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MEDAC's Milestone: 25 Years of Training Diplomats



Štefan Füle

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Štefan Füle
European Commissioner
for Enlargement and
Neighbourhood Policy.

During the past twenty-five years, MEDAC supported by the governments of Malta, Switzerland, Italy and Germany, has provided training to more than 700 young scholars from the Mediterranean region and beyond. The Masters programmes offered by MEDAC focus on the core disciplines of International Relations, International Law, International Economics, International History, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution.

Since its establishment MEDAC has continued to be a regional diplomatic institution offering academics, policy makers and civil society representatives the opportunity to achieve a better understanding of issues pertaining to the Mediterranean. As the Mediterranean experiences another historic transformation MEDAC continues to be a promoter of confidence building mechanisms that seek to foster peaceful and prosperous Euro-Mediterranean relations.

Through its dynamic diplomatic training programme and its active alumni network of diplomats around the world, MEDAC looks forward to commemorating its 25th anniversary throughout the 2014/2015 academic year.



Organisation for Security and
Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

On January 29th 2014, during the 743rd Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation in Vienna, the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, currently held by Greece, expressed its gratitude to the Maltese Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation for attaching high value to the OSCE Code of Conduct among its priorities. The European Union expressed its appreciation to MEDAC for co-hosting the September 2013 Regional Conference on the Code of Conduct.

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Greek Presidency
of the Council of the European Union

MEDAC hosted by German Ambassador

H. E. **Mr. Klaus Peter Brandes**

January 10th, 2014

MEDAC academic staff and students were hosted by H. E. Amb. Klaus-Peter Brandes, Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany to Malta, at his residence for a discussion on 'The emergence of a polycentric world: new challenges for Germany' in January 2014. Ambassador Brandes, who prior to his assignment in Malta has been *inter alia* Ambassador to Tanzania, United Arab Emirates, Cameroon and Brunei, shared his extensive knowledge of international affairs and German foreign policy, and responded to a multitude of questions from participants. The event has been an important aspect of MEDAC's efforts to expose students to EU foreign policy issues. Germany has been a stake holder in MEDAC since 2009.



Top: Dr. Monika Wohlfeld (right) presenting H. E. Ambassador Brandes (centre) a memento as Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya looks on.
Below: H. E. Ambassador Klaus-Peter Brandes addressing MEDAC students.

The Mediterranean Academy featured in a prestigious German publication

December, 2013

Leading German newspaper **Frankfurter Allgemeine** carried an extensive reportage on MEDAC and its students in the December 2013 edition of its higher education magazine.

The **Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung** (F.A.Z.) is a leading German newspaper, founded in 1949. F.A.Z. has a circulation of almost 400 000 copies. It is the German daily with the widest circulation

abroad and has one of the world's largest networks of correspondents.

Six times per year, the FAZ publishes a magazine for professionals and students, the **Frankfurter Allgemeine Hochschulanzeiger** (Frankfurter Allgemeine Higher Education Gazette). The Higher Education Gazette is sold at kiosks, provided to all students with a subscription to the newspaper, and distributed at universities and at career fairs.

In the article, German journalist Franziska Bulban reflects on both the academic and personal challenges MEDAC

students face while pursuing a Master's degree in a foreign country and among an international group of students and lecturers. She concludes that 'Malta is training tomorrow's top diplomats'. The journalist ponders the fact that students who may soon face each other on opposite sides of the table as ambassadors or negotiators will remember each other as classmates in jeans and t-shirt with whom they walked part of life's way.

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Renewal of German Support to the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies

November 22nd, 2013

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany will continue to support the work of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, MEDAC. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs the Hon. George Vella, the agreement was signed on 22nd November 2013 by Ambassador Klaus-Peter Brandes, representing the Federal Foreign Office of Germany and Professor Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC. The agreement will allow the Academy to benefit from the continuation of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention until the end of 2016. The Chair was inaugurated in October 2009 and the first holder is Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, an internationally recognized expert in conflict and security studies.

Minister Vella extended the Government's appreciation for this sponsorship which allows young diplomats and students from the Mediterranean region and beyond to receive specialist knowledge on conflict prevention and resolution. He noted that this agreement is in line with Malta's strategy to seek a strong engagement of EU partners in addressing the dynamic changes in the Mediterranean region. Ambassador Brandes underlined that Germany's commitment is a reflection of the historical context of the changes in the region that have resulted in a strong demand for the academic services provided by MEDAC since 1990. Ambassador Brandes said that both Malta and Germany recognize the vital importance of the region and the need for strong, co-operative Euro-Mediterranean relations. Professor Calleya thanked the Governments of Malta and Germany for recognizing and backing the Academy's contribution to the region.

The German decision to become stakeholders in MEDAC by funding the German Chair and the arrival of the first holder of the Chair, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, have allowed the Academy to strengthen its academic programme. As a full-time member of the academic faculty at MEDAC, Dr. Wohlfeld has introduced a new field of study that focuses on contemporary security theories, peace studies and issues such as new concepts of security, role of international and regional organizations, human security, co-operative security, gender and security, and conflict prevention and resolution.



1. From left: Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya, Dr. Joe Borg, H. E. Ambassador Klaus-Peter Brandes and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. George Vella.
2. H. E. Ambassador Brandes (front - left) and Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya (front - right) signing the agreement to renew German government support to MEDAC.
3. H. E. Ambassador Brandes (left) and Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya (right) exchanging documents.

MEDAC hosts a number of International Delegations

2013 / 2014

During the past few months, MEDAC was honoured to host a number of delegations from numerous countries including Turkey, Libya, France, Azerbaijan and Iraq. These delegations met with the Director and the academic staff of MEDAC and discussions focused on

the current work of the Academy and the potential for further engagement.

H. E. Ms. Ayşe Sezgin, Ambassador of Turkey to Malta, paid a courtesy visit to MEDAC on Tuesday 18th February. Ambassador Sezgin, who was welcomed by Professor Calleya, MEDAC Director, expressed her appreciation for MEDAC's work and pledged to strengthen the already excellent relations between the Turkish Foreign Ministry and MEDAC. Young Turkish diplomats have been recipients of MEDAC scholarships for a number of years.

On Thursday 24th October 2013, a delegation from the Libyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs met with a MEDAC delegation composed of Ambassador Alfred Zarb, Prof. Stephen Calleya, Dr. Derek Lutterbeck and Dr. Omar Grech. The two parties expressed their interest in strengthening cooperation between them and in exploring ways in which MEDAC could assist in the further training of Libyan diplomats given its track record of training diplomats from the Mediterranean region.

On the 26th of September, a delegation led by Monsieur Laurent Croset, Cultural Counsellor at the French Embassy met with the Director and the Deputy Director Dr. Derek Lutterbeck while on the 4th of December, a delegation of former auditors of the 'IHEDN' (Institut de Hautes Etudes de Défense nationale) presided by Ms. Mireille Musso, Minister Plenipotentiary, Head of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Association of Auditors of IHEDN, who were in Malta on a study visit, visited MEDAC on a familiarisation visit.

1. H. E. Ambassador Ayşe Sezgin (second from left) during her visit to MEDAC.
2. Libyan delegation members with H. E. Ambassador Alfred Zarb (third from left) and MEDAC academics.
3. From left: Mr. Alexander Zammit, Dr. Derek Lutterbeck, Mr. Laurent Croset and Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya.
4. Group photo with former auditors of the Institut de Hautes Etudes de Défense nationale (IHEDN).
5. Delegation from Iraq with Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya (second from left), Dr. Omar Grech (second from right) and Dr. Derek Lutterbeck (first from right).



Address by Professor Bob Bowker

November 11th - 12th, 2013

On November 11th and 12th 2013, Prof. Robert Bowker, Adjunct Professor at the Center of Arab and Islamic Studies at the Australian National University (ANU), lectured the MEDAC class on developments in the Arab World in the light of the Arab Spring. His visit was made possible thanks to the generous support of the Australian High Commission.

He spoke on the various challenges facing the Arab countries highlighting political, socio-economic and sectarian and religious divides. The first lecture focused on the Sykes-Picot agreement, its effect on Arab politics and the reasons why it endured. The second lecture highlighted regional dynamics in the Middle East such as Saudi-Iranian strategic competition, Iranian aspirations for regional influence as well as regional competition reflected in the Syrian civil war. The Syrian conflict



took center stage with discussions focusing on the Assad family rule, the causes of the Syrian uprising, the current situation in Syria as well as third parties, including Russia, the United States of

America, Saudi Arabia and Iran, involved in the conflict.

Above: Professor Bob Bowker addressing the MEDAC class.

Postgraduate Seminar on "Malta, Germany and the EU - the economic dimension"

November 29th, 2013

A postgraduate seminar on International Relations and Commercial Diplomacy financed by the German Academic Exchange Service through the German Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs was held in November 2013. A first such event, the seminar focused on the theme of "Malta, Germany and the EU - the economic dimension".

MEDAC students, accompanied by academic staff, held discussions at Malta Enterprise, the government's agency focused on attracting inward investment and supporting enterprise in Malta and at the premises of Lufthansa Technik Malta. Keynote speakers at the Malta Enterprise included Dr. Mario Brincat, Advisor to the Chairman of Malta Enterprise and Ms. Josephine Farrugia, officer in charge of relations with Germany, as well as Mr. Dennis Vella, Head Projects and lecturer on Economic diplomacy at MEDAC. At Lufthansa Technik, the CEO of the company, Mr. Stephan Drewes gave a presentation on the company's profile and its decision to invest in Malta, followed by a question and answer session. A tour of the facilities, including the new hangar facilities, completed the visit.



Top: MEDAC students and academics at Malta Enterprise.
Bottom: Mr. Stephan Drewes, CEO Lufthansa Technik Malta, during his address to MEDAC students.

The MEDAC-EU Conference:

Change and challenges in the Southern Mediterranean: Civil society, dialogue, media and governance

Hosted by the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Malta - December 5th - 8th, 2013

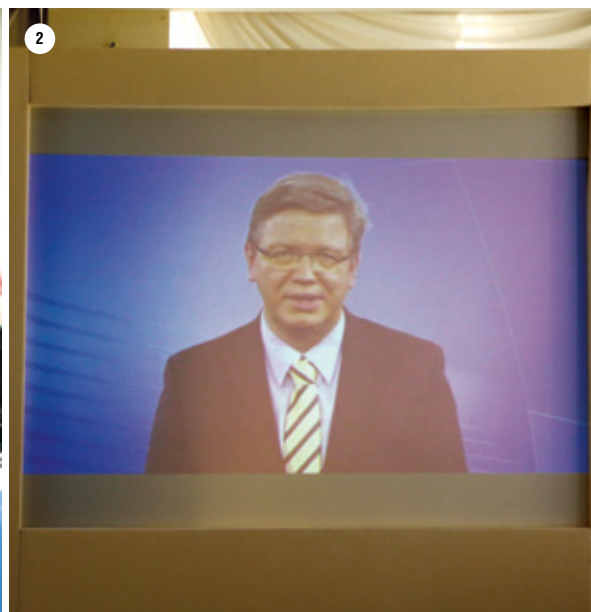
Between the 5th and 8th December 2013, MEDAC hosted a conference focusing on the 'creation of mechanisms for regional structured dialogue among and between civil society, authorities and the EU in the Southern neighbourhood'. This conference was held in response to a call by Commissioner Štefan Füle to enhance dialogue between civil society and authorities in the Mediterranean region. The conference brought together experts from various backgrounds including the diplomatic, academic, Non-Government Organisations, European Commission and the European External Action Service.

Held in St. Julians, it was organised around four working groups, each including between 15 to 20 participants, experts in their field. Topics discussed included diplomacy training and the relations between diplomats and civil society, better use of the media for enhanced dialogue, models of governance and mechanisms for communication across countries, the region and beyond.

At the end of the meeting, the four working groups were asked to present their salient arguments at a plenary session. Common themes emerged, including the endorsement of the concept of a multi-dimensional dialogue with civil society based on the principle of equal partnership and trust-building through repeated actions. A bottom-up approach to dialogue was also highlighted as was the importance of face-to-face communication.

The meeting kicked off with a video address by Commissioner Štefan Füle and was also addressed by Dr. Joe Borg, Chairman of MEDAC, Ambassador Joseph Cole, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Dr. Michael Koehler, Director for the Neighbourhood at the European Commission's Directorate-General DEVCO.

1. From left: Mr. Thomas McGrath, Dr. Joe Borg, Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya, Dr. Michael Koehler and H. E. Ambassador Joseph Cole.
2. Commissioner Štefan Füle during his video address to the Conference.
3. From left: Dr. Omar Grech, Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya and Professor Simon Duke.
4. Civil Society Working Group.
5. Diplomacy Working Group.
6. Group photo of participants.



Video Address by Commissioner Štefan Füle

Good morning everybody, and first of all please excuse my absence from your gathering. I had intended, and wanted to be with you for these important discussions, but unfortunately urgent commitments elsewhere didn't allow that.

Let me first of all thank the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies for hosting the meeting, a meeting I regard as an extremely **important milestone** in our efforts to ensure that civil society has its rightful place at the democratic table we hope will soon be in place.

Equally, let me thank all of you who have given up your time to travel to Malta to take part in these workshops. It is deeply appreciated.

Before you start on your deliberations please allow me a few minutes to share some views and ideas with you about where Europe stands in the wake of the seismic changes in the region over the past three years.

I have said many times that Europe cannot turn away from what is happening in our closest neighbourhood. Nor can we ignore that the people there **look to Europe as a source of support and inspiration for reforms**. That is why it is so important for us to maintain our engagement in the Neighbourhood, an engagement that must be demand-driven, transparent and inclusive, embracing all sectors of society.

A successful transition to sustainable democracy is a priority for the European Union, as I am sure it is for all of us.

Since 2011, political landscapes in the region have undergone profound transformations and we have seen the emergence of a **determined** civil society; a **brave** civil society demanding that they have an input in decisions that affect their lives and livelihoods.

Today, as unfinished revolutions continue on unpredictable courses, can we say that there has been real progress in the participation of civil society in the hoped-for reforms? Some will argue that much has been

achieved in recent years, while others and I count myself among them, contest that **so much still remains to be done**.

The European Union attaches great importance to civil society as it empowers citizens to express their concerns, contributes to sound and democratic policy making and holds governments to account. What we are striving to achieve together is to bring once peripheral actors into the core of the dialogue on policies and programmes. **Civil society must be central to that dialogue**.

The European Union has responded to the changes in the Southern Mediterranean region by reinforcing its support for civil society in a number of ways. But we need further guidance to help us in our efforts to help civil society. Recommendations from your discussions will offer **valuable input**.

Many of you were in Marseilles earlier this year at the Anna Lindh Forum when I underlined the necessity for **continuous, structured dialogue** between civil society, the authorities and the European Union at a regional level. This was no bland appeal, but rather a firmly held belief that the only way to progress is to move forward together.

The outcomes and recommendations from your discussions will be further consulted with Civil Society Organisations over the next few months as we prepare for a major Civil Society Forum in Brussels in April 2014, hosted by the European Union and organised jointly with Civil Society.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Brussels early next year at the Forum.

If I may be allowed one last word before I go, I would like to wish the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies a very happy 25th Anniversary. Your institution has been a great and valuable friend to Europe and the southern Mediterranean over the past 25 years, and I wish you every success in all your future pursuits.

Thank you.

CALENDAR

30th September 2013

MEDAC Opening Address for the Master of Diplomacy and Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies students.

3rd, 10th, 17th October 2013

Module on *The Arab World* with Ambassador George Doublesin.

11th October 2013

Cultural Visit to Valletta and the Three Cities.



24th October 2013

Visit by a delegation from Libyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

30th October - 1st November 2013

Module on *Euro-Arab Relations* with Professor Bichara Khader.



1st, 8th, 15th November 2013

Module on *International Organisations* with Ambassador Saviour Borg.



4th - 6th November 2013

Lectures with Professor Jürg Martin Gabriel.

11th & 12th November 2013

Lectures with Professor Bob Bowker, Australian National University on *Ending Sykes-Picot: The Arab World and the West after 2011 and Current Developments in Egypt and Syria*.

18th November

Economic Diplomacy Visit to Methode Electronics Malta Ltd.

6th - 8th January 2014

Module on *Global Proliferation of Regionalism* with Professor Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt, ZEI, University of Bonn.

10th January 2014

Address by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Malta H. E. Mr. Klaus-Peter Brandes at the Ambassador's Residence.

16th January 2014

Visit by a delegation from Iraq.

5th, 10th and 19th February 2014

Lectures with former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr. Michael Frendo.



24th - 28th February 2014

Lectures on *Water Diplomacy* with Ambassador Magdy Hefny.



7th March 2014

Commencement of module on *The Cold War and the Mediterranean* with Professor Dominic Fenech, Head of History Department and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Malta.



Graduation Ceremony of the 2012/2013 Class

November 26th, 2013

The official graduation ceremony of the 2012-2013 MEDAC class was held at the Old University, Valletta on the 26th November. This is the culminating moment which follows a year of studies and where students have the opportunity to meet once again celebrating their achievements as well as unforgettable experiences.

During this year's graduation ceremony, Prof. Dr. Stephen Calleya delivered the oration which was entitled 'Our Mediterranean'. Prof. Dr. Calleya's oration focused on the challenges facing the Euro-Mediterranean region such as irregular migration as well as a range of security issues and the importance of diplomacy in fostering a more peaceful and prosperous Mediterranean.

Left: Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya during his Oration at the Graduation Ceremony.
Below: MEDAC graduates from the 2012-2013 M.A./M. Dip. and Joint M.A. courses.

Master of Diplomacy

Ms. Nataliya Marikutsa
Mr. Tayebwa Philip Katureebe
Mr. Hammadi Louati
Ms. Soumaya Bourhil
Ms. Hasna Tizaoui
Ms. Maulidah B. Hassan
Ms. Razan Al Ftawi
Mr. Ameer Amer
Ms. Maria Sarah Gatt
Ms. Katerina Kosturanova
Mr. Odai Al Qaralleh
Ms. Ekaterine Megrelishvili
Ms. Jouman Nigmeldeen
Ms. Eman Samy Fathallah Yakout
Mr. Al Hassan Soliman
Mr. Xingyu Zhu
Mr. Ramiz Salayev

Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies

Mr. Tsvetalin Radev
Mr. Georgi Dimchev Yanchev
Ms. Lucy Mary Paterson
Ms. Hedda Riedel
Ms. Karolina Vaitonyte
Ms. Audrey Abela Shandler
Mr. Darren Chetcuti
Mr. Matteo Privitelli
Ms. Justine Micallef
Ms. Nicole Marie Scerri
Ms. Abigail Grech
Ms. Lynn Marie Spiteri
Ms. Janelle Camilleri
Ms. Annabelle Muscat
Mr. Andrew Vassallo
Ms. Liliana Borg
Ms. Francesca D'Amato
Ms. Roberta Gatt
Mr. Eman Hayman
Mr. Jean Paul Gatt
Ms. Stephanie Portelli
Ms. Marie Claire Vella
Ms. Monika Jungova
Ms. Seren Ozcan

Dual Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security GMU

Mr. Daniel Bales
Ms. Marcelle Bugre
Ms. Emily Burd
Mr. Ahmed Dakrory
Mr. Gordon Formosa
Ms. Anastasia Franjie
Ms. Patricia Gutierrez Sierra
Mr. Musarrat Kazepis
Mr. Vladimir Kirushev
Mr. Luca Lacitignola
Mr. Philipp Mack
Ms. Shadi Moayed
Ms. Paola Moore
Ms. Katy Miller
Ms. Nadya Papagiorcopulo
Ms. Rosa Perez
Ms. Alexandra Schaerrer
Ms. Michelle Tisch
Mr. Nicholas Van Woert



International Cultural Night 2013

MEDAC held its annual International Cultural Night in November 2013. This celebration of different cultures offers all the students of MEDAC an opportunity to learn more about one another's traditions including their culinary specialities. This year the Cultural Night attracted a record number of MEDAC alumni who were able to experience the numerous dishes that were prepared by the students.





Alaa Ben Mahmud

*MEDAC Alumnus
from Libya
2010 - 2011*

With all the change that took place world wide it was definitely A Year to Remember. My experience with MEDAC touched and affected my life both on the academic and personal levels.

Starting with the Academic part, the thing that made me choose the MA course at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies was the variety of the subjects covered; International Relations, Law, History, Diplomacy and Economics. For a student who comes from a different background this course opened the door for me to learn new things and it really helped me to comprehend the wave of change that swept the MENA

region since December 2010 onwards. The classes were always lively with up to date discussions and we appreciated the effort put from several visiting lecturers who would travel to share their knowledge with us. My colleagues and I had the honour to attend conferences, seminars and talks by key diplomats and distinguished figures, such events exposed us closely to the practical side of diplomacy.

I learned a lot from MEDAC and everyday I cherish this experience more than the day before. I consider myself one of the luckiest alumni as I have been in regular contact with the Academy since the day I joined them back in September 2010. I gained from them as a student and I was lucky enough to participate as alumni in a Euro-Med Conference, nominated to attend A New Libya Forum Conference and recently chosen to be a Rapporteur at the Euro-Med Civil Society Structured Dialogue. I truly appreciate the trust and the opportunities MEDAC gave me. They are priceless! Let alone the chance of meeting MEDAC alumni and three different batches in the past three years, that was a real pleasure!

The management and the professionalism at this Academy are extraordinary. The

MEDAC team has been continuously improving their standards and adjusting their course to make students life easier in Malta be they foreigners or Maltese!

On the personal level; MEDAC offers a great platform for different cultures to meet in one classroom at the heart of the Maltese Island. I was in a class of 22 students of 14 different nationalities. The different cultures, traditions, knowledge and food were much accepted and enjoyed between us.

As a foreigner coming from Libya that very year was a bit tough! However, MEDAC staff and students were a second family to me and were very supportive. I was always looked after since the day the revolution in Libya erupted until today. They were always eager to know what is happening on the ground and always willing to help. For this I am extremely thankful.

I can write forever about my experience at MEDAC; but I will sum it up in one proverb that is common amongst MEDAC students and alumni "Once a MEDAC, Always a MEDAC".

My heartfelt gratitude goes to the MEDAC team for this lifelong experience.



Dr. Mohamed Orfy

*MEDAC Alumnus
from Egypt
1997 - 1998*

I had the honor to study at MEDAC in 1997-98. Very briefly, I consider this year the most fruitful and beautiful year in my life. Nothing could be compared to the knowledge I got there. It helped me a lot in deepening and widening my knowledge about so many issues that are essential for any diplomat. Afterwards, I got another Masters in International law then a PhD in International Security from London. I can confirm that MEDAC

was as good as those British Universities. No exaggeration in mentioning it was even better in some aspects, especially the quality of its students and staff.

Presently, I am the director of the Arab League Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, as well as adjunct staff (lecturer) at the American University in Cairo. I'm also a writer and novelist. I published 6 books (five in English & one in Arabic) about various issues in the international arena.

As director of the Arab League Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, I am assigned to coordinate and advise policy planning regarding key political issues, and to lead and manage related activities, including preparing meetings on various levels. I'm also responsible for communicating with national and non-national,

governmental and non-governmental bodies with regards to policies and their implementation, and then to report to higher authorities. I'm also empowered to delegate responsibilities and powers. In this work, I have obtained extensive experience in leadership roles, including directing diplomats, administrative staff, and others to undertake and meet their political and administrative duties.

As a university lecturer, my work involves teaching and evaluating students on global politics and security courses (both graduate and undergraduate).

I wish all the best to this Academy and its students and staff, especially Professor Calleya who helped me a lot during the study and afterwards.

MEDAC Alumni Reunion

December 7th, 2013

On December 7th 2013, MEDAC hosted an Alumni Reunion which attracted more than one hundred former students and staff from across the Euro-Mediterranean region.

This occasion provided a great opportunity for MEDAC alumni to exchange perspectives on the profound changes taking place in the Mediterranean and to catch-up on their respective careers.

Top: Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya with former MEDAC students.

Below, left and right: Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya and MEDAC academics with students of 2013-2014 Joint M.A. Programme.



MEDAC Alumni Meeting Swiss Embassy, Berlin

November 6th, 2013

The Swiss Embassy in Berlin, Germany, hosted a meeting for MEDAC Alumni who are posted in the city of Berlin. The meeting, which was held on 6th November 2013, was attended by 6 MEDAC alumni who were received by the

Deputy Ambassador Ms Daniela Stoffel Delprete. The alumni were: Ms Hedda Riedel (Academic Year 2012/2013) from Germany, Mr Claudiu Hurban (Academic Year 2009/2010) from Romania, Mr Andrew Caruana Galizia (Academic Year

2008/2009) from Malta, Mr Philip Stefan Boudny (Academic Year 2010/2011) from Germany, Ms Mayssa Aburezeq (Academic Year 2010/2011) from Palestine and Mr Ramiz Salayev (Academic Year 2012/2013) from Azerbaijan.



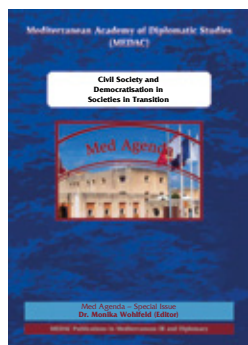
Joseph Pisani

*MEDAC Alumnus
from Malta
2009 - 2010*

The enriching experience at MEDAC will be something I will treasure throughout my life. Following the Master of Arts course has given me not only personal but also professional satisfaction and an opportunity to understand better the complex and intricate political world we live in. Professionally the course has given me the necessary skills to work in

an environment that is as much challenging as rewarding. Friendships struck during my time at MEDAC continue to flourish and are a source of information and connection around the world I would say it has been a rewarding experience.

Recent Publications

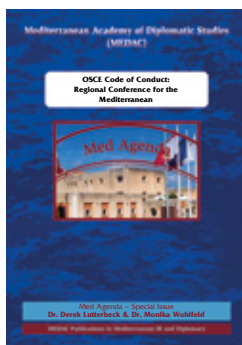


MED AGENDA - Special Issue

Title: Civil Society and Democratization in Societies in Transition

Edited by Dr. Monika Wohlfeld

This collection of essays addressed the issue of the role of civil society and democratization in societies in transition, in the light of the 'Arab Spring'. Like any dramatic shift, regional dynamics triggered by events in North Africa are forcing research and policy-making communities to rethink accepted wisdoms and established approaches. One aspect of this rethinking is new attention to the subject of, and challenges to our understanding of civil societies and democratization. This publication brings together contributors on this subject who are representatives from academia, policy-making and civil society organisations in North Africa and Europe. The volume is edited by Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, the holder of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC.



MED AGENDA - Special Issue

Title: OSCE Code of Conduct: Regional Conference for the Mediterranean

By Dr. Derek Lutterbeck and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld

This conference report has been produced by MEDAC in conjunction with the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) on the organized regional conference for the Mediterranean on the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security. This was the first ever conference on the Code of Conduct for the Mediterranean region involving OSCE Participating States as well as OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation from North Africa. The report and background documents gathered in this publication focus on the issue of civil-military relations, which has long been a key challenge in the Mediterranean region. Its relevance has only been enhanced since the dramatic events which have unfolded in the Mediterranean since 2011. This

publication has been written by Dr. Derek Lutterbeck, the holder of the Swiss Chair and Deputy Director of MEDAC, and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, the holder of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC.

MED AGENDA

Title: Foreign Policy and the Cultural Factor: A Research and Education Agenda
By Peter Ester and Pieter van Nispen



This publication focuses on the theme of culture in the study of international relations and culture's pivotal role in foreign policy-making. The paper also attaches importance to training diplomats with the aim of instilling cross-cultural competence among members of the diplomatic corps. The authors also emphasize the idea that culture and foreign policy should be a research area.

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