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## The Hon. Didier Burkhalter Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland visits MEDAC

In March 2016, the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies welcomed the Hon. Didier Burkhalter, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland. Dr. Joe Borg, Chairman of MEDAC, introduced Minister Burkhalter and highlighted the commitment of the Swiss Government to MEDAC and expressed

profound appreciation in this respect. Minister Burkhalter delivered a keynote address on the theme 'Good Offices and Mediation' to the students pursuing the Masters degree in Diplomatic Studies at the University of Malta.

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*Top Left: Left to Right - Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, with the MEDAC Academic staff Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Ms. Lourdes Pullicino; Dr. Derek Lutterbeck & Dr. Omar Grech.*

*Bottom left: The Hon. Didier Burkhalter, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (centre) together with (Left to Right) Dr. Chris Soler, MEDAC Board Member; Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director; Amb. Alfred Zarb, MEDAC Board Member; Dr. Joe Borg, MEDAC Chairman; Dr. Derek Lutterbeck, Holder of the Swiss Chair at MEDAC; and Amb. Giancarlo Kessler, Swiss Ambassador to Malta.*

*Bottom right: The Hon. Didier Burkhalter, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland signing the MEDAC guestbook.*



# MEDAC Academic Staff participate in the Preparatory Meeting of the Anna Lindh Foundation Forum

In March 2016, MEDAC staff led by Director Prof. Stephen Calleya participated in the formal launch of preparations for the 3rd edition of the Euro-Mediterranean Forum for Intercultural Dialogue. The two day meeting in Valletta gathered representatives from regional institutions and civil society networks. The Forum will take place in Valletta on 24 and 25 October 2016 and will represent the largest single gathering of civil society working to promote intercultural dialogue across the Mediterranean region. The Maltese Ministry of Foreign Affairs is strongly supporting the initiative.

During the meeting in Valletta, there was a strong consensus on the need to leverage the Forum process to reaffirm the centrality of intercultural action in creating solutions in the face of transnational challenges impacting on societies in the region, including the impact of the refugee crisis, extremism and rising xenophobia, migration and youth unemployment. The Maltese government and participating regional

institutions also underlined their commitment to ensuring the Forum process can have a central contribution to influencing the European Neighbourhood Policy Review. Key drivers of the intercultural dialogue agenda were identified for the Forum as a result of the 2-day meeting, with a strategic focus on: cross-cultural reporting; intercultural education; artistic mobility; social entrepreneurship and new models of civil society development; and the future intercultural cities.

*Right: ALF Executive Director, Amb. Hatem Atallah, 3rd from right; Amb. Alfred Zarb, MFA, Malta (4th from the right); together with MEDAC academic staff and other participants at the Preparatory Meeting of the Anna Lindh Foundation Forum.*



## The Hon. Didier Burkhalter Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland visits MEDAC

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MEDAC was established in 1990 as a joint venture between the governments of Switzerland and Malta in an effort to promote Mediterranean peace and

security. Since then, both Switzerland and Malta have seen MEDAC develop as a centre of excellence for the training of young diplomats from the Mediterranean region and beyond.

In his keynote address, Minister Burkhalter highlighted the numerous attributes that constitute the key elements in the provision of good offices and mediation in international relations. The students of MEDAC were able to

interact with the Hon. Minister Burkhalter in the dynamic question and answer session that was moderated by Prof. Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC.

*Bottom left: (Left to Right) Dr. Joe Borg, the Hon. Didier Burkhalter and Prof. Stephen Calleya in discussion.*

*Bottom right: The Hon. Minister Burkhalter delivering his keynote address to MEDAC staff and students.*



# Visit to **MEDAC** by the Chairman of the EU Military Committee

On 5 May 2016 General Mikhail Kostarakos, Chairman of the European Union Military Committee, visited the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies and delivered an address to the Masters students on the theme of 'The Military View of the European Union's Global Strategy'.

General Kostarakos provided a comprehensive analysis of the main security challenges facing the European Union and highlighted the necessity for the European Union to adapt to the changing geo-political landscape if it wanted to be a relevant security actor in contemporary international relations.

Throughout his address General Kostarakos focused on the importance of the EU as a source of stability and security in its immediate vicinity and beyond so that countries around the world, including across the southern shore of the Mediterranean, can improve their political and economic societal outlook.

The students of MEDAC benefited immensely from this timely opportunity and were able to interact with General Kostarakos during the follow up question and answer session, which focused on the EU's new Global Strategy. MEDAC is grateful to the Armed Forces of Malta who made this visit to MEDAC possible.



*Above: General Mikhail Kostarakos, Chairman of the European Union Military Committee, together with Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director.*

*Left: General Mikhail Kostarakos signing the MEDAC guestbook.*

*Below Left: General Mikhail Kostarakos delivering his keynote speech.*

*Below right: General Mikhail Kostarakos addressing MEDAC staff and students.*



# MEDAC Human Rights Summer School 2016



Initiated by the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) in 2000, the 2016 MEDAC Human Rights Summer School attracted participants from a broad range of sectors and countries in North Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Diplomats, non-governmental organization personnel, students, youth workers and teachers came together to explore, discuss and debate current issues and topics within human rights. The 2016 summer school focused on the theme of Human Rights and the Mediterranean. Some of the issues and perspectives which the participants and lecturers engaged with were:

- Exploring the history of human rights and human rights values
- Understanding human rights instruments and frameworks and the historical, social and cultural contexts in which they have emerged with a specific focus on Mediterranean perspectives
- Discussing current debates and challenges in human rights and identifying the core issues involved
- Participating in individual and group-work learning

The summer school continued in its tradition of utilising a mix of both formal and informal training methods with lectures, discussions, art and drama all featuring in the summer

*Above left: Summer School in session.  
Above right: Ms. Rama Halasem lecturing on Freedom of Expression in the Mediterranean.*

school agenda. The participants in the 2016 summer school also reflected the usual diversity with participants coming from Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Germany, Egypt, Ireland, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco and Palestine. In their final evaluation the participants expressed their appreciation for the diversity of the group and learning methods with one participant stating: "this was one of the best groups I ever worked with and the diversity in learning methods was a huge plus."

## EASO visit

In February 2016, MEDAC staff and students visited the European Asylum Support Office. They were welcomed by its Executive Director, Mr. Jose Carreira. Two presentations by EASO staff members addressed the students on the latest asylum trends and operational developments, particularly the establishment of so called hot spots in Italy and Greece. A question and answer session allowed students to further explore a number of issues of interest.

*MEDAC delegation with Mr. Jose Carreira, the EASO Executive Director, at the European Asylum Support Office in Floriana.*



# Visit to MEDAC by the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Hon. Igor Crnadak visited the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies on the 27 July 2016. He was accompanied by Minister Counsellor Igor Basic, Ambassador Zeljana Zovko and Malta's Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina Ambassador Saviour Borg.

During the visit Minister Crnadak briefed Professor Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC, Dr. Derek Lutterbeck, Holder

of the Swiss Chair, and Dr. Omar Grech, Co-ordinator of the Human Dimension Programme and Lecturer in International Law, about Bosnia and Herzegovina's foreign policy agenda and regional relations across the Balkans. An elaborate overview of Bosnia's relations with the European Union was presented including most recent developments in Bosnia's efforts to become a member of the EU.

The occasion was also an opportunity to brief Minister Crnadak and the

distinguished delegation from Bosnia about MEDAC's forthcoming academic activities and provide an update about MEDAC's dynamic alumni network which includes former students from Bosnia.

*Below: From left to right: Dr. Omar Grech, Amb. Saviour Borg, Prof. Stephen Calleya, the Hon. Igor Crnadak, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Ms. Željana Zovko, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Malta, and Dr. Derek Lutterbeck.*



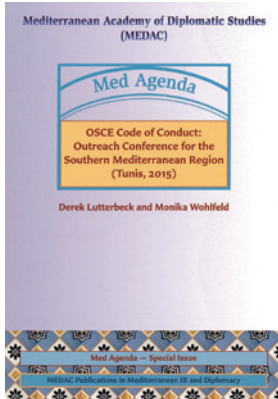
## Visit of H.E. Mr. Reha Keskintepe, Ambassador of Turkey

H.E. Mr. Reha Keskintepe visited MEDAC in June, and was briefed about the Academy's forthcoming academic year. In 2015 MEDAC and the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey signed an MOU to enhance further cooperation between the respective diplomatic academies.

*Right: H.E. Mr. Reha Keskintepe, Ambassador of Turkey to Malta and Prof. Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC.*

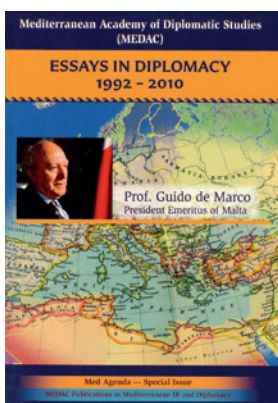


# Recent Publications



Derek Lutterbeck and Monika Wohlfeld  
**OSCE Code of Conduct: Outreach Conference for the Southern Mediterranean Region (Tunis, 2015).**  
*Med Agenda - Special Issue, 2016.*

This Med Agenda special issue provides a report on the Regional Outreach Conference on the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security for the Southern Mediterranean Region, held in Tunis and hosted by the Tunisian Republic and organized in partnership with the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and MEDAC. The conference aimed to raise awareness of the OSCE Code of Conduct among Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and to discuss its relevance for the Mediterranean region, including in the context of the growing threat of terrorism.

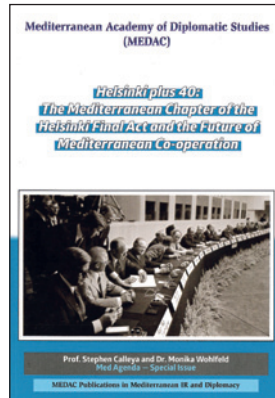


Guido de Marco  
**Essays in Diplomacy 1992 - 2010.**  
*Med Agenda - Special Issue, 2016.*

This collection of lectures, speeches and keynote addresses provide insight into the diplomatic legacy of Professor Guido de Marco.

Prof. de Marco championed the

importance of diplomacy in the Euro-Mediterranean region and advocated that only the people of the Mediterranean can determine their future.



Stephen Calleya and Monika Wohlfeld  
**Helsinki plus 40: The Mediterranean Chapter of the Helsinki Final Act and the Future of Mediterranean Co-operation.**  
*Med Agenda - Special Issue, 2016.*

The publication provides background information and a summary of proceedings of the international conference on Helsinki plus 40: the Mediterranean Chapter of the Helsinki Final Act and the Future of Mediterranean Co-operation, held in Malta. The event, organized by MEDAC in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta and the New-Med Research Network, marked an important anniversary of the ground-breaking negotiations 40 years ago, during which Euro-Atlantic States declared that European security also depended on the situation in the Mediterranean and decided that they would engage and deepen dialogue with Mediterranean Partners. The publication provides historical information and key insights gained during debates in Malta, held against the backdrop of a deteriorating social, political and security situation in the Mediterranean region.



Didier Burkhalter  
**Good Offices: A Swiss Speciality.**  
*Med Agenda - New Series, 2016.*

In March 2016, the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies welcomed the Hon. Didier Burkhalter, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland. Minister Burkhalter delivered a keynote address on the theme 'Good Office: A Swiss Speciality' to the students pursuing the Masters degree in Diplomatic Studies at the University of Malta.

This Med Agenda special issue reproduces Minister Burkhalter's keynote address in which he highlighted the numerous attributes that constitute the key elements of Swiss foreign policy in the provision of good offices and mediation in international relations.



Saviour Borg  
**50 Years (1964 - 2014): Malta's Foreign Policy.** 2015.

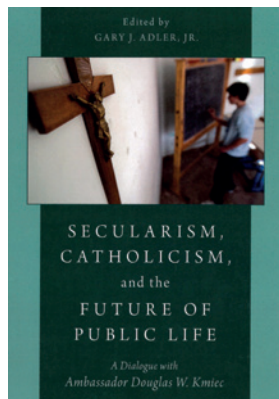
This timely publication by Amb. Saviour Borg coincides with a watershed of anniversaries for Malta. Malta celebrated four important anniversaries during 2014: the 50th Anniversary of Independence - 21st September 1964; the 40th Anniversary of Republic Day - 13th

# Recent Publications

December 1974; the 35th Anniversary of Freedom Day - 31st March 1979; and the 10th Anniversary of Membership of the European Union - 1st May 2004.

Yet, another anniversary which Malta celebrated in 2014 was the 50th Anniversary of Malta's membership of the United Nations Organisation. The United Nations has served Malta well during the past five decades. In turn, Malta has served well the United Nations and its system. It is now up to us and those that come after us to ensure that Malta will continue to make its membership of the United Nations effective and pro-active. This can be achieved by strengthening Malta's presence, leadership and contribution in support of the work, activities and programmes of the United Nations.

This publication serves as a tribute to and a legacy of the dedication and commitment of all those who have contributed to Malta's foreign policy in the first 50 years of its membership of the United Nations.

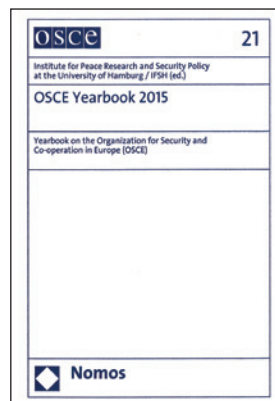


**Stephen Calleya**  
**'A Strategic Perspective for a New Era in Euro-Mediterranean Relations: Religion, Immigration and a Post-Arab Spring World' in Adler Jr., G.J. (ed), Secularism, Catholicism, and the Future of Public Life. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.**

**P**rof. Calleya presents a portrait of the intricate international relations occurring through the space of the Mediterranean. Malta is on the geographic boundary of two continents, situated between various religious traditions, states and economic forces. From this vantage point, Prof. Calleya demonstrates that the forces that drive many of Europe's cultural "crises", such as immigration and Islamic diversity, are inadequately addressed by European

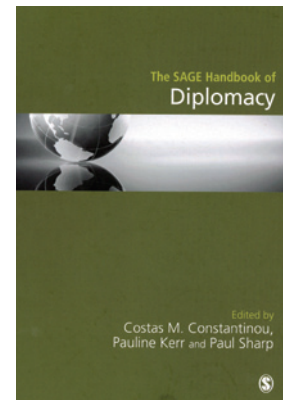
states. Islamic immigrants are poorly engaged by receiving countries. This situation, along with cultural exclusion, creates new problems.

Noting the lack of coherent engagement by European countries with the deep issues of the uprisings, Prof. Calleya writes that it is "astonishing to see the EU adopt a navel gazing attitude towards the historic moment taking place in the Mediterranean."



**Omar Grech and Monika Wohlfeld**  
**'Managing Migration in the Mediterranean: Is the EU Failing to Balance State Security, Human Security, and Human Rights?' in Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (eds), OSCE Yearbook 2015 (Vol. 21). Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2016.**

**T**he authors ask whether migration can justifiably be considered a security issue, and under which circumstances this may be the case. They focus on two different approaches to migration: a state-centric approach related to the notion of national security and a human security approach and human rights considerations. It concludes with a brief evaluation of the EU's response to the migration crisis in the Mediterranean.



**Stephen Calleya**  
**'Developing States Diplomacy' in Constantinou, C. M.; Kerr, P. & Sharp, P. (eds), The SAGE Handbook of Diplomacy. London: SAGE Publications, 2016.**

**T**his chapter examines the challenges small developing states are facing and identifies trends in their foreign policy decision-making track record. The fact that small developing countries have limited human and natural resources gives rise to numerous questions addressed in this analysis: what are the strategic mechanisms that small developing states employ? ; what are the primary motivations that guide developing states diplomacy?; how do small developing states pursue their strategic objectives?; how do small developing states prioritise their foreign policy objectives to remain relevant in the international society of states?

This chapter also includes a review of the evolution of Malta's foreign policy, as an example of a developing state's diplomatic practice. The study concludes by exploring future options available to developing states to help them maintain a relevant stance in an ever changing international system, including focusing on multilateral diplomacy.

## **MEDAC Alumni 1990/91 to 2015/16** **Date of Publication: September 2016**

**O**ver the past 25 years, the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) has been honoured to host more than 700 graduates from more than 60 different countries from all over the Mediterranean region and beyond.

This publication provides an overview of all the students who have attended MEDAC's postgraduate programmes since the Academy's establishment in 1990.



# MEDAC study visit to Switzerland

From 29 March to 3 April 2016, MEDAC organised its annual study visit to Geneva and Berne in Switzerland. In Geneva, MEDAC students visited several international organisations, such as the UN Headquarters, the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Briefings at the UN and the UNHCR focused mainly on the current humanitarian challenges related to the Syrian crisis, while the presentation at the WTO addressed the current status of the global trading system and relevant negotiations. A briefing at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) also formed part of the study visit, where MEDAC students were addressed by Prof. Mahmoud Mohamedou on current political

and security trends on the MENA region. At the end of their stay in Geneva, MEDAC students and staff were welcomed by the Permanent Representative of Malta to the UN, Ambassador Olaph Terribile, who gave an overview of the work of the Maltese Mission in Geneva.

The third day of the study trip took the students to Berne, where they were hosted by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). This included briefings and discussions between MEDAC students and representatives from different departments of the Swiss Federal Administration on various topics related to the MENA region. The study visit to Switzerland was rounded off by guided tours in the old towns of both Berne and Geneva.

*Left: With Amb. Mr. Olaph Terribile, Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations.  
Centre left: MEDAC students being briefed by Prof. Mahmoud Mohamedou at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)  
Centre right: Visit to the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in Berne.  
Bottom: MEDAC students with Dr. Derek Lutterbeck at the United Nations in Geneva*



# MEDAC study visit to Germany

From 10 to the 15 April, 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. The group was welcomed to the Ministry by Mr Patrick Heinz, Head of Training for International Diplomats. Over two days, sessions took place with representatives of key departments of the Foreign Ministry. MEDAC students also had exchanges at the Federal Chancellery and the Parliament as well as at the Swiss Embassy, and the Maltese Embassy with Ambassador Albert Friggieri.

In Bonn, the group participated in a joint seminar with Master students of the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI), Bonn University at the invitation of its Director, Prof. Ludger Kuehnhardt. As part of the ongoing cooperation between ZEI and MEDAC, the seminar focused on the exchange of ideas and experiences between students from both sides of the Mediterranean and beyond. MEDAC and ZEI students held short presentations followed by a discussion on the current situation in the Euro-Mediterranean region touching upon different subjects such as root causes of migration, border protection, and Euro-Mediterranean diplomatic relations.

The MEDAC group also visited Deutsche Welle, Germany's international broadcaster, where they had the opportunity to meet with the Head of Online and Multimedia Arabic Services and a representative of the International Relations Department. The students were also briefed by a representative of the United Nations University on the UN Campus in Bonn, focusing on its engagement in human security and disaster preparedness. The group also visited the House of German History.

Finally, MEDAC students visited in Frankfurt the KfW, the German government-owned development bank, and the European Central Bank, where they participated in a working session with Dr. Michael Sturm, Deputy Head of Division International Relations and Cooperation.

1. MEDAC students at the German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Berlin.
2. At the Swiss Embassy in Berlin.
3. At the German Federal Chancellery, Berlin.
4. MEDAC and ZEI students with Prof. S. Calleya, Prof. L. Kuehnhardt and Dr. M. Wohfeld at ZEI, Bonn.



# CALENDAR

11, 18 & 25 February 2016

MEDAC student debates on Current Affairs.



15, 16, 24 February & 1 March 2016

Commencement of Diplomacy module with former Speaker of the House of Representatives and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Michael Frendo.

19 February 2016

A simulation exercise on negotiation skills used in diplomacy with Mr. Patrick Tabone.

22, 23, 24 & 26 February 2016

Module on Water diplomacy delivered by Amb. Magdy Hefny and Dr. Atef Hamdy.



29 February 2016

Former EU Commissioner, Dr. Tonio Borg delivered a lecture on "Malta and the Labyrinth of Mediterranean Institutions".

4, 11 & 18 March 2016

A series of lectures on International History by Prof. Dominic Fenech.

7, 8 & 9 March 2016

Lectures in International Economics by Prof. Alejandro Lorca & Dr. Gonzalo Escribano.

9 March 2016

Keynote Address by The Hon. Didier Burkhalter, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.

15 March 2016

MEDAC Alumni Ambassadorial Lecture delivered by H.E. Beatrice Le Frapper du Hellen, Ambassador of France to Malta.

4 & 5 April 2016

Lectures on Economic Diplomacy by Amb. Klaus-Peter Brandes.

7 & 8 April 2016

Negotiation Seminar with Dr. Paul Meerts, Clingendael, Netherlands Institute of International Relations.



10 - 15 April 2016

Study visit to Germany.



18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 April 2016

Module on Development and Diplomacy with Dr. Andri Bisaz.

5 May 2016

A keynote Address by General Mikhail Kostarakos, Chairman of the EU Military Committee.

29 March - 3 April 2016

Study visit to Geneva & Berne in Switzerland.



5 & 6 May 2016

Module on International Relations by Dr. Annette Jünemann, Professor for Political Science and International Relations, Helmut-Schmidt-University of the Federal Armed Forces in Hamburg.



30 May 2016

Joint M.A. Recognition Ceremony.

28 June 2016

Visit by H.E. Mr. Reha Keskinetepe, Ambassador of Turkey to Malta.

27 July 2016

Hon. Igor Crnadak, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina visits MEDAC.

29 June - 7 July 2016

MEDAC Human Rights Summer School 2016 on the theme *Human Rights and the Mediterranean*.



3 June 2016

MEDAC Annual Student Dinner 2015/16.



## Contribution to the MEDAC Library

MEDAC would like to thank Dr. Michael Frendo for contributing a number of publications to the library. The publications focus on Contemporary International Relations and Euro-Mediterranean issues.

*Above right: (Left to right) Dr. Michael Frendo and Prof. Stephen Calleya.*

# Academic Year 2016 - 2017



*M.Dip/M.A. 2016-2017*

Master of Diplomacy Academic Year 2016 - 2017	
Algeria	Mr. Abdelhafid Hachem
China	Ms. Yunjiao Yang
Egypt	Mr. Mohammad Kawzaa
Egypt	Mr. Sherif Elbadrawy
Georgia	Ms. Madlena Goksadze
Jordan	Mr. Naser Al-Deen Al-Quran
Malta	Mr. Liam Gauci
Palestine	Mr. Abdelrahman Romana
Palestine	Mr. Ahmed Abushariaa
Tanzania	Ms. Olivia Ludger Maboko
The Gambia	Ms. Rosaline Secka
Ukraine	Ms. Nelia Ivanovchyk

Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies Academic Year 2016 - 2017	
Ghana	Ms. Barbara Effah-Broni
Libya	Mr. Housam Ali M. Abushiwa
Libya	Ms. Joumana Ben Younes
Malta	Mr. Sean Agius
Malta	Ms. Stephanie Caruana
Malta	Ms. Lynn Maria Faure
The Netherlands	Ms. Maureen Aleid Berdien Janssen
UK	Mr. Rory Patrick Kemmis Cunningham

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Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security Academic Year 2016 - 2017	
Egypt	Mr. Khaled Kaddah
Finland	Ms. Nicole Ekvall
USA	Mr. Bryce Kobayashi
USA	Mr. Daniel Altman
USA	Ms. Francesca Keese
USA/France	Mr. Gabriel Monterossa
USA	Mr. Ian Nutter
USA	Ms. Irina Morrow
USA	Ms. Jessie Rosati
USA	Ms. Laurel Stark



*M.A. in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security 2016-2017*

Diploma in Diplomatic Studies Academic Year 2016 - 2017	
Malta	Mr. Charles James Desira
Malta	Mr. Christian Anthony Zammit Cordina
Malta	Mr. Eugene Camilleri
Malta	Mr. Joseph Gatt
Malta	Ms. Stephanie Cassar
Tunisia	Ms. Molka Sfar

# Joint M.A. Recognition Ceremony

On Monday 30 June the students pursuing the joint MA degree in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security, offered by MEDAC and the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, attended the Recognition Ceremony marking the end of the taught component of their program. The event was held at the Aula Magna of the Valletta Campus of the University of Malta. During the ceremony the students were awarded the transcript of the taught component of their degree program by the former Rector of the

*Top right: The joint MEDAC and S-CAR staff and students*

*Below left: (Left to Right) Dr. Omar Grech, Coordinator of the Human Dimension Programme; Prof. Kevin Avruch, the Dean of the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (centre) and Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director.*

*Below right: Prof. Susan Hirsch, Professor in the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution together with Dr. Omar Grech, Coordinator of the Human Dimension Programme.*



University of Malta Prof Juanito Camilleri in the presence of the Minister of Education the Hon. Evarist Bartolo, the Dean of the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution Prof Kevin Avruch and

MEDAC Director Prof Stephen Calleya. Following the event, MEDAC and SCAR academics together with the students as well as their family members and friends attended a reception hosted by MEDAC.



## Joint M.A. Students visit to the U.S. Embassy

The Embassy of the United States of America hosted the MA Conflict and Mediterranean Security students on Friday 8 April 2016. The students were addressed by the Deputy Head of Mission Mr Terrence Flynn who explained the work of the Embassy and then proceeded to outline the main security challenges in the Mediterranean from a US perspective. The address was followed by a lively Q and A session and a tour of the US Embassy premises.

*Right: Visit to the US Embassy.*



# MEDAC Alumni Meeting

The MEDAC Alumni Association organised its annual Ambassadorial Lecture on 15 March at the German-Maltese Circle in Valletta. The President of the Alumni Association, Ms. Suzanne Garcia Imbernon, welcomed the distinguished guests, alumni and students and introduced H.E. Béatrice Le Fraper du Hellen, Ambassador of France to Malta who delivered a lecture on the theme of 'French Foreign Policy in the Mediterranean'. Following her address the Ambassador participated in a Question and Answer session with MEDAC students and alumni.

*Below right: H.E. Amb Béatrice Le Fraper du Hellen addressing the MEDAC Alumni Meeting.*

*Below left: H.E. Ms. Béatrice Le Fraper du Hellen, Ambassador of France to Malta, during her address.*



## MEDAC Annual End of Year Get Together

The students and staff of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies held their annual end of year academic event on 3 June 2016. The much anticipated get together is an occasion to celebrate a year of intensive academic teaching and research.

The evening commenced with a brief address by the Director of MEDAC, Professor Stephen Calleya, who encouraged the students to remain actively engaged with the Academy throughout their careers, as part of the MEDAC alumni network, which today brings together more than 700

graduates from more than 60 different countries.

*Bottom left: MEDAC staff and students during the Annual end of year gathering.*

*Bottom right: The welcome address by Prof. Stephen Calleya.*





**Brian Farell**

*MEDAC Alumnus  
from USA  
2010 - 2011*

In October 2010, I was honored to be a student of the first cohort for the dual-degree, collaborative program between George Mason University's School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR) and

the University of Malta's Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC). The program has been the foundation of my professional development. As a leader in labor relations for a United States government security contractor, I often draw insight from MEDAC's faculty in getting to "yes" by negotiating principles rather than positions. MEDAC and S-CAR's focus on practice as much theory provided me the tools I needed when power was unbalanced at the table. When meetings were in zero-sum stalemate, MEDAC's emphasis on principles rather than positions opened dialogue at the table and guided

my thinking to yes for my members. Having studied under outstanding faculty from two world-class institutions and working with brilliant peers from vastly diverse experiences, I would recommend MEDAC/S-CAR to any professional who depends on conflict resolution or diplomacy in his or her career. Whether one's career advances in government, private sector, academia, or NGOs, I could not more strongly recommend study in Malta as a foundation in Mediterranean security or conflict resolution.



**Mekni Hosni**

*MEDAC Alumnus  
from Tunisia  
2010 - 2011*

I travelled to Malta from Tunisia late September 2010, to join the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC), and upon starting our studies, I realized that this time-

honoured Institution has something distinguishing it from other Academic Institutions that I know. The courses rhythm and training was fast but easy to follow and included several important disciplines, supervised by well-known University Professors, Diplomats and Senior lecturers from Malta and beyond.

The end of 2010 was tough for me personally, and for my country Tunisia. On a personal level, I suffered health difficulties, and as for my country it experienced a situation of unrest that triggered upheavals in the region. "Not the time for giving up",

I told myself, and it was worth the sacrifice.

Five years later, and I find myself the Political Counsellor at one of our Embassies in Asia. What I have learnt at MEDAC has benefitted me immensely and I fall back on it often and with pleasure. The improvement in my language skills has also served me well. The year at MEDAC passed all too quickly but its impact on my career and profile is enduring. I recommend MEDAC to all those who have diplomacy at heart.

## MEDAC ACADEMIC PROGRAMME



### MASTER OF ARTS IN DIPLOMATIC STUDIES

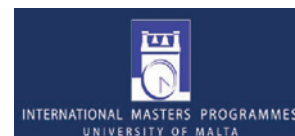
Full-time - 3 Semesters  
[www.um.edu.mt/medac/overview/PMADST8-2016-7-O](http://www.um.edu.mt/medac/overview/PMADST8-2016-7-O)

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# Germany extends support to MEDAC

Students at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies are to continue benefiting from the academic expertise of a German Chair, after the existing agreement was extended.

The agreement with the German Government will allow MEDAC to benefit from the continuation of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention up to autumn 2019. The Chair was launched in 2009. The first holder of the Chair is Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, an internationally recognised expert in conflict and security studies. Dr. Wohlfeld, who will continue her duties at

MEDAC, was previously Deputy Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) responsible for its field operation in 19 countries.

MEDAC Director Prof. Stephen Calleya and Germany's Ambassador to Malta H.E. Gudrun Sräga signed the agreement in the presence of Foreign Minister the Hon. Dr. George Vella. The Foreign Minister thanked the Government of Germany for its support, saying it confirmed Germany's active engagement towards the Mediterranean. Dr. Vella noted that as the challenges in the region continue to expand, this area of expertise has

acquired key relevance for young diplomats. Amb. Sräga emphasised that Germany's renewed commitment is also honouring the excellent work and the outstanding academic services provided by MEDAC since 1990. Prof. Calleya thanked both governments for their continuous support towards the Academy.

The signing was also attended by MEDAC Board Chairman, Dr. Joe Borg, and Board member Amb. Alfred Zarb.

*Below, Front Row: H.E. Amb. Gudrun Sräga and Prof. Stephen Calleya. Back Row: Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Amb. Alfred Zarb, Hon. Dr. George Vella and Dr. Joe Borg.*



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