The contribution of peacebuilding in the United Nations debate
- Universal protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms as a requirement to promote peace worldwide
- Democracy and rule of law as vital requirements for peace, development and the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms
- Countering violence and violent extremism through the United Nations system
- Promoting peace through the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance
- Regulation of the right to peace within the United Nations

COST

1.300 euros

Include: Registration fee, course materials, access to library and IT facilities, coffee/tea, lunch, accommodation, dinner, and a number of social activities.

The fee does not include travel costs.