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## Collaborating for Stabilisation

- a new partnership for the neighbourhood

Commissioner Johannes Hahn

**T**his first year as Commissioner for the European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, has been characterised by the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy, which was identified as one of the key priorities of the new Commission, entrusted to me by President Juncker.

This Policy was originally launched in 2004 as the EU welcomed 10 new Member States. It was an optimistic policy which sought to harness the transformative power of the European model and aspired to spread the success of our political and economic integration, based on universal values of good governance, rule of law and respect for fundamental freedoms.

Events over the past 10 years have tested this optimism, both with increasing tensions in the Eastern neighbourhood and mounting instability in the South, which has required us to take another look at our policy and the manner in which we manage the partnership with our immediate neighbours. In March this year, we launched a public consultation process which elicited over 250 contributions from Member States and partner countries, both from the governmental level and from all sectors of civil society. The vast majority of

contributions agreed that the policy should be kept in its current form, covering both the ten countries of the South and the six countries of the East. There was also, however, a wealth of advice on how to develop our response to the challenges that we have faced over the past decade. We can sum this



*Above: The Hon. Johannes Hahn, Member of the European Commission in charge of European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, received Joe Borg, Chairman of the Board of Administrators of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC), Stephen Calleya, Director of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) and member of Cabinet of Commissioner Hahn, Colin Scicluna in Brussels on May 27th, 2015.*

input up in four broad areas: greater differentiation; a sharper focus; more flexibility and more ownership by our neighbours.

The neighbours themselves have acknowledged that the EU has much to offer but there will always be differences between those who want to take full advantage of what is available in terms of political and economic integration, with others who are interested in a more targeted approach. We must continue to offer encouragement for wholesale, transformational change for those who want it, while also offering to concentrate on joint, sectorial interests for those who want that kind of relationship.

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# Regional Conference on the Outreach of the OSCE Code of Conduct - Tunis

1st - 3rd September  
2015

From 1-3 September, MEDAC in collaboration with the governments of Switzerland, Tunisia and Germany, as well as the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) organised a regional conference on the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security. The conference took place in Tunis and was aimed at promoting awareness of the OSCE Code of Conduct among the countries of the southern Mediterranean region. Adopted in 1994 by the CSCE's Forum for Security Cooperation, the Code of Conduct is commonly seen as a key document on security sectors governance. Under the Code, participating states must maintain, at all times, effective guidance and control of their military, paramilitary and security forces by constitutionally established authorities. Moreover, these forces must remain politically neutral and comply with the provision of international humanitarian law.

Following upon the Malta conference of 2013, the Tunis conference marked the first ever conference on the OSCE Code of Conduct to be held in an OSCE Mediterranean Partner for Cooperation. The conference was attended by some 50 participants from most of the countries of the southern Mediterranean. Participants included (high ranking) military and police officers, civil servants from the defence, interior and foreign

ministries, as well as independent experts from think tanks and civil society organisations.

In addition to discussing the OSCE Code of Conduct, and in particular its potential role as an outreach instrument, the conference provided a platform for discussing current efforts in southern Mediterranean countries to develop their own codes of conduct governing security forces. Representatives of the Tunisian interior ministry, for example, presented elements of the Tunisian code

of conduct on security forces, which is currently being elaborated. Further themes addressed at the conference included the dilemmas which might arise in respecting human rights in the fight against terrorism, as well as security sector reform and governance issues in the Mediterranean region more generally. The conference was funded by the governments of Switzerland and Germany. A follow-up conference is planned to be held in Jordan in 2016.

*Below: Conference participants.*



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The Neighbourhood Policy will do more to focus on the issues that matter more both to the EU and to its partners. Good governance, economic development, energy and climate change, security and migration are all key. However, towering above them all is the need for stabilisation. In order for long-term social, political and economic reform to be successful, there has to be stability in the volatile regions to our east and south. Education and employability will provide the means both for increased prosperity as well as to counter radicalisation. We need to enlist the support of the private

sector to encourage and guarantee investment.

As we approach the Valetta summit on 11-12 November - and MEDAC is in a unique position to appreciate what is at stake - it is essential that we look at the root causes of irregular migration and the refugee crisis, working both with countries of North Africa and the Levant, but also with the Sahel and Horn of Africa on long-term sustainable development.

We need to find innovative, more nimble ways of working to ensure greater flexibility, including by developing the ability to react better to immediate needs and changing circumstances.

The policy cannot truly be effective without shared ownership. We must work with governments of the region and with civil society in all its forms to discuss and fashion these new priority areas. The EU requires better communication with our

partners, including the need to ensure that our programmes cover the entire territory of our partners and not just the major cities to achieve effective change on the ground.

As you can see from the ideas above, the publication of the review later this autumn is only the start of the process. I aim to implement these changes in the years ahead, taking the example of countries like Malta, which have made it their mission to reach out to forge links with their neighbours across the Mediterranean.

In conclusion I wish the staff and students the very best as they embark on another academic year which, as ever in the Mediterranean, promises to be varied, stimulating and rewarding.

**Johannes Hahn**  
EU Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

# Human Rights Summer School

9th - 17th June  
2015

'Migration and Human Rights'

MEDAC's annual human rights summer school took place between the 9th and 17th June 2015. The theme for this year's summer school was Migration and Human Rights. Topics explored and discussed during the summer school included key concept in human rights, international law and migration as well as case-studies on Malta, Jordan and Australia. As is customary with the MEDAC Human Rights Summer School the learning methodologies comprised a mix of formal lectures, seminars and interactive learning methods using art and drama. A visit to the Marsa Open Centre was also held as part of the summer school. At the Open Centre the participants were addressed by the staff and some of the residents.

The 2015 Summer School was attended by 16 participants from across the Mediterranean region and beyond. Countries represented included Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, Albania, Kosovo, Germany, Italy, Spain, Romania, Australia, Hong Kong and Nigeria. Apart from the very diverse geographical spread the participants also had varied professional backgrounds with diplomats, civil society representatives and postgraduate students discussing human rights issues in an informal environment.

During the evaluation on the final day of the programme all the participants



remarked positively on the diversity of the group, the interactive learning methods, the varied topics addressed as well as the competence and diverse backgrounds of the lecturers.

*Above: Exploring Migration and Human Rights using art.*  
*Right: Dr. Omar Grech, Human Rights Coordinator with Dr. Colm Regan.*  
*Below: Summer School in session.*



# Professor Stephen Calleya awarded the insignia of Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Merite

12th May  
2015

On May 12th 2015, Professor Stephen Calleya, Director of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, (MEDAC), University of Malta, was awarded the insignia of Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Merite by the Hon. Minister of State for European Affairs of France, Mr. Harlem Desir. H.E. Ambassador of France, B atrice le Fraper du Hellen, presided over the ceremony proceedings.

Professor Calleya was awarded this honour for his contribution towards enhancing cooperation between Europe and the Mediterranean. Academic staff and students of MEDAC attended the award ceremony hosted by the Embassy of France at Europa House, Valletta.

*Above: Hon. Minister of State for European Affairs of France Mr. Harlem Desir awarding the insignia of Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Merite.*

*Below: Prof. Calleya with H.E. Ambassador of France B atrice le Fraper du Hellen, H.E. Ambassador of the United States of America Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley and H.E. Ambassador of Italy Giovanni Umberto de Vito.*

*Below right: Prof. Calleya with Prof. J rg Gabriel and MEDAC class at the Award Ceremony.*



## MEDAC visit to the Union for the Mediterranean

MEDAC paid a visit to the Union for the Mediterranean on June 2nd 2015. On the occasion Professor Stephen Calleya, Director of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, and Dr. Omar Grech, met with UfM Secretary General Ambassador Fatallah Sijilmassi and UfM Ambassador George Saliba.

During the meeting Amb. Sijilmassi highlighted numerous areas of cooperation where the UfM and MEDAC can collaborate. Prof. Calleya expressed MEDAC's enthusiasm to follow up on such a cooperative agenda.

*Below, from left to right: Dr. Omar Grech, Prof. Stephen Calleya, UfM Secretary General Fatallah Sijilmassi, UfM and Ambassador George Saliba.*

# Public Diplomacy – the EU dimension at the European Parliament Information Office

15th April  
2015

On April 15th, at Europe House, the European Parliament Information Office, the European Commission Representation in Malta and the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) held a meeting about public diplomacy and the EU dimension.

Dr. Peter Agius, Head of the EPIO, Dr. Angelo Chetcuti, Press Officer at the EPIO and Mr. Ludolf Van Hasselt, Head of the Unit for Priority Actions and Political Reporting at the European Commission, addressed the participants on the topic and exchanged views with students from MEDAC.

The EC Representation and the EPIO's functions and role, as well as the EU dimension of public diplomacy were among the themes discussed. The meeting started with a presentation by Dr Peter Agius on the stakes of an EPIO in EU member states. He

developed the two main roles of the Office: its communication role about its activities, and its values. The second intervention was held by Mr Ludolf Van Hasselt and dealt with the role of the EC Representation in member states. "We are the eyes, ears and mouth of the European Commission" he explained.

Dr Angelo Chetcuti then intervened to discuss the EU dimension of public diplomacy.

*Below, left: Dr. Peter Agius, Head of the EPIO addressing students.*

*Below, right: Mr. Ludolf Van Hasselt, Head of the Unit for Priority Actions and Political Reporting at the European Commission addressing students.*



## Lecture by former Amb. Michael Zammit Cutajar on the theme 'The Political Science of Climate Change'

On April 16th 2015, former Ambassador Michael Zammit Cutajar delivered a lecture to MEDAC students and academic staff on 'The Political Science of Climate Change'. Mr. Zammit Cutajar held the post of Executive Secretary at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (U.N.F.C.C.C.) between 1991 and 2002 and was Ambassador on Climate Change between 2002 and 2011.



MEDAC students were able to benefit from Mr Zammit Cutajar's insight on the challenges posed by a changing climate and the issues which stand to be aggravated even further due to the climate change namely hunger, poverty and disease, a phenomenon known as 'threat multiplier'. Mr Zammit Cutajar pointed out how the multiplication of threats are felt by the world's poorest regions. Mr Zammit Cutajar also made reference to the Mediterranean perspective namely the challenge of water scarcity.

## Ambassadorial Lecture Series:

H.E. Amb. Rita Dulci Rahman, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Malta

On April 17th 2015, H.E. Amb. Ms. Rita Dulci Rahman, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Malta delivered an Ambassadorial Lecture on the theme Engendering Peace. The presentation dealt with the targeting of women and children in conflict, the role of women in peacekeeping missions and peacebuilding efforts and the multiple ways women should be key actors in the resolution of conflicts.



## 5th Anniversary of Dual Masters with George Mason University



In 2014/2015 MEDAC delivered its Masters programme with the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (SCAR) at George Mason University. This was the 5th intake of this programme during which students were able to benefit from insights provided by distinguished academics from SCAR at the University of Malta. Professor Rich Rubenstein delivered his annual module on Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution. The coordinator of the collaborative MA programme is Dr. Omar Grech.

# MEDAC's Annual Study Visit to Geneva and Berne

7th - 12th April  
2015

MEDAC's annual study visit to Geneva and Berne took place from 7-12 April. As always, MEDAC students spent the first two days of the visit in Geneva which is home to numerous international organisations. Students had the opportunity to visit the UN Headquarters, where they were briefed on UN peacekeeping operations. This was followed by a visit to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The second day in Geneva was dedicated to a visit to the World Health Organisation (WHO), where the main focus was on the WHO's role in addressing the recent Ebola epidemic. Moreover, MEDAC students paid a visit to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Red Cross Museum, and benefitted from a briefing at the Swiss mission to the UN.

The final day of the study trip took place in Berne, where MEDAC students visited the Academy's long-standing

donor agency, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). This part of the study visit was kindly organised by Ms Gabriele Siegenthaler Muinde, Team leader North Africa, SDC and Ms Michal Harari and also included

briefings by representatives of other departments of the Swiss federal administration. The study visit was concluded with a discussion on current developments in the MENA region, animated by MEDAC students.



Top: Visit of the United Nations HQ in Geneva.  
Centre left: Lecture with Prof. Mahmoud Mohamedou at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy.  
Centre right: Visit at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in Berne.  
Bottom: Visit to the HQ of the World Health Organization.



# MEDAC's Annual Study Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany

2nd - 8th May  
2015

From 2 to 8 May, MEDAC's Master of Diplomacy students participated in a study visit to the Federal Republic of Germany. The group first travelled to Berlin, where meetings took place at the German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as at the Swiss Embassy and the Maltese Embassy. Students also visited the German Federal Parliament (Bundestag), and participated in a session on the role of its Foreign Affairs Committee.

In Bonn, the group participated in a joint seminar with Master students of the Bonn University Centre for European Integration Studies (ZEI), at the invitation of its Director, Prof. Ludger Kuehnhardt. As part of the ongoing cooperation between ZEI and MEDAC, the roundtable was focusing on the exchange of ideas and experiences between students from both sides of the Mediterranean and beyond. Both students of MEDAC and ZEI together with their professors held short presentations followed by a discussion on the current situation and the challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean relations touching upon different subjects as migration, intercultural relations and the European Neighborhood Policy.

The MEDAC group also visited the United Nations University on the UN Campus in Bonn, where its Educational Programme Director Dr. Joerg Szarzynski discussed its engagement in human security and disaster preparedness. In Bonn, MEDAC students also benefitted from a session discussing German Policy towards the Arab World with the German political commentator Josef Janning of DGAP. The group also visited the House of German History.

Finally, MEDAC students visited the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, where they participated in a working session with Dr. Michael Sturm, Deputy Head of Division International Relations and Cooperation at the ECB.

- 1: MEDAC students with Prof. Calleya and Prof. Wohlfeld at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Berlin.
- 2: At the Foreign Affairs Committee of the German Parliament (Bundestag).
- 3: MEDAC and ZEI students with Prof. L. Kuehnhardt at ZEI, Bonn.
- 4: At the European Central Bank in Frankfurt.



6<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Commencement of module with Prof. Dominic Fenech, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Malta on *International Relations: The Cold War and the Mediterranean*.

9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015

International Economics module with Professor Zafiriz Tzannatos.

17<sup>th</sup> March 2015

MEDAC Alumni Ambassadorial Lecture.

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

Lecture by Dr. Tonio Borg, former EU Commissioner on the theme *Malta and the labyrinth of Mediterranean Institutions*.



23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

Negotiation Seminar with Dr. Paul Meerts.

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Study Trip to Switzerland.

15<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Visit to the European Parliament Office in Malta as part of the Public Diplomacy module.

16<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Address by Amb. Michael Zammit Cutajar on *The Geopolitics of Climate Change*.

17<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Address by H.E. Amb. Rita Dulci Rahman.

20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Lectures on Development with Dr. A. Bisaz.

27<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Address by Amb. A. Friggieri, Ambassador of Malta to Germany.



14<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Visit and lectures by Ms. Gabriele Siegenthaler Muinde, Team Leader North Africa, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).



27<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Visit of Dr. Joe Borg, Chairman of the Board of Administrators of MEDAC and Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director to the European Commission in Brussels.

30<sup>th</sup> May 2015

The Hon. Mr. Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe in the German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, visits MEDAC.



2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

MEDAC visit to the Union for the Mediterranean.

5<sup>th</sup> June 2015

MEDAC Annual Students' Dinner.



9<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015

MEDAC Human Rights Summer School 2015 on the theme *Human Rights and Migration*.

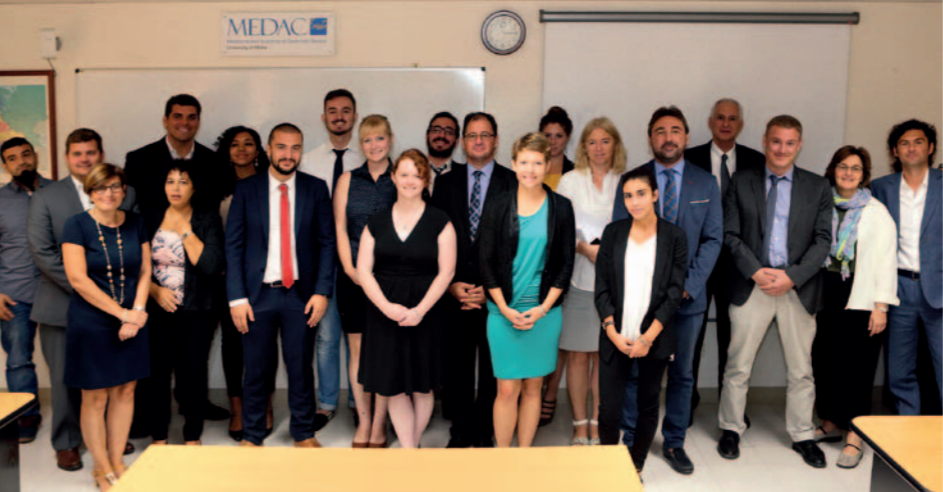
1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

Regional Conference of the Outreach of the OSCE Code of Conduct co-organized by MEDAC in Tunis.

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# MEDAC Alumni Meeting & Ambassadorial Lecture

by H. E. Amb. Klaus-Peter Brandes

On March 17th 2015, at the Annual MEDAC Alumni Meeting, H. E. Amb. Klaus-Peter Brandes Ambassador of Germany to Malta, delivered an Ambassadorial Lecture which was centred on the theme 'A New Era after the Fall of the Berlin Wall: Challenges for Germany's Foreign Policy'.

Amb. Brandes made reference to the challenges of the post-Cold War world order such as long forgotten conflicts,

religious fundamentalism and trans-border conflicts. Amb. Brandes also spoke on the new role of Germany on the world stage which he described as pro-active and always embedded in the European Union and multilateralism. Amb. Brandes referred to the importance of strengthening multilateral institutions, developing further engagement to resolve and manage conflicts and European security.

MEDAC students attended the Meeting along with MEDAC Alumni and had the opportunity to engage in a question-and-answer session with Amb. Brandes. The lecture which Amb. Brandes delivered was later published by MEDAC in its Med Agenda Series.

*Bellow: H.E. Amb. Klaus-Peter Brandes with Ms. Sue Garcia Imbernon, President of the Alumni Committee and Dr. Omar Grech. Bottom: Alumni and students with Amb. Brandes.*



17th March  
2015

## ALUMNI NEWS



**Hedi Labidi**

*MEDAC Alumnus  
from Tunisia  
2014 - 2015*

It has been a few months since I flew back from Malta to Carthage after an unforgettable Masters program at MEDAC. When I take a flashback glimpse at who I was before my experience at MEDAC, I realise I am no longer the same person I was before embarking on that wonderful journey.

I am referring to the Masters Programme as an experience

instead of an academic year because it is truly a whole experience, a unique one. Being an international student at MEDAC among 22 other students from 15 different nationalities was definitely a special chance for a young diplomat to get a close look at many different cultures and lifestyles. Living and studying with people from Europe, the Middle East and Africa has tremendously changed my views on various issues and helped me gain a wider scope of observation and interpretation of international relations.

The academic curriculum is rich and varied. MEDAC is the only academy in the world to offer a masters degree on international issues focused especially on the Mediterranean. Throughout the year, we have had the privilege to extensively study the Mediterranean

with all its aspects and debatable issues. International relations and law, diplomacy and history, economics and languages are the major areas of interest at the academy. Additional modules covered areas such as security studies, negotiation skills, migration and several other subjects. The study trips to both Switzerland and Germany were tremendously beneficial. Within nine months, we had had the occasion to write a short dissertation on topics related to diplomacy and international relations.

In sum, the Maltese experience is a memorable one where you learn to be more tolerant, open-minded and critical at the same time. It helps you develop several interpersonal skills that make one a successful diplomat and above all a successful person with friends around the globe.



**Ra'ad Fawwaz  
El Fawair**

*MEDAC Alumnus  
from Jordan  
2014 - 2015*

I have learnt an enormous amount, not only from readings, lectures and tutorials, but also from study tours to the United Nations and Foreign Ministries, media training, prominent guest speakers, and real-time simulations of multilateral negotiations. MEDAC's programs combine theory and practical application, taught by a faculty with

exceptional backgrounds. MEDAC provides the opportunity to meet European policy makers and build a network while studying in the heart of the Mediterranean. I cherish great memories of the classes and of the atmosphere amongst students. I would recommend it to any student looking for a good academic curriculum.



### Event held at the Swiss Embassy in Berlin

On May 4th 2015, on the occasion of the MEDAC MDip. Students' study visit to Germany, the Swiss Embassy in Berlin hosted an event with MEDAC alumni working in Germany.

*Left: Prof. Stephen Calleya with MEDAC Alumni at the Swiss Embassy in Berlin.*

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# Address by the Hon. Dr. George Vella

## Minister of Foreign Affairs in Malta

28th April  
2015

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Dr. George Vella visited MEDAC and delivered a keynote address to MEDAC students on Tuesday 28th April 2015. In his address the Minister provided an overview of Malta's foreign policy priorities within the context of the turbulent state of international relations currently being experienced especially within the European Neighbourhood.

Following his address the Minister answered numerous questions from MEDAC's students in a vibrant question and answer session. Dr. Vella touched upon such diverse issues as the situation in Libya, migration, Maltese bilateral relations, the situation in Iraq and the Commonwealth amongst others. The session was moderated by MEDAC Director Professor Stephen Calleya who

at the end of the event thanked the Minister for his strong and continuous support to MEDAC as well as for so generously sharing his insights with MEDAC students.

*Below left: The Hon. Minister Dr. George Vella, Minister of Foreign Affairs.  
Below right: MEDAC students and staff with the Hon. Minister Dr. George Vella.*



# The Hon. Mr. Michael Roth

## Minister of State for Europe in the German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs visits MEDAC

30th May  
2015

Mr Michael Roth, the Minister of States for Europe in the German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, visited MEDAC on May 30th 2015, during his official visit to Malta. Mr. Roth who has been a directly elected member in the German Bundestag (Parliament) since 1998, and Minister of State since 2013, addressed MEDAC students and engaged in a lively discussion with them on issues related to global peace and stability.

Mr. Roth emphasized the importance of strengthening the European Union as an actor on the global stage, especially in the light of current challenges. He highlighted high youth unemployment, migration, respect for human rights,



democracy, and minorities, economic growth and the destabilizing situation in the Middle East as major challenges.

The holder of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, moderated the discussion. The Chair was established at MEDAC by the German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2009. MEDAC students participate annually in a study visit to Germany, and benefit from German visiting professors and joint activities with German institutions.

*Centre: The Hon. Mr. Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe in the German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, addressing MEDAC students.*