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Promoting a More Dynamic Mediterranean

by the Hon. Dr. George Vella, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta

Our Mediterranean is experiencing a major transition that is changing the political and economic landscape on a scale not seen for decades. The winds of change that have been blowing across the Arab world since the start of 2011 show no signs of calming down and the expectations of the people of Tunisia, Egypt and Libya remain as high as they have ever been.

Progress towards a more democratic southern Mediterranean was never going

to be a straightforward affair. Creating a system of good governance based on the rule of law with the guarantee of an independent judiciary and police force and freedom of expression is always going to be a long drawn out process. The upheavals across the Arab world have unleashed a political sea change in which the dangerous forces of extremism and ethno-sectarianism are competing with civil societal representatives that want a more transparent and accountable system of governance.

Establishing a more dynamic, peaceful and prosperous Mediterranean requires a concerted effort by all countries in the basin and adjacent regions, in particular Europe and the Gulf. The time has come to invest the political will necessary to create a unitary framework that connects Europe to the Middle East and Africa and the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean in a more systematic and regulated manner.

Global foreign policy initiatives towards the Mediterranean and economic assistance programmes intended to encourage and assist democratization processes require an understanding of the specific conditions of each country in transition if they are to be successful. Surprisingly, mapping out such a comprehensive strategic agenda towards the Mediterranean since the revolutions of 2011 remains a non-starter. Strategic thinking on its own will not make a difference on the ground. Decisive results will only be achieved when rhetoric is matched by resources geared towards sustainable development projects in all of the countries in transition.



The Chairman and Members of the MEDAC Board with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Dr. George Vella.

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Visit by the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Palestine Dr. R. Malki

June 28th, 2013

On the 28th June, while on a state visit to Malta, MEDAC had the pleasure to host Dr. Riyad Malki, Foreign Minister of Palestine. The Palestinian Foreign Minister was on a two day visit to Malta holding various high level meetings and a public dialogue. Dr. Malki, who was accompanied by H.E. Jubran Taweel, Palestinian Ambassador to Malta met with the Director of the

Academy Professor Stephen Calleya. The three exchanged reflections on the immense benefit that the Palestinian Foreign Office has derived through its association with MEDAC and ways forward to continue to build on this strong foundation. MEDAC has trained no less than 41 Palestinian diplomats since its inception and many others have attended MEDAC confidence-building

Euro-Med seminars. Dr. Malki expressed his gratitude for this engagement of the Academy and proposed initiatives to strengthen further this relationship.

Left: Palestinian Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Dr. Riad Malki with Prof. Dr. Stephen C. Calleya and Dr. Derek Lutterbeck.

Right: (From left) H.E. Amb. Jubran Taweel, the Hon. Dr. Riad Malki and Prof. Dr. Stephen C. Calleya.



Promoting a More Dynamic Mediterranean

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As Malta prepares to commemorate 50 years of Independence, 40 years since becoming a Republic, 35 years since Freedom Day and 10 years since becoming a member of the European Union, we plan to use these national occasions of historic importance to raise the profile of our continuous commitment to enhancing stability across the Mediterranean. This strategic objective of our foreign policy has become even more relevant in the uncertain times we find ourselves in.

Malta's Euro-Mediterranean vocation has always rested upon the premise that there can be no peace and stability in Europe if there is no peace and stability in the Mediterranean and vice-versa. As members of the EU we must do everything possible to persuade and convince our fellow members that Europe's security is indivisible from that of the Mediterranean. We must articulate

clearly that the EU must adopt a more proactive stance when it comes to influencing and managing relations in the Mediterranean area.

As the sole superpower, the United States has recently reactivated a leadership role in the Middle East. The European Union along with the Arab League and the Government of Malta are required to play a more supportive role to carry forward the US peace initiative towards a just and lasting solution to the Israeli and Palestinian issue.

Geographical proximity and stability in the region dictates that the EU needs to try and influence regional dynamics in the Mediterranean in a more systematic manner than of late. Failure to do so will undermine attempts to implement a coherent and effective neighbourhood policy.

The Mediterranean has become a hotbed of geo-political and geo-economic tensions. The plethora of security challenges that are manifesting themselves on a continuous basis include irregular migration, the proliferation of weapons, religious intolerance, environmental degradation, natural

resource disputes, the rise of extremist political movements, human rights abuses and difficulties in making distinction between faith and state.

Malta is committed to continue promoting confidence building measures across the Mediterranean. I am thus deeply appreciative for the support Switzerland has been extending to the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) since 1990. MEDAC has become a centre of excellence, with a solid reputation for promoting dialogue, capacity building and new confident diplomacy in the Mediterranean region. Considering Malta's strategic position and historical legacy, Malta and Switzerland are ideal partners for the promotion of peace and human rights in the region and MEDAC has a very important role to play in this context. I reaffirm Malta's commitment to strengthen cooperation further with Switzerland through MEDAC. As I also commend Germany's valuable contribution to the Academy through its sponsorship of a Chair for Conflict Prevention and Peace Studies. Their support benefits not only Malta but our collective broader aspirations for the Mediterranean.

Address by the Hon. Minister of State for External Affairs of India **Mrs. Preneet Kaur**

April 10th, 2013

India's Foreign Policy Priorities in the 21st Century

On April 10th 2013, MEDAC students were addressed by H. E. Indian Minister of State for External Affairs, Mrs. Preneet Kaur. Mrs. Kaur reflected on India's role in the international community in the 21st century and the challenges it faces at home and beyond.

As the world's largest democracy moves forward to become one of the significant actors on the world stage, Mrs. Kaur identified India's most important policy goals as the creation of a favourable environment in which the Indian people could achieve progress in individual welfare, promoting the country's fundamental principles of pluralism, democracy and secularism. She argued that for India to sustain economic growth,

it has to deepen its economic interaction at all levels. She spoke of the challenges of food and energy security and India's task to secure a peaceful, stable neighbourhood. Mrs. Kaur identified the reform of multilateral institutions such as the United Nations and the World Bank to better reflect new realities as another of India's objectives. Mrs. Kaur also referred to bilateral relations between India and Malta, outlining some areas of potential growth, including ICT and the flourishing Indian film industry.

MEDAC students had the privilege of fielding questions to Mrs. Kaur on a number of interesting themes including India's robust economic growth, its aim for reform in the United Nations, Kashmir and its relations with Pakistan.



Above: Indian Minister of State for External Affairs the Hon. Mrs. Preneet Kaur addresses the MEDAC class.

Address by **Mme Calmy-Rey**, former Foreign Minister of Switzerland

March 8th, 2013

On March 8th 2013, students at MEDAC were addressed by former Swiss Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mme Calmy-Rey. Switzerland is the main financial supporter of the Academy together with the government of Malta and the University of Malta. The theme of the address was Swiss Foreign Policy.

Mme Calmy-Rey spoke on changes ushered by globalization with divergent views on its benefits and disadvantages. She addressed the shift from a Euro-centric world to a more decentralized one, with multiple actors, making any balance of power more complex.

Mme Calmy-Rey also focused on Switzerland's foreign policy and pointed out that Switzerland was a successful federation and a direct democracy. She argued that Switzerland prefers a privileged partnership with the EU rather than membership because this approach offers high flexibility and favours solutions aimed at diversity. Mme Calmy-Rey emphasized that the Swiss philosophy is not based on size and strength. "Switzerland is a neutral country which renounces violence and focuses on a civilian approach by promoting dialogue, frequently acting as

monitor to elections and participating in peace negotiations as a neutral third party", she said. The most recent example is the negotiation between Russia and Georgia after the 2008 five-day war which facilitated Russia's entry into the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Mme Calmy-Rey also referred to the fact that Switzerland will chair the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in 2014.

Mme Calmy-Rey insisted that Switzerland had a role to play when it came to humanitarian aid and development cooperation. She referred to the Geneva Initiative which aimed to bring Israeli and Palestinian civil society working together on a two-state solution. Switzerland also represents US interests in Iran and has been promoting a "peace for freeze" under which sanctions against Iran would stop if Iran halted uranium enrichment. Students of MEDAC had the opportunity to engage in an open discussion following the address.

*Top: (From left to right) Prof. Dr. Stephen C. Calleya, Mme Calmy-Rey, Dr. Joe Borg and Amb. Mr. Alfred Zarb.
Right: Mme Calmy-Rey addressing MEDAC students.*



MEDAC Study visit to Germany and MEDAC

- ZEI Winter Seminar on 'Germany, the EU and the Arab Spring'

April 21st - 26th, 2013

For the first time, the fourth MEDAC study visit to Germany provided an opportunity for Master of Diplomacy students to visit Berlin. They engaged in an intensive program of meetings and discussions with the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of Switzerland and the Embassy of Malta, as well as with German policy-making and academic circles at a public event hosted by the Bertelsmann Foundation. At the invitation of the Bertelsmann Foundation, Prof. Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC and four of MEDAC's students addressed an open debate with a large group of Berlin-based experts on 'The Emerging EU-Neighborhood Revisited'. The students also visited the German Bundestag.

The second phase of the visit in Bonn took place at the invitation of the Centre for European Integration Studies (ZEI) of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University in Bonn, where the MEDAC group joined ZEI's Master students for a rich exchange over two days on themes with a Mediterranean focus. The visit to Germany was funded by DAAD.

The group of 16 MEDAC students and accompanying staff, together with ZEI MA students and staff were welcomed to Bonn by Prof. Ludger Kuehnardt, Director

ZEI, Prof. Stephen Calleya, Director, MEDAC and Dr. Christian Huelshoerster, Head of Division North Africa, Middle East and Gulf Region, DAAD. Another first in the context of the study visits to Germany has been a roundtable discussion on 'Championing Education in the Emerging Mediterranean' with representatives of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Dr. Huelshoerster and Prof. Jochen Hippler, a political scientist from the University Essen-Duisburg. During this event, four MEDAC students introduced the latest developments and challenges in the educational services in their respective countries following the 'Arab Spring' events.

Following the roundtable with the DAAD, the keynote address on 'Support for the democratization processes in the Southern Mediterranean area and the Middle East' was given by Prof. Dr. Uwe Holtz, University of Bonn and Honorary President of the European Association of Former Parliamentarians.

Discussion sessions with a number of well-known German academics and political analysts followed. Dr. Andreas Marchetti, ZEI, Mr. Josef Janning, DGAP and Prof. Dr. Mahncke, College of Europe

discussed Germany's and EU's foreign policies towards the Mediterranean and Middle East.

A discussion with a representative of the German Ministry of Defense on German security and defense policy and a discussion with a representative of the NGO Germanwatch on the role of civil society in the DESERTEC project completed the program in Bonn. The group also undertook a sightseeing tour of Bonn and visited the Museum of German History.

Finally, the MEDAC group visited the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, where they were able to discuss with the Deputy Director of its Department for International Relations and Co-operation the tasks and responsibilities of the ECB as well as the latest developments in the Euro-area.

The study visit constituted an integral part of the academic program for M.Dip. students.

*Left: MEDAC students in front of the Bundestag, the German Federal Parliament.
Top right: Lieutenant Colonel Bartl and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld.
Bottom right: (From left) Dr. Hippler, Dr. Huelshoerster, Prof. Dr. Stephen C. Calleya and Prof. Dr. Ludger Kuehnardt.*



Human Dimension and German Chair Seminar on Civil Society and Democratization in Societies in Transition

March 15th, 2013

This one day seminar, organized by MEDAC's Human Dimension Programme and held off campus, focused on the role of civil society in societies which are in the process of democratic transition. It featured a panel of distinguished speakers, namely the Tunisian Ambassador to Malta H.E. Ms. Souad Gueblaoui, Amb. Dr. Heinrich Kreft - Ambassador and Special Representative for Dialogue among Civilizations and Public Diplomacy at the German Foreign Ministry, Professor Tom Lodge from the University of Limerick, Ms. Natasha Shawarib - Civil Society Activist from SIGI Jordan, Dr. Colm Regan - Educational Activist at 80:20 Educating and Acting for a Better World, Professor Fouad Ammor - Professor of Political Science at Mohammed V University, Agdol and Dr. Francis Piccand - North Africa and Middle East analyst at the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs who all engaged in extensive discussion with the students.

Amb. Souad Gueblaoui spoke on the role of Tunisian civil society since the revolution. She highlighted the presence of more than 2000 civil society organizations in Tunisia, ranging from trade unions to academic forums and referred to the successes of these organizations in the past two years, most notably their role in mobilizing support for the ousting of former President Ben Ali and their part in shaping the new constitution. She stressed that tensions run high between Islamists and secularists on their interpretation of the role of Islam in the state and that there is an immense role that civil society can play as Tunisia grapples with new challenges.

Amb. Dr. Heinrich Kreft, ambassador and Special Representative for Dialogue among Civilizations and Public Diplomacy at the German Federal Foreign Office spoke on the EU's and Germany's policy of promoting freedom and prosperity as a vital interest. He cautioned against "one-size-fits-all" approaches and emphasized that each country had its own particular circumstances and challenges. Amb. Kreft referred to several German initiatives for the MENA countries in transition.

Professor Lodge highlighted case studies from Africa demonstrating the beneficial role that civil society organizations have played in a number of African states that have undergone transitions while Dr. Colm Regan spoke of the crucial role NGOs



play in educating society in embracing inclusivity, freedom, transparency and accountability. Ms. Natasha Shawarib shared her experiences in civil society frameworks in Jordan, emphasizing that revolution is also about changing practices, such as addressing corruption. She reflected that the main challenge in Jordan at the moment was the protection of civil society organizations from conservative elements, and highlighted the challenges still facing women's rights groups. Professor Fouad Ammor focused

on the more theoretical framework of the relationship between the state and civil society.

Top: The Seminar in session.

Centre left: (From left to right) Prof. Fouad Ammor, Prof. Dr. Stephen C. Calleya and Amb. Dr. Heinrich Kreft.

Centre right: Prof. Tom Lodge.

Bottom left: (From left to right) Ms. Lourdes Pulicino, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld and Dr. Omar Grech during the seminar.

Bottom right: MEDAC students during the Seminar.

Tribute to MEDAC's First Director, Prof.

The annual MEDAC study visit to Berne and Geneva acquired special significance this year as MEDAC joined the DiploFoundation and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (HEID) at a workshop in Geneva in honour of MEDAC's founding Director Professor Dietrich Kappeler. Professor Kappeler celebrated his 80th birthday. The workshop, on the theme of "Persuasion, the essence of diplomacy" brought together a number of experts in the field of international relations. Professor Kappeler has had a distinguishing career as a diplomat and academic in the field of diplomacy and MEDAC was fortunate to have had him as its first Director.

Speaking at the workshop, Professor Calleya on behalf of MEDAC paid tribute to Professor Kappeler, underlining that "the world of diplomacy is better equipped to address the challenge of contemporary International relations thanks to the tremendous contribution that Professor Dietrich Kappeler has made in the field of diplomatic training globally during the past five decades". Professor Calleya spoke of Professor Kappeler's crystal-clear analysis of the changing world in the 1990s and his unique ability to highlight the crucial role diplomacy had to play to secure a peaceful post-Cold War era. The present director of the Academy stated that

MEDAC strives daily to build upon the prestigious legacy that it inherited from its first Director by providing forward-looking training to young diplomats from the Mediterranean and beyond. On this occasion, MEDAC students also had the opportunity to meet with MEDAC alumni currently posted in Geneva.

Professor Kappeler served as founding director of MEDAC from 1990 to 1993 and as Director of the Diplomatic Studies Programme of the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva from 1993 to 1998. He holds the Honorary Presidency of DiploFoundation which he also helped found. Professor Kappeler has extensive experience in diplomacy and International Relations and lectures and writes on International Law, Law of International Institutions, Human Rights and humanitarian law, diplomacy and constitutional and administrative law of Switzerland. Over the course of 50 years, Prof. Kappeler trained thousands of diplomats and officials from many states. The workshop produced a lively debate with the participation of academics, diplomats and students discussing the theoretical, practical and historical aspects of persuasion. A publication, coordinated by DiploFoundation director Jovan Kurbalija has since been published. Professor Calleya on behalf of MEDAC presented a memento to Professor Kappeler.



Study Visit to Geneva and Berne

April 2nd - 7th, 2013

During the first two days of the visit which students spent in Geneva, they also had the opportunity to visit a number of key international organisations, such as the United Nations Headquarters, the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

MEDAC students for the first time also visited the World Health Organisation (WHO) where they were briefed by Prof. Ilona Kickbusch and Dr. Gaudenz Silberschmidt about global health diplomacy and the role of the WHO.

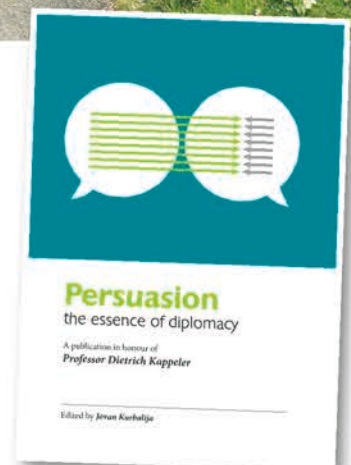
Finally, the Swiss Mission to the United Nations was again so kind as to receive

our students and brief them about the role of the Swiss Mission in Geneva.

The last day of the study visit took place in Berne, where MEDAC students visited the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. This year, our students were addressed by Mr. Roger Denzer, Deputy Head of SDC's Cooperation Programme with Eastern Europe, who provided an overview of Swiss Development Policy. This was followed by presentations by MEDAC students from Egypt, Tunisia and Palestine about the current situation in their respective countries. As in previous years, MEDAC would like to express its gratitude to Ms Maryline Dafflon, Programme Manager at SDC, for her steadfast support during MEDAC's study visit to Switzerland.



1. MEDAC Students in Berne.
2. Prof. Dr. Stephen C. Calleya presenting a memento to Prof. Dietrich Kappeler.
3. MEDAC students at the World Health Organisation headquarters.
4. Group photo with Prof. Dietrich Kappeler.
5. Prof. Dr. Stephen C. Calleya during a workshop.
6. MEDAC students at the UNHCR.
7. DIPLO MEDAC Tribute publication.



CALENDAR

4th - 8th March

Lectures on Water Diplomacy by Amb. Dr. Magdy Hefny and Timur el Hadidi.



8th March

Address by Mme Calmy-Rey, former Foreign Minister of Switzerland.

14th March

Lecture by Amb. Dr. Heinrich Kreft themed "Dialogue of Civilisations".



15th March

Human Dimension and German Chair Seminar held on the theme, "The Role of Civil Society in Democratisation".

20th March

Joint Seminar held with the Embassy of Spain themed "Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies in Spain".

21st - 22nd March

A module themed "Geo-economics of the Mediterranean" held with Prof. Alejandro Lorca and Dr. Gonzalo Escribano.

8th - 10th April

Negotiation module held with Dr. Paul Meerts from Clingendael Institute.

10th April

Address by the Hon. Mrs. Preneet Kaur, Minister of State for External Affairs of India.

15th April

Lecture by former Ambassador of Germany to Malta, H. E. Amb. Dr. Hubert Leo Joachim Ziegler on Protocol.



22nd - 26th April

M. Dip students study visit to Germany.

23rd - 24th April

Module on International Relations and Energy Security with Dr. Manfred Weissenbacher.

29th April - 3rd May

Development Aid module held with Dr. Andri Bisaz from the Swiss Development Agency (SDA).

6th May

Alumni Meeting and Address by the Austrian Ambassador Dr. Petra Maria Schneeberger.

6th - 8th May

International migration module held with Prof. Jürg Martin Gabriel.

16th May

Lecture by Prof. Mary Durfee themed "The Problem of US Power in the International System".

28th June

Visit by the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Palestine, Dr. R. Malki.

3rd - 11th July

Human Rights Summer School held with the theme "Women's Rights and Gender Identities".

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL NIGHT

Organized by

MEDAC Alumni Committee,
MEDAC Class 2013/2014
& MEDAC Alumni

Date

Tuesday 27th November 2013

Time

19.30hrs

Venue

Sundown Court, Kappara

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Human Rights Summer School - Women's Rights and Gender Identities

July 3rd - 11th, 2013

The annual Human Rights Summer School organised by MEDAC's Human Dimension Programme took place between the 3rd and 11th July 2013. This year's summer school focused on one of the key concerns in the Euro-Mediterranean region: women's rights and gender identities. The summer school attracted participants from a broad range of sectors including diplomats, non-governmental organization personnel, students, youth workers and teachers. This year's participants came from Albania, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Bosnia Herzegovina, Scotland, Georgia, Armenia and Macedonia.

As is traditional the summer school addressed four key strands exploring a different dimension or theme within the broader human rights story. Strand one explored the evolution of the idea of human rights, the different historical contexts, traditions, political realities and cultural frames through which it has emerged. Strand two charted the evolution and structure of human rights law as well as customary international law while reviewing some of the main ideas and legal principles around which human rights pivot.

The third strand revolved around human rights education; in particular current thinking on values-based education and the relationship between human rights and education. Particular attention was given to interactive pedagogies such as learning through art and drama. The final strand concerned the specific focus for this year: women's rights and gender identities. Amongst the issues addressed within this strand were: the Egyptian's women's struggle for human rights, the protection of women's right in international law, the history of the feminist movement, the feminisation of AIDS in Zambia as well as gender mainstreaming within the EU.



Quotes from the 2013 participants:

"I found the drama and arts classes fantastic".

"It was a great experience; I've learnt a lot on this subject and my expectations were completely fulfilled."

"A great mixture of people. Very diverse and interesting".

"A successful combination between theory and practice".

*Below left: A session of the Human Rights Seminar.
Below right: (From left to right) Prof. David Attard and Dr. Omar Grech.*



Seminar with the Embassy of Spain on the theme of Energy Security and Efficiency

March 20th, 2013

On March 20th 2013, MEDAC students attended a seminar on the theme "Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies in Spain". The seminar, which was jointly organized by MEDAC and the Spanish Embassy in Malta, was addressed by the Ambassador of Spain to Malta, Felipe de la Morena Casado and Dr. Gonzalo Escribano and sought to address one of the basic challenges governments face today and one which diplomats need to be especially versed in.

Amb. de la Morena gave a short overview of bilateral relations between Spain and Malta and went on to introduce the subject of energy efficiency and security. The Spanish Ambassador underlined the success of the Spanish renewable energy sector, now consisting of more than 4000 companies, and the country's dependence for a third of its electricity on renewable energy. Spain also ranks 4th globally for solar and wind energy use.

Dr. Gonzalo Escribano then elaborated on the theme which receives massive public support. He described Spanish energy policy as focusing mainly on climate change, energy security and competitiveness and explained how this fits in the European Union's objective for member states to derive a 20% share of energy from renewables by 2020. Spain is well on its way, having reached 13.8% in 2010.

Dr. Escribano related the sector with job creation, noting that renewable energy generates over 1% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and accounts for over 120,000 jobs (1.4% of the workforce). Construction, transport, energy conservation and energy services also make up 3% of Spanish exports, over 1% of the GDP and 0.5% of the workforce. Dr. Escribano also made reference to Spain's Energy Efficiency Plan 2012 which, he said, demonstrated how the objectives of

the business community and policymakers are converging.

*Below Top: Prof Dr. Stephen C. Calleya, Amb. H. E. Mr. Felipe de la Morena Casado and Dr. Gonzalo Escribano.
Bottom: MEDAC students during the Seminar.*



ALUMNI NEWS



Mondher Rjeb

*MEDAC Alumnus
from Tunisia
2008 - 2009*

Recalling my experience at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, so many wonderful memories come to mind. Following the Master in Diplomacy course has been very enriching for me, not only professionally, but also personally.

Currently serving as a Tunisian diplomat in Yemen, I believe that my experience at MEDAC has been of great value, as it significantly broadened my understanding of issues pertaining to diplomacy and international relations. The exposure to a wide range of knowledge areas was useful to learn to adopt a holistic perspective in order to better understand the complex and shifting international landscape. The participative and interactive approach was also highly appreciated, as it helped me to develop my negotiation and communication skills, and so were the study visits which allowed me to familiarize better with the practical aspects of diplomacy.

In addition, the multi-cultural environment at the Academy offers to students a foretaste of the diplomats' work environment. Establishing a network of friendships with students from different nationalities and cultures and various academic backgrounds is highly enriching.

Indeed I consider this experience to have been a cornerstone in my career. May I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the academic and administrative staff at MEDAC for their endless effort to offer to junior diplomats a great opportunity for self-improvement. I will also keep fond memories of the beautiful Malta and the lovely moments I shared with my friends.



Glorianne Mizzi

*MEDAC Alumnus
from Malta
2010 - 2011*

In 2011 I completed my Masters degree in Diplomatic Studies. My studies at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies were indeed a very positive experience. The high level of teaching and support of the academic staff and the camaraderie at the Academy made my year at MEDAC an unforgettable one.

Pursuing a course of studies at MEDAC offers more than just an academic experience. Talks by key diplomats, participation in seminars, visits to institutions, cultural outings and other activities organised by the Academy contribute to a holistic learning outcome. On a professional level, MEDAC offers opportunities to interact with academia. On a personal level, the class allows one the opportunity to meet students from different cultural backgrounds. I consider myself privileged to have met friends from China, Libya, Tanzania, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Russia, Germany, Palestine, Tunisia and Poland. Sharing nine months of lectures and studies with friends from around the world exposes students to a rich cultural heritage that is highly beneficial to the trainee diplomat.

Research in political science is not only a stepping stone in a career in diplomacy it also stimulates an insatiable interest in current, local and international affairs. The student acquires a renewed perception on life and is exposed to opportunities that may lead to new horizons. My heartfelt thanks to all the MEDAC team for a truly lifelong experience.

WELCOME
to the 2013 - 2014
MEDAC Students



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| Master of Diplomacy Academic Year 2013 - 2014 | |
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| China | Mr. Weiwei Jiang |
| Egypt | Mr. Ahmad Hamdy Alshourbagy |
| Egypt | Mr. Mohamed Mohsen Amin |
| Egypt | Ms. Yasmine Akef |
| Gambia | Mr. Ousman Sowe |
| Georgia | Ms. Tamar Chokoraia |
| Libya | Mr. Abdulbaset M. A. Elshanta |
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| Tunisia | Mr. Mohamed Mehrez Othman |
| Tunisia | Mr. Ahmed Chamsseddine Boughedir |
| Turkey | Mr. Numan Dalkiran |
| Uganda | Ms. Georgina Nakawombe |

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| Malta | Mr. Mauro Sammut |
| Malta | Mr. Ronald Anthony Sultana |
| Malta | Mr. Christian Tanti |
| Malta | Mr. Simon Dalli |
| England/ Malta | Ms. Hazel Mhairi Rafferty |
| Poland | Mr. Edgar Robert Szewczyk |
| Poland | Mr. Jacek Gaworek |
| Slovakia | Ms. Barbora Golanova |

Address by H.E. Ambassador of Austria to Malta, Dr. Petra Maria Schneeberger

May 6th, 2013

MEDAC Alumni Meeting

This year's Alumni Ambassadorial Address which was held in Valletta, was very well attended by MEDAC Alumni. The recently launched Alumni facebook page together with a revamped and committed committee under the presidency of Ms. Suzanne Gili contributed in making this occasion an opportunity to exchange views but also a chance to meet old colleagues.

This year, MEDAC had the privilege of inviting the Austrian Ambassador to Malta, H.E. Dr. Petra Maria Schneeberger to address the participants on the theme of "Developments in Austria since joining the EU". Amb. Schneeberger referred to Austria's EU membership as a success

story and drew comparisons with Malta and Switzerland on a number of themes.

Alumni from different years made up the audience and mingled with this year's students at a reception which was hosted by MEDAC following an address by a member of the Diplomatic Corp in Malta as is traditional on these occasions. Professor Jürg Gabriel, former director of MEDAC and visiting lecturer at the Academy was also present.

Above: H. E. Dr. Petra Maria Schneeberger during her address.
Below left: (from left to right) Ms. Suzanne Gili, H. E. Dr. Petra Maria Schneeberger and Dr. Omar Grech.
Below right: H. E. Dr. Petra Maria Schneeberger with MEDAC Alumni and staff.



Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security Academic Year 2013 - 2014

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| Canada | Ms. Alexandra Cole |
| Malta | Mr. Andrew Camilleri |
| Malta | Ms. Lynette Camilleri |
| Malta | Mr. Michael Calleja |
| Russia | Mr. Dmitry Skoblikov |
| USA | Ms. Andrea Mancuso |
| USA | Ms. Aimee Lynee Hvizdos |
| USA | Mr. Clifford Patton |
| USA | Mr. Christian Vestermark |
| USA | Ms. India Fitzgerald |
| USA | Ms. Krystal Thomas |
| USA | Ms. Meagan Sherman |
| USA | Ms. Mikah Findley |
| USA | Ms. Manahat Thomas |

Preparations underway for

MEDAC's 25th Anniversary

As MEDAC approaches its 25th anniversary, numerous Alumni activities are being scheduled to commemorate this occasion. We encourage all MEDAC alumni to update us about their careers and look forward to meeting again.

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Mediterranean Conference on the OSCE Code of Conduct

11th - 13th September, 2013

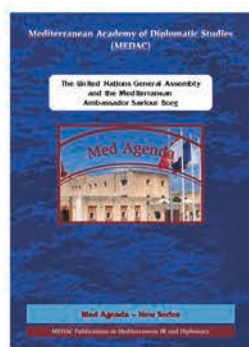
Between 11-13 September 2013, MEDAC co-organised together with the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and the Governments Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Malta, a conference on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security. The Code of Conduct was adopted in 1994 and is a landmark document for security sector governance and the role of armed forces in democratic societies. It contains key principles and commitments on security relations between states and also on the democratic control of armed forces within a state.

The Conference brought together around 50 participants from 20 countries of the Mediterranean region and beyond. While a number of regional conferences on the OSCE Code of Conduct have been organised in recent years, this was the first such conference destined specifically for the Mediterranean region and involving the OSCE's Mediterranean partner states. The Conference was opened by the Honourable Dr. George Vella, Foreign Minister of Malta, and was addressed by several MFA Director-Generals, Ambassadors, as well as high-ranking military officers from the participating countries. The general conclusion of the conference was that while the Code of Conduct might not be transposed in toto to the Mediterranean partner countries, certain key elements of the Code can nevertheless be adjusted to regional dynamics and national needs, and thus serve as an inspiration for the region as a whole.

Top: (From left to right) Col. (GS) Hans Lüber, Col. Anton Eischer, Col. Prasenjit Chaudhuri, the Hon. Dr. George Vella, Mr. Thomas Goebel, Lt. Col. Detlef Hempel, Mr. Matthew Geertsens, Dr. Mohamed Mahmoud Mohamedou and Prof. Dr. Stephen Calleya at the OSCE Conference.
Bottom: The Hon. Dr. George Vella, Minister of Foreign Affairs, addressing the OSCE Conference.



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