



"HOW TO MANAGE THE POLITICAL DIMENSION IN PEACEMAKING, PEACEKEEPING AND PEACEBUILDING"

A Course for Political Advisers and Political Affairs Officers

03rd – 08th November 2019, Belgrade, Hotel M**



N o	Time/Date	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 13:00	Lunch	14:00 - 15:00	15:00 - 15:45	16:15 - 17.30	18:00 - 20.00		
1.	Sun 03 Nov	Opening session	Session 1: New trends and actors in geopolitics (a panel discussion)	13:00 - 14:00	Session 2: Emerging challenges in international crisis and conflict prevention and management (a panel discussion)	Session 3: Emerging challenges in international crisis and conflict prevention and management (a case study)	Session 4: Role and core functions of political advisers	Reception****		
	Time	09:00-09:15	09:15 - 10:00	10.00 - 11.30	11:30 - 13:00	Lunch	14:00 - 14:30	14.30 - 16.30	16:30 - 17.30	19:00 - 21:30
2.	Mon 04 Nov	Reflections on the previous day	Session 5: Sources of Information, building rapport and network management	Session 6: Sources of Information, building rapport and network management (simulation exercise)*	Session 7: Political and conflict analysis tools and skills	13:00 - 14:00	Session 8: Political and conflict analysis tools and skills (a case study)	Session 9: Political and conflict analysis tools and skills (simulation exercise)*	Session 10: Political adviser in peacekeeping missions - Experience from the field (Mr Neeraj Singh - UNIFIL)	Official dinner
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3.	Tue 05 Nov	Reflections on the previous day	Session 11: Bringing the aspect of culture and inter-cultural dialogue into political analysis, strategies and activities	Session 12: Bringing the aspect of culture and inter-cultural dialogue into political analysis, strategies and activities (simulation exercise)	Session 13: Providing political advice	13:00 - 14:00	Session 14: Providing political advice (scenario based role play)	Session 15: Internal and external coordination and cooperation	Fireside chat with Ambassador Amr Aljowaily*** followed by cocktails	
	Time	09:00-09:15	09:15 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 13:00	Lunch	15:00 - 19:00			
4.	Wed 06 Nov	Reflections on the previous day	Session 16: Dealing with the host government, armed groups and other non-state actors	Session 17: Negotiation	Session 18: Negotiation (case studies and scenario based role play)*	13:00 - 14:00	Belgrade sightseeing tour			
	Time	09:00-09:15	09:15 - 11:00	11:00 - 13:00	Lunch	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 17:30	17:30 -		
3.	Thu 07 Nov	Reflections on the previous day	Session 19: Essence of mediation, role of a mediator, mediation skills	Session 20: Mediation (scenario based role play)*	13:00 - 14:00	Session 21: Political reporting, speech writing, public speaking	Session 22: Political reporting, speech writing, public speaking (guided exercise)*	Spare (free) time		
	Time	09:00-09:15	09:15 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:30 - 13:00	Lunch	14:00 - 15:30	16:00 - 16:30	16:30 -	
6.	Fri 08 Nov	Reflections on the previous day	Session 23: Political adviser in Special political mission - Experience from the field (TBD)	Session 24: Communications with the media, information and reputation management, community outreach	Session 25: Communications with the media, information and reputation management, community outreach (scenario based role play)	13:00 - 14:00	Session 26: Influence of information and digital technologies on the work of political advisers - opportunities and risks (cyber diplomacy, social media, cyber security...)	Course evaluation and closing	Departure	

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 Ambassador Dr. Bojan Bugarcic, Executive Director of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts
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	Admin
	Lecture
	Simulation exercise, scenario based exercise, role play and case study
	Fireside chat

Notes: * There is 30 minute (Coffee) break included.
 **Conflux Center reserves the right to modify the course dates and location at any time
 ***Fireside chat with Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Republic of Serbia, Amr Aljowaily, will be held in his residence on the topic "From Separate Organs to Complementary Architecture: How UN and AU Peace and Security Can Develop their Peace and Security Mechanisms" - attendance is voluntary
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