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The 2019-20 MEDAC class of postgraduate students. Front: Professor Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair and MEDAC staff.



"The German Chair as a Link between the Southern Mediterranean and Europe"

H.E. Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Malta, Mr. Walter Haßmann

The German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention serves as a crucial link between the southern Mediterranean and Europe. Its role aims at strengthening the engagement of German authorities in cooperative efforts in the Mediterranean region and underlines their commitment to provide educational opportunities to youth from the region and beyond. It acts as an example of Germany's foreign policy in that the Holder of the German Chair lectures on a comprehensive and multilateral approach to security and utilizes these guiding principles of co-operation throughout the region. The Holder of the German Chair has an extraordinarily wide scope of activities that function as further evidence of the pivotal role it plays at MEDAC. Germany is proud to be a collective and collaborative partner in MEDAC and is proud of the efforts of the German Chair in championing a more peaceful and prosperous Euro-Mediterranean region - efforts which are and remain crucial for the foreseeable future. Young diplomats trained at MEDAC are qualified and able to bring about peace and reconciliation in a region that, today, is a host to several major conflicts.



"Advancing Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention in the Mediterranean"

Professor Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director

As the Academy celebrates the 30th anniversary of its establishment, I would like to reflect on the significant contribution of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC. The decision of the German authorities to become stakeholders in the Academy was preceded by years of interest, contacts, negotiations and goodwill by German and Maltese academics and policy makers who early on recognized the significant role of educational opportunities for the Mediterranean region's youth and the confidence building role that underpins MEDAC as an institution. In this regard, I pay particular tribute to President Emeritus Guido de Marco and Professor Ludger Kühnhardt. When the German Chair was established at MEDAC in 2009 with the important responsibility to advance peace studies and conflict prevention in a region characterized by conflict and tensions, the region was already in transition. The relevance of the German Chair's mission statement was highlighted further in the aftermath of the 2011 Arab Spring events through MEDAC's educational and community building role.

In the decade since the establishment of the Chair, many initiatives and achievements were made possible through the support of Germany and the efforts of Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, the Holder of the Chair. Hundreds of young people from the Mediterranean region, including scores of North African diplomats, have now had the opportunity of studying security studies with Dr. Wohlfeld, whose dedication, knowledge and practical experience make this course one of the key components of their post-graduate education at MEDAC. Dr. Wohlfeld's emphasis on cooperation, mediation and multilateralism, as well as the significance of norm entrepreneurship – the ability of individuals or groups to make a positive and lasting contribution to the way that security is defined and understood – are key messages that MEDAC shares with these young students.

MEDAC will continue to provide training of the highest academic quality, paired with practical, social and

leadership skills enabling graduates to make valuable contributions to the work of their institutions from day one of their careers. Quite a number of MEDAC alumni have reached leading positions in their countries' diplomatic services. This shows that, while the excellent degrees regularly achieved by MEDAC's students are an immediate proof both of the students' and MEDAC's quality, the long-term benefits of MEDAC's consistent work will continue to resonate as alumni rise through their respective organisations. MEDAC has continued to offer its Master's degree programme throughout the Covid-19 pandemic remaining committed to providing training of the highest quality and relevance and stands ready to adapt to any new challenges that might present themselves in the future.

Germany's proactive multilateralism in international relations, as highlighted by its close and friendly relations at a regional level in general and in the European Union in particular, provides MEDAC with a leading role model of diplomacy in action in the twenty first century.

In this context, I highlight only a few of the many privileges that students have enjoyed as part of the contribution of the German Chair. The German Chair Seminars, held annually on topical issues in the region, certainly rank high on the benefits accrued by all at MEDAC. German support has also provided MEDAC students exposure to German language courses, as well as the much anticipated annual study visits to Berlin and Bonn. The MEDAC – ZEI (Centre for European Integration Studies) workshops have become a much appreciated feature of the visit to Bonn.

The German Chair was also instrumental in establishing relations between MEDAC and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation and today the KAS provides a Scholarship Fund which enables three or more students annually from the MENA region to study at the Academy.

As Director of the Academy, I sincerely believe that the active support provided by the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and all the German Ambassadors to Malta and the Maltese Ambassadors to Germany whom MEDAC has had the privilege to engage with regularly, has been a vital component of our enduring success over the past 10 years. I would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation to the German Chair for providing multiple enriching opportunities that will continue to be of benefit to all of our young diplomats throughout their careers.



"MEDAC, Malta's Crown Jewel"

*Professor Godfrey Pirotta,
MEDAC Chairman*

When I was appointed as Chairman of the Board of MEDAC by the then Foreign Minister of Malta, MEDAC was characterized to me as a 'crown jewel' of Mediterranean and Euro-Mediterranean co-operation. In 2020, MEDAC celebrates its 30th anniversary, and while I acknowledge the institution's special role and its regional impact, my appreciation goes first and foremost to the people who make this project work – the students and alumni, the staff and the stakeholders from Malta, Switzerland and Germany. Their commitment and support for MEDAC's educational role and vocation are the key factors that allow the Academy to continue its long-term mission.

Let me first say a few words about MEDAC's students and alumni. The more than 800 students and alumni - and their network - are what this institution is all about. We are therefore proud to watch them move into key positions in their respective countries, some as Foreign Ministers and key Ambassadors. The transition processes in the MENA countries brought even more MEDAC alumni to the forefront.

Successive Maltese Foreign Ministers underlined the extent to which, whenever they traveled to the Mediterranean region and beyond, there were invariably MEDAC alumni there to welcome the delegations. MEDAC alumni are also among Ambassadors and key diplomats representing their countries in Bern and Berlin, but also at the United Nations and other international organizations and elsewhere. It took 30 years of MEDAC's educational work to get to this point, but MEDAC's role will become increasingly visible with time.

MEDAC's small and committed core administrative and academic staff works on a daily basis with the students and alumni. The lecture programme its academic staff deliver is dense, challenging and varied. Their doors are always open for students and alumni

wishing to engage in discussion, share their experience and seek advice. The German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention is a core staff member, without whom this would truly not be possible.

The role of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention is instrumental for MEDAC in its educational role but also by broadening the opportunities for collaboration through its research and publications as well as seminars, conferences and workshops which bring together academics and practitioners from the Mediterranean and beyond. In this way, the German Chair advances the principles of co-operation, collaboration, multilateralism, mediation and conflict prevention across the region. The tireless work of the German Chair must be applauded and acknowledged.

And finally, the stakeholders. We are grateful for the support of those who represent Malta, Switzerland and Germany on the Board of Administrators, those who work tirelessly to advance its mission in the capitals and their Embassies abroad, those who make sure the Academy's long-term educational role is recognized and acknowledged. Germany became a stakeholder in MEDAC in 2009. After more than a decade of German engagement and the German Chair's work, we can say with conviction that without this engagement, the Academy would not be what it is today. We look forward to continuing this co-operation. And I, in my function as MEDAC Chairman, can emphasize the commitment of Maltese authorities to working with German authorities



MEDAC postgraduate students and staff at the Bundestag (2016).

Highlights: History of the German Chair



Left to Right: H.E. Karl-Andreas von Stenglin, German Ambassador to Malta, Prof. Guido de Marco, MEDAC Chairman and Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director at the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the German Federal Foreign Office and MEDAC in 2009.

2009



Left to Right: Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair, H.E. Ambassador Klaus-Peter Brandes, German Ambassador to Malta, Hon. Dr. George Vella, Foreign Minister of Malta, Dr. Joe Borg, MEDAC Chairman, Professor Dr. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director and H.E. Amb. Alfred Zarb, MEDAC Board member at the renewal ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding in 2013.

2013

Memorandum of Understanding with the German Federal Foreign Office

In recognition of the vital importance of a Mediterranean region with strong, co-operative Euro-Mediterranean relations, the German Federal Foreign Office established in 2009 a German Chair in Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC). In the decade since its establishment, the German Chair has reached many milestones, and contributed significantly to the Academy's mission of providing higher learning, educational opportunities and training in diplomacy, conflict resolution, and security studies.

German Ambassadors to Malta and Malta's Ambassadors to Germany have been invaluable in their support to and co-operation with MEDAC and the German Chair.

The initial Memorandum of Understanding was signed in 2009 by MEDAC Director Professor Stephen Calleya and H.E. Ambassador Karl-Andreas von Stenglin on behalf of the German Federal Foreign Office, under the auspices of Professor Guido De Marco, MEDAC Chairman.

Amb. von Stenglin saw the establishment of the German Chair as concrete evidence of Germany's commitment to the Mediterranean and a milestone in German-Maltese cooperation. Germany sees MEDAC as an academic institution that promotes the exchange of ideas and

views of junior diplomats on Mediterranean and international affairs. The Academy's partnerships with various academic institutions in the Euro-Mediterranean region provides its postgraduate students with unique opportunity to engage and discuss the pattern of relations pertaining to the region.

In 2013, the German Federal Foreign Office, renewed Germany's support to MEDAC. H.E. Ambassador Klaus-Peter Brandes, on behalf of the Federal Foreign Office, underlined that Germany's commitment to MEDAC 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 emphasised that both Malta and Germany recognize the vital importance of the region and the need for strong, co-operative Euro-Mediterranean relations.

In 2016, Germany renewed its commitment to MEDAC and supported the continuation of the role of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention. H.E. Ambassador Gudrun Sräga emphasised that Germany's renewed commitment is also honouring the excellent work and the outstanding academic services provided by MEDAC since 1990. The Hon. Foreign Minister of Malta thanked the Federal Government of Germany for renewing its support,



Front Row: H.E. Amb. Gudrun Sräga, German Ambassador to Malta and Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director. Back Row: Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair, H.E. Amb. Alfred Zarb, MEDAC Board member, Hon. Dr. George Vella, Foreign Minister of Malta, and Dr. Joe Borg, MEDAC Chairman at the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding in 2016.

2016

seeing it as a confirmation of Germany's active engagement in the Mediterranean. The Hon. Dr. George Vella, Foreign Minister of Malta noted that the deteriorating security challenges in the region further strengthen MEDAC's mission to provide academic post-graduate instruction in Mediterranean relations. Germany's commitment towards MEDAC was further



H.E. Walter Haßmann, German Ambassador to Malta and Prof. Godfrey Pirota, MEDAC Chairman at the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding. Back Row: Hon. Carmelo Abela, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of Malta with Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair in 2019.

2019

renewed in 2019 for another two years. H.E. Walter Haßmann, the Ambassador of Germany to Malta, on behalf of the German Federal Foreign Office and Professor Godfrey Pirota, MEDAC Chairman, signed an extension agreement in the presence of Hon. Carmelo Abela, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of Malta.



Left to Right: H.E. Walter Haßmann, German Ambassador to Malta, Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, and Prof. Godfrey Pirota, MEDAC Chairman at the German Chair Seminar (2019).

German Ambassadors to Malta at MEDAC

MEDAC has a tradition of close interaction with the diplomatic community in Malta, including through its Ambassadorial lecture series. This lecture series allows MEDAC postgraduate students, who are junior or aspiring diplomats, to discuss and interact with Ambassadors to Malta on selected topics, and benefit from their personal experience and knowledge. The role of the German Chair is instrumental in connecting the successive Ambassadors of Germany to Malta with the postgraduate students and staff of MEDAC. The below section presents the contribution of the successive German Ambassadors to Malta to the academic life at MEDAC.

H.E. Amb. Bernd Braun addressed students on "Climate Change and Energy in Foreign Policy" in 2011. In his address, Ambassador Braun focused on the situation in the Mediterranean region, and highlighted the DESERTEC project of the Union for the Mediterranean.



H.E. Dr. Hubert Leo Joachim Ziegler

H.E. Amb. Dr. Hubert Leo Joachim Ziegler gave presentations about the central role that protocol plays in the diplomatic field, emphasizing the importance of having a strong team of officers to ensure the smooth processes of coordinating events. Dr. Ziegler's addresses in 2012 and 2013 aimed at conveying his personal experiences and advice to those advancing in careers in diplomacy.



H.E. Ambassador Klaus-Peter Brandes during his discussion with MEDAC staff and postgraduate students at his residence in 2014.

H.E. Amb. Klaus-Peter Brandes hosted MEDAC staff and students at his residence for a discussion on "The emergence of a polycentric world - new challenges for Germany". In 2015, Ambassador Brandes delivered another lecture on the theme "A New Era after the Fall of the Berlin Wall: Challenges for Germany's Foreign Policy", which was published by MEDAC in its **Med Agenda** series. Ambassador Brandes (ret.) continued his engagement with MEDAC as a visiting lecturer on economic and commercial diplomacy.

H.E. Amb. Gudrun Sräga, addressed MEDAC students in 2016 and in 2018 on "German Foreign Policy from a Personal Perspective", and participated in Q & A sessions on the subject.

H.E. Amb. Walter Haßmann addressed the postgraduate students and academic staff of MEDAC on the "Crisis Diplomacy - Diplomacy in Crisis" in 2019. Ambassador Haßmann shared his experience of managing crisis situations, in particular those involving German and other EU citizens, while working at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and in numerous Embassies.

German Ambassadors on the Board of MEDAC



*H.E. Ambassador
Karl-Andreas von Stenglin
2009-2016*



*H.E. Ambassador Gudrun
Sräga
2016-2018*



*H.E. Ambassador Walter
Haßmann
2018-Present*

Highlights: Visiting German Officials



Hon. Dr. Werner Hoyer, Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office with H.E. Amb. Bernd Braun, German Ambassador to Malta, Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, H.E. Amb. Alfred Zarb, MEDAC Board member, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair and postgraduate students in 2010.

German Officials at MEDAC

- ▶ Mr. Christian Bode, Secretary General, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- ▶ Hon. Dr. Werner Hoyer, Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office
- ▶ Dr. Michael Köhler, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Günther H. Öttinger, EU Commissioner for Energy
- ▶ H.E. Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert, President of the German Parliament
- ▶ H.E. Amb. Dr. Heinrich Kreft, Special Representative for Dialogue among Civilizations and Public Diplomacy, Federal Foreign Office
- ▶ Hon. Mr. Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe, the German Federal Foreign Office

MEDAC has been able to benefit from visits by German high officials who provided MEDAC's postgraduate students and staff with insights on German foreign policy and Germany's European vocation. The visitors emphasised adopting co-operative approaches to security and support for multilateral institutions as well as

the benefits of European Integration. The support to MEDAC from the German Federal Foreign Office has allowed for regular engagement with a variety of visitors including German parliamentarians, politicians and officials. Such visits are a highlight for MEDAC's postgraduate students.



Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair, chairs a public lecture by H.E. Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert, President of the German Parliament (Bundestag), 2012.



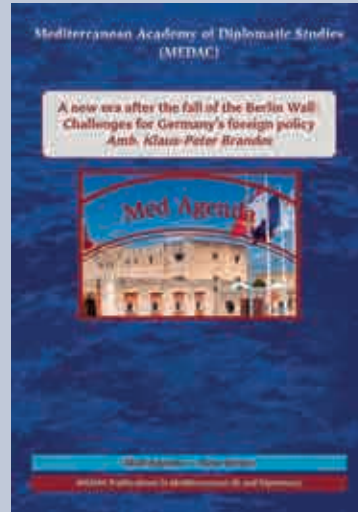
Left to Right: Mr. Alfred Gerth, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy in Malta, Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, Mr. Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe in the German Federal Foreign Office, and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair in 2016.



Amb. Dr. Heinrich Kreft, Special Representative for Dialogue among Civilizations and Public Diplomacy, German Federal Foreign Office with Dr. Joe Borg, MEDAC Chairman and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair in 2013.

Publication Highlight

A New Era After The Fall of the Berlin Wall: Challenges For Germany's Foreign Policy



This MedAgenda series edition features the Ambassadorial Lecture delivered by H.E. Amb. Klaus-Peter Brandes, Ambassador of Germany to Malta, held at the annual MEDAC alumni meeting in 2015.

Ambassador Brandes highlights the challenges of the Post-Cold War world order, the new role of Germany on the world stage, and Germany's foreign policy priorities. Amb. Brandes reiterates the importance of strengthening multilateral institutions and developing further engagement to resolve and manage conflicts and European security.

https://www.um.edu.mt/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/259570/MedAgenda19-Brandes-eBook.pdf

German and French Ministers of State for Europe visit MEDAC

On the occasion of the Day of Franco-German Friendship, the German Chair moderated an event at MEDAC with Hon. Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe at the German Federal Foreign Office and Hon. Harlem Désir, Minister of State for European Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France and International Development.

The Day of Franco-German Friendship is marked each year on the 22 January and provides an opportunity for both countries to celebrate their friendship. This symbolic date was chosen in 2003 on the 40th anniversary of the Elysée Treaty, signed on 22nd January 1963, which set the seal on reconciliation between France and Germany.

The State Ministers addressed MEDAC students and academic staff on the current state of European integration on 23rd January 2017.



French and German Ministers of State Hon. Harlem Désir and Hon. Michael Roth in discussion with students at MEDAC, 2017.

Highlights: Partner Institutions

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Political Dialogue South Mediterranean Regional Programme

A key purpose of the German Chair is the strengthening of cooperative efforts in the Mediterranean region with the aim to provide educational opportunities to Mediterranean youth at the regional level. A key partner in this endeavor is the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), a German political foundation that offers a variety of civic educational programs. It currently has over 200 projects across 120 countries. Its democratic ideals are at the heart of the Foundation's mission along with European unification, strengthening transatlantic relations and development cooperation.

The KAS Political Dialogue South Mediterranean Regional Programme is based in Tunis and implements cross-national projects in the Mediterranean region. Its objective is to strengthen the political dialogue and societal and economic integration in the region and sustainably promote cooperation and partnership with the EU. An instrument for accomplishing these goals are cross-country and cross-regional programmes such as workshops, conferences or information and study visits



Right to Left: KAS and MEDAC officials with the three students Ms. Dania Dasouqi, Mr. Reda el Ouddane, and Ms. Roba Al Jamal benefiting from the scholarship programme during the 2018-19 academic year.

involving international, European and local experts.

A noteworthy milestone occurred in 2018 when the KAS Political Dialogue South Mediterranean Regional Programme and MEDAC signed a Memorandum of Understanding and launched a scholarship program for young diplomats and other students from the MENA countries to pursue a Master's in Diplomacy degree at MEDAC.

Since the signing of the MOU, young diplomats from Morocco, Tunisia, Palestine, and Libya benefitted from the scholarship programme. In an effort to build on MEDAC's work on youth and cooperation with civil society in the MENA region, during the 2019-20 academic year a female civil society activist from Libya was able to receive a diplomatic scholarship at MEDAC for the first time.

On the basis of the MoU the KAS Political Dialogue South Mediterranean Regional Program and MEDAC co-organised several seminars. These included a seminar on "Statehood in the MENA Region - the nexus between power, leadership and governance". The meeting provided an opportunity to better understand the political and societal dynamics that were emerging from the Arab Spring, and the impact of non-state actors on a state's ability to govern. This event brought together experts, policy makers and



Front Row, Left to Right: Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director and Mr. Frank Priess, Deputy Head, Department of European and International Cooperation of KAS signing the agreement. Back Row, Left to Right: Dr. Derek Lutterbeck, MEDAC Deputy Director and Holder of the Swiss Chair, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair, Prof. Godfrey Pirotta, MEDAC Chairman, Dr. Canan Atilgan, Director Political Dialogue South Mediterranean Regional Programme and Mr. Thomas Birringer, Head of Middle East and North Africa Department, KAS in 2018.



Dr. Canan Atilgan, Director of the KAS Political Dialogue South Mediterranean Regional Programme, with Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair and Dr. Derek Lutterbeck, MEDAC Deputy Director and Holder of the Swiss Chair together with the beneficiaries of the annual MEDAC-KAS scholarship programme Ms. Asma Dekna, Ms. Rabiaa Ben Hamida and Mr. Jalaal Abukhater, in 2019.

academics from throughout the MENA region, allowing for dialogue and exchange of the knowledge among the participants.

Another co-organised seminar focused on "Foreign Aid in the Middle East and North Africa". The participants had the opportunity to map out contemporary trends and patterns of foreign aid

assistance in the MENA region as well as the impact of such aid on development of the region.

Two years since the start of the collaboration, both KAS and MEDAC continue to strengthen their mandate in this area by providing higher education opportunities to young professionals.



Left to Right: Mr. Carmel Briffa, Director General of the Office of the President Emeritus, Prof. Godfrey Pirotta, MEDAC Chairman, H.E. Marie-Louise Caleiro Preca, President Emeritus of the Republic of Malta, Hon. Michael Gahler, Member of the European Parliament and Dr. Canan Atilgan, Director of KAS Political Dialogue South Mediterranean Regional Programme at the conference "Foreign Aid in the Middle East and North Africa", organised by the KAS Political Dialogue South Mediterranean Regional Programme and the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC.



MEDAC-KAS Scholarship Recipient 2019/20

Ms. Asma Dekna (Libya)

*Programme Officer, Democracy Reporting
International*

MEDAC was a career changing experience, which provided me with a very practical overview of work in the foreign policy field, especially in the diplomatic field. Coming from a country with ongoing security issues, the German Chair's class on security studies was extremely relevant and provided me with the right theoretical knowledge and case studies to put my knowledge into practice. The engaging approach adopted in the course meant that we were working with contemporary issues, discussing documents and dissecting ongoing problems. Libya was often discussed and there was ample space to put issues on the table and engage on them as a class. Following my MEDAC course, I had a career change and had taken up a position at a German organisation which works on stabilisation and democratisation in Libya where I put my international security knowledge into practice on a daily basis. A large part of my work is research, supporting publications on violence in Libya and its effect on the political transition as well as practical studies on how to support democracy in Libya despite the ongoing armed conflict. I remain engaged with MEDAC and its exceptional group of alumni where I find support and help when needed, especially when looking for contacts and access to relevant information.

Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI), University of Bonn

A key partner for MEDAC is the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI), an interdisciplinary research and post-graduate education institute of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University / University of Bonn. Founded in 1995, ZEI provides future oriented research on European integration and the global role of Europe under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt, the Director of the Center. Prof. Kühnhardt is a visiting lecturer at MEDAC and Prof. Stephen Calleya lectures regularly at ZEI in Bonn.

The co-operation between ZEI and MEDAC dates back to the origins of both institutions in the late 1990s. With the establishment of the German Chair at MEDAC, co-operation with ZEI developed further. Since 2010, ZEI and MEDAC have held annual workshops in Bonn during MEDAC students' study visits to Germany, facilitated by the German Chair. These workshops focus on current issues on the Mediterranean agenda in the context of the wider development of the European Union, including migration issues and economic and security policies. These workshops bring together ZEI Master Fellows together with junior diplomats studying at MEDAC.

As these study visits continued over the years, the students' involvement in the workshops evolved. The initial workshop included small discussion groups and



Prof. Ludger Kühnhardt, ZEI Director at MEDAC (2019).



Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, addressing MEDAC and ZEI Masters students at the ZEI-MEDAC workshop in Bonn (2017).



Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair and MEDAC postgraduate students in Cologne (2011).

simulations, and by 2015 progressed to the point where MEDAC and ZEI students gave presentations to their peers and distinguished guests.

Most recently, the MEDAC-ZEI workshops focused on topics relating to the "Challenges of Migration" as it became an especially relevant challenge to the Euro-Mediterranean region. Participants in these workshops discussed the European Neighborhood Policy, intercultural relations, as well as opportunities for international cooperation in managing this challenge.

Publication Highlight

Soft Power Policies in the Mediterranean Region

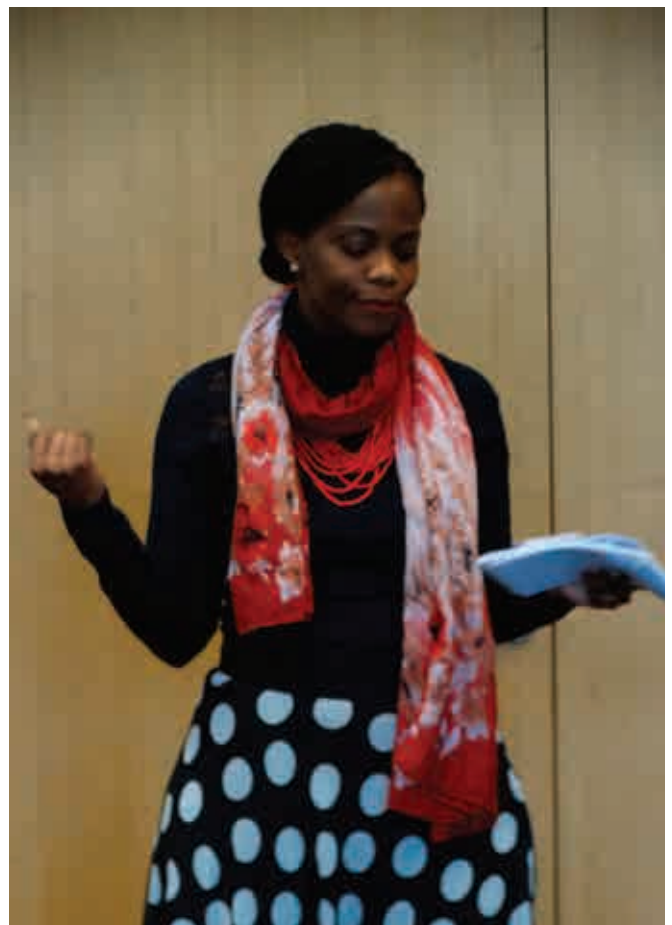


This is one of several joint ZEI-MEDAC issues of the **Future of Europe Observer** which encompasses analyses of the various manifestations of soft-power related policies in the Euro-Mediterranean region. It was written in 2019 by Master Fellows of the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) including, Ms. Maram Al-Khatib, Ms. Seyma Demirhan and Ms. Sabrina Ferraz Guarino, as well as MEDAC Master students Mr. Thomas Attard,

Ms. Michelle Baldacchino and Mr. Mohamed Wael Khammassi. Another joint ZEI-MEDAC issue of the **Future of Europe Observer** "Euro- Mediterranean Relations: From Illegal to Legal Migration" was published in 2018.

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MEDAC postgraduate student giving a presentation at the ZEI-MEDAC Workshop (2015).

Teaching and Supervision of Masters Students

Contemporary Security Studies

With the commencement of the German Chair in 2009 came the introduction of a new field of study, "Contemporary Security Studies", to the MEDAC curriculum. This unit was designed in conjunction with the International Relations programme, and provided students with new and interactive methods of approaching contemporary security topics, with an additional focus on issues pertaining to the Mediterranean region.

Throughout the years, the curriculum has continued to evolve, introducing the students to various security dimensions as conceptualised by European organisations and analysing the applicability of the notion of cooperative security developed in the European context to other regions.

Major events that took place within the Euro-Mediterranean region continued to shape the Contemporary Security Studies unit, such as the Arab Spring and the migration crisis, and served as concrete examples for students to apply the theories in practice.

Security Issues and Conflict

The German Chair contributed to the development of the dual Masters degree programme in Conflict Analysis and Resolution at the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University and the Centre for the study and practice of Conflict Resolution at University of Malta, including a module on Security Issues and Conflict, delivered by the German Chair.

This dual degree programme provides students with the theoretical foundations of conflict resolution and security as well as the skills to analyse factors related to conflict resolution such as media and culture. The degree programme is taught at the University of Malta with visiting lectures from George Mason University and with input from MEDAC academic staff.

Supervision of Dissertations

Since 2009 the German Chair supervised numerous MA dissertations and MDip Research Projects at MEDAC. Their topics covered a wide array of areas including among others: terrorism,

democratization, migration, mediation and the role of women in post-conflict settings.

German Language Courses at MEDAC

An initiative of the German Chair was the collaboration with the Department of German at the University of Malta, whereby a German language course was developed for MEDAC postgraduate students. Since the 2011-12 academic year, this course has been offered every year with an average of 8 students.

German Interns at MEDAC

Dr. Wohlfeld cooperated with the *Euronetwork Leipzig*, a project that was organized by the German federal work placement agency to provide pre-screened and selected young people from the region of Leipzig with the opportunity to gain work experience in Malta. These work assignments provided young professionals with opportunities to work with the German Chair on organizing seminars and various activities and research support. Through this experience the interns got the chance to network with MEDAC staff and students, officials, academics, and policy experts.



Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair and Ms. Paulina Izewicz, Research Associate, Non-Proliferation and Nuclear Policy, International Institute for Strategic Studies, London, in a group discussion with students during the German Chair seminar (2017).



German Chair Intern 2017

*Mr. Alexander Nebelung
(Germany)*

*Project Manager, German
Development Corporation (GIZ)*

During my internship with MEDAC's German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention, I gained important experience from which I still benefit today.

Coming after my Masters degree, my time at MEDAC was an opportunity to gain a deeper insight into the administrative aspect of academia. With Dr. Wohlfeld as my supervisor, I was also able to contribute to organizing a seminar and a study visit of young diplomats to Germany. I was able to have many conversations with young diplomats, from, but not limited to, the Mediterranean region. I learned about the situation and life in Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, etc., but I was also able - due to my own academic background - to have discussions with students about their theses, from an economic perspective.

The experiences in which I was able to get to know and shape the contact and cooperation with German stakeholders, were of great importance in my career development. During a lecture by the Hon. Carmelo Abela, Foreign Minister of Malta, I got to know H.E. Ms. Gudrun Sräga, German Ambassador to Malta. As a result of the exchange I was invited to visit the German Embassy where I learned how a bilateral diplomatic representation operates.

I also learned valuable insights through the cooperation of MEDAC with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, one of the six German political foundations. After my internship, I started working for another German political foundation in Tunis and was therefore already familiar with the background of such cooperation.

My time at MEDAC was an immensely enriching experience that I would not want to miss. Even now, in my current job as project manager for the German Development Cooperation (GIZ), I have kept my Mediterranean focus by working on projects in Algeria and Tunisia.

German Visiting Lecturers

In the context of the German Chair project, German visiting lecturers at MEDAC included prominent academic experts in peace studies and conflict prevention.

Prof. Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt has been the Director of the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) since 1997, and is in charge of ZEI's political and cultural research program. He is also a Professor at the Institute for Political

Science and Sociology at the University of Bonn. Prof. Kühnhardt's main research specializes in issues of European integration, the global comparison of regional integration systems as well as in topics that concern political theory and philosophy. Since 2008, Prof. Kühnhardt has been a Visiting Lecturer at MEDAC on the topic of regional integration. Further, he published a **MedAgenda** on "The Malta Turn of Europe, The European Union in the age of Globality" in 2010.

Ambassador Klaus-Peter Brandes, former German Ambassador to Malta, is Programme Director for Asia and Pacific at the Training for International Diplomats department at the German Federal Foreign Office. Amb. Brandes is active in the German-African Business Association, a national, cross-sector foreign trade association for German businesses and institutions which are interested in economic collaboration with countries in Africa. He regularly lectures on economic diplomacy at MEDAC. His support is instrumental in arranging the programme of the visits to the Federal Foreign office in Berlin during MEDAC study visits.

Prof. Dr. Annette Jünemann

is a lecturer and researcher in the field of International Relations at the Helmut-Schmidt-University / University of the Federal Armed Forces in Hamburg, Germany, with a particular emphasis on EU foreign affairs. Her regional focus is the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and North Africa. Since 2016, Dr. Jünemann has regularly lectured at MEDAC on the topic of EU Democracy Promotion in the MENA Region.



Another Visiting Lecturer from Germany was **Prof. Dr. Jochen Hippler**, researcher at the Institute for Development and Peace (INEP) at the University of Duisburg-Essen, now the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Country Director for Pakistan. His work focuses on national, ethnic, and religious political identities in the context of wars and conflicts. He lectured on the restructuring of the Middle East and participated in the German Chair seminar "What Future for the Iran Nuclear Deal?".

Highlights: German Chair Seminars



Right to Left: Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, Mr. Josef Janning, Head of the Berlin Office of the European Council on Foreign Relations and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair participating in a panel discussion during the German Chair Seminar (2018).

Since its inauguration, the German Chair hosted annual seminars and international conferences with academics, high officials, and postgraduate students at MEDAC with the funding from the German Federal Foreign Office. These seminars address topical issues that have emerged in the Mediterranean region, such as the Arab Spring.

These seminars present experts, academics and postgraduate students with the opportunity to interact and network. Further, these seminars highlight Euro-Mediterranean security, economics, development, and political affairs.

The seminars regularly benefit from the engagement and presence of Maltese Foreign Minsters and German Ambassadors to Malta.

The seminars of the German Chair have become a proud tradition of the Academy. Its participants leave with a more in-depth understanding of the topics and a create a network of experts. As the complexities of the Euro-Mediterranean region continue to develop, it is confidence-building mechanisms like these Seminars that provide participants with innovative strategies to tackle various challenges in a meaningful and comprehensive way.



MEDAC postgraduate students at the German Chair seminar (2019).

German Chair Seminars & International Conferences at MEDAC 2009-2019

February 2010:

Human Rights and the Conflict Cycle

May 2011:

Change and Opportunities in the Emerging Mediterranean

March 2013

Civil Society and Democratization in Societies in Transition

November 2013

Malta, Germany, and the EU-the economic dimension

March 2014

Migration in the Mediterranean: Human Rights, Security and Economic/Development Perspectives

December 2014

The Mediterranean in Transition

November 2015

Helsinki plus 40: The Mediterranean Chapter of the Helsinki Final Act and the Future of the Mediterranean Co-operation

December 2017

What Future for the Iran Nuclear Deal?

November 2018

Transatlantic Relations and the Mediterranean

November 2019

Co-operative Security in the Mediterranean

German Chair Postgraduate Academic Seminar on Co-operative Security and the Mediterranean



Dr. Silvia Colombo, Senior Fellow in the Mediterranean and Middle East programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair, addressing the German Chair seminar (2019).

As part of the Academy's 30th Anniversary celebrations, MEDAC hosted a postgraduate Seminar on 'Co-operative Security and the Mediterranean' in 2019. The Seminar, organized by the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC and financed by the German Federal Foreign Office was launched by H.E. Walter Haßmann, German Ambassador to Malta. This Seminar addressed the deterioration of the cooperative approaches to international relations, with a particular focus on the Mediterranean region.

The seminar consisted of three panels that provided MEDAC post-graduate students the opportunity to explore issues related to co-operative security in the Mediterranean. Each panel was followed by a question and answer period, allowing students to engage in constructive debates with the experts present. The edited publication "Cooperative Security in the Mediterranean" was subsequently published in 2020.

Publication Highlight

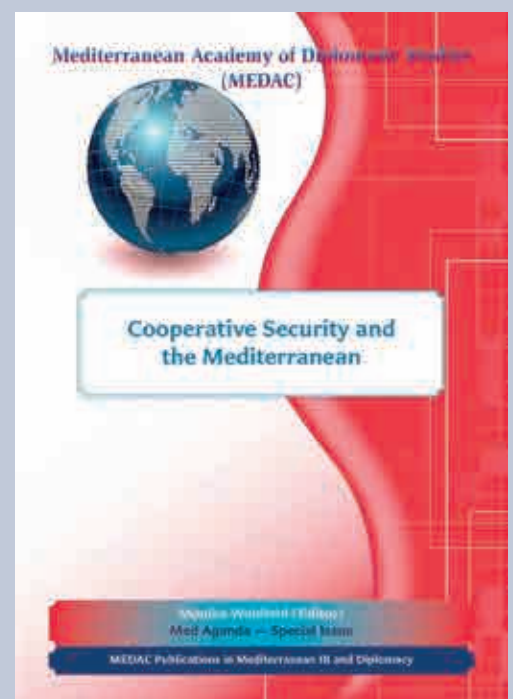
Cooperative Security and the Mediterranean

While the security situation in the Mediterranean region appears to be continuously deteriorating, through this edited publication entitled "Cooperative Security in the Mediterranean", MEDAC attempts to step out of this dynamic to look at the broader picture and to contribute to thinking on security issues among states of the Mediterranean region. This publication includes contributions to a Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) postgraduate German Chair seminar on the same subject matter held in 2019.

The authors presented in this special volume of **MedAgenda** engaged during the seminar in 2019 in a lively interaction with MEDAC postgraduate students, many of whom are young diplomats from countries of the Mediterranean and beyond.

This publication includes essays by Amb. Walter Haßmann, Prof. Godfrey Pirodda, Dr. Emiliano Alessandri, Mr. Tom McGrath, Dr. Silvia Colombo, Prof. Bichara Khader, Dr. Andrea Prontera and MEDAC academic staff.

https://www.um.edu.mt/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/439855/Cooperative_SecurityandtheMediterraneanMEDAgenda.pdf



Highlights: Study Visits to Germany



MEDAC staff and postgraduate students at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin (2017).

Since 2010, the German Chair, with the support of MEDAC staff, organised study visits to Germany. These study visits provide junior diplomats, some of whom visit Germany for the first time, the opportunity to witness first-hand Germany's culture, history, politics and institutions and to gain a better understanding of Germany's policies towards the Mediterranean region.

These study visits allow for Master of Diplomacy students to visit Berlin. They focus on an intensive program of meetings and discussions with the German Federal Foreign Office, the Embassy of Switzerland and the Embassy of Malta to Germany, as well as with German policy-making and academic experts. MEDAC postgraduate students also visit the German Bundestag.



MEDAC postgraduate students at the German Bundestag (2015).

The study visits include a joint academic workshop undertaken with the Centre for European Integration Studies (ZEI) of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University / University of Bonn. The



Prof. Ludger Kühnhardt, ZEI Director, together with MEDAC and ZEI postgraduate students at an outing in Bonn, Germany (2016).



MEDAC's young diplomats with H.E. Dr. Albert Friggieri, Ambassador of Malta to Germany at the Maltese Embassy in Berlin (2017).

workshops are hosted by the Director of ZEI, Prof. Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt, and are student driven. ZEI and MEDAC postgraduate students actively shape the themes and debates. The MEDAC-ZEI workshops host many high officials, such as Hon. Dr. Werner Hoyer, State Minister at the German Federal Foreign Office and academic experts.

The most recent MEDAC-ZEI workshop had the theme of "Potential for Shared Migration Policies". Speakers included three MEDAC students, from The Gambia, Egypt and Jordan, and three ZEI students from Spain,

Afghanistan and Poland. Joint ZEI-MEDAC publications on "Illegal to Legal Migration" and "Soft Power Policies in the Mediterranean" were issued in 2018 and 2019.

MEDAC postgraduate students visit the United Nations University at the UN Campus, Deutsche Welle, Germany's international broadcaster and the House of German History in Bonn. MEDAC students also visit the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, where they participate in working sessions with the Division of International Relations and Cooperation.



MEDAC's young diplomats at Deutsche Welle, Germany's international broadcaster, Bonn (2016).

Euro-Mediterranean Information and Training Seminars



MEDAC postgraduate students at the EUROMED Seminar (2012).

Under the leadership of Professor Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC, with the support of the European Commission, MEDAC hosted semi-annual Euro-Mediterranean Information and Training Seminars for young diplomats. These seminars discussed the process of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and aimed to inspire a culture of dialogue and cooperation among the European member states and its Mediterranean partners. The German Chair had an active role in supporting seven of these seminars from 2009-2012, whose themes focused on the prospects, political changes and economy of the Mediterranean, as well as transatlantic relations in the Mediterranean.

Commercial Diplomacy: German Industries in Malta

A postgraduate German Chair seminar on International Relations and Commercial Diplomacy was held in 2013 and 2014 at Lufthansa Technik Malta. The German Chair co-organised the visit and discussion rounds on the theme of "Malta, Germany and the EU" between MEDAC's postgraduate students and academic staff and the CEO of the company, Mr. Stephan Drewes. The students also toured the facilities of the company in Malta.

The German Chair co-organised a visit for MEDAC postgraduate students to the German company Playmobil in Malta in 2015.



Dr. Mario Brincat, Advisor to the Chairman of Malta Enterprise, and Ms. Josephine Farrugia, officer in charge of relations with Germany, Malta Enterprise, Mr. Dennis Vella, Head of Projects, Malta Enterprise and lecturer on Economic Diplomacy at MEDAC, as well as Mr. Stephan Drewes, CEO of Lufthansa Technik with MEDAC academic staff and postgraduate students (2013).

Migration and Asylum: European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

The German Chair organised regular student visits to EASO in Valletta, Malta. EASO is an agency of the European Union that acts as a centre of expertise and support on asylum issues to EU Member States and the European Commission and contributes to the development of the Common European Asylum System. As migration is one of the challenges in the Mediterranean, these visits provided the students with an opportunity to acquire in-depth information on the work of the Office.



MEDAC staff and postgraduate students at EASO (2017).

Malta's EU Presidency

The year 2017 was marked by the first ever EU Presidency held by Malta. MEDAC and the German Chair were able to provide support to Malta's EU Presidency in a number of areas.

European Diplomatic Programme

The German Chair co-organised the participants' programme during the 17th European Diplomatic Programme Module IV "Emerging Challenges and Global Issues in Current Diplomacy" on behalf of MEDAC and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta. The module included a training programme for young diplomats from EU countries on the themes of Conflict and Security, Sustainability and Economy and Trade. MEDAC was also responsible for the preparation of training programmes on EU decision making, EU networking and on crisis communications. The European Diplomatic Programme is a training programme promoting the idea of common European diplomacy. It is a common project between the EU member states and EU institutions, and is part of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy.

EU Global Strategy

MEDAC staff and postgraduate students had the opportunity to participate in the High-Level Conference on the EU Global Strategy which was organised as part of the programme of the Maltese Presidency and the European Union Institute for Security Studies. The conference consisted of three sessions, the first focusing on the implementation of the EU Global Strategy at the strategic level with specific application to crises such as Libya and others in the wider region. The second session analysed the security and defence aspects of the EU Global Strategy and that of the European Defence Action Plan. The final session elaborated on the internal and external security nexus, the integrated approach towards conflict and crises as well as state and societal resilience with a special focus on Libya



Left to Right: Dr. Omar Grech, MEDAC lecturer, Mr. Tom Grath, European External Action Service, Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair at the European Diplomatic Programme (2017).



MEDAC academic staff and postgraduate students at the EU Global Strategy Conference during Malta's EU Presidency (2017).

MEDAC as Co-Host of the Bertelsmann Foundation Book Launch

MEDAC co-hosted a book launch of the publication "Escaping the Escape – Towards Solutions for the Humanitarian Migration Crisis" with Dr. Christian Hanelt, Senior Expert, Europe and the Middle East of the Bertelsmann Foundation in 2017. This publication aims to offer insights into more effective policy strategies by addressing questions pertaining to what migrants and asylum seekers need in order to live safe and secure lives. It also focuses on specific opportunities required to help them meet their needs. Additionally, the publication asks the question, how the EU can support migrants and asylum seekers in their pursuit of freedom and security.

Civil Service Training Session by Mr. Josef Janning. European Council on Foreign Relations

Mr. Josef Janning, Head of the European Council on Foreign Relations Berlin Office, paid a visit to MEDAC in November 2018. Mr. Janning led a well attended training session on the findings of the ECFR project on EU coalition building as well as the coalition building tools ECFR developed. The session was organised by the German Chair and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta and was attended by Malta's Civil Service. Mr. Janning also addressed the University of Malta's Institute for European Studies and the Department of International Relations on EU coalition building. Further, he was a speaker at the MEDAC postgraduate seminar organised by the German Chair on "Transatlantic Relations and the Mediterranean". Mr. Janning's paper was published in MEDAC's **MedAgenda** publication series in 2018.



Left to Right: Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, Mr. Josef Janning, Head of the European Council on Foreign Relations Berlin Office, and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair at MEDAC, in 2018.

State Visit of the President of the Republic of Tunisia

In February of 2019, MEDAC hosted the conference entitled "Empowering Gender Equality", which was organised under the auspices of the Office of the President of Malta on the occasion of the state visit of H.E. Beji Caid Essebsi, President of the Republic of Tunisia. H.E. President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca and H.E. President Essebsi delivered the keynote opening remarks.

The event was addressed by keynote speakers from Tunisia and Malta, with presentations on social and political challenges that hinder gender equality.

Professor Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair, moderated the conference proceedings.



Professor Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair co-chairing the conference on "Empowering Gender Equality".

Highlights: Conferences and Seminars

German Chair - Participation in Events in Malta and Abroad

2009

- ▶ Bertelsmann Foundation and demosEUROPA conference *Wanted: strategic dimension of EU foreign policy*

2010

- ▶ Alliance of Civilizations Regional Meeting for the Mediterranean
- ▶ Salzburg Global Seminars: *The Future of Asian Integration and Security in the 21st Century: Sharing Experience on Multilateralism and Institution-Building from Europe*

2011

- ▶ International Peace Institute workshop on *Changes in the Arab World: Toward a Mediterranean Helsinki-Type Process*

2015

- ▶ New-Med Research Network and Istituto Affari Internazionali conference on *Changing Migration Patterns in the Mediterranean Region*
- ▶ Annual Conference of the European Migration Network Malta
- ▶ Common Security in the Mediterranean Training for International Diplomats Regional in Amman, Jordan

2016

- ▶ OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions Seminar on *European Security - Challenges at the Societal Level*
- ▶ EU Institute for Security Studies, the UoM Department of International Relations and the Institute for European Studies event on *The EU Global Strategy: Maltese View*

The Holder of the German Chair participated in numerous events as a keynote speaker or panelist. These events sought to engage in discussions on matters related to comprehensive security, Euro-Mediterranean relations, and security concerns surrounding the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Highlights: Events Abroad

In 2010, the Holder of the German Chair was invited to the "Salzburg Global Seminar: The Future of Asian Integration and Security in the 21st Century: Sharing Experience on Multilateralism and Institution-Building from Europe". The Salzburg Global Seminar is an independent non-profit organization that aims to challenge current and future leaders to create a more prosperous world. The conference focused on the future of Asian security and how best to create a sustainable model of cooperation among Asian states, and how the European model can provide insights in creating regional institutions that aid in co-operative security arrangements.

Dr. Wohlfeld also collaborated with Freidrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and participated in their annual Summer Academy, a week long course for graduate students and young professionals from the MENA region. The Summer Academy in 2019 held in Tutzing, Germany was entitled "FES Summer Academy: In Search for Regional Security". The event challenged its participants to think of mechanisms to improve the regional security cooperation and integration throughout the MENA region. The Holder of the German Chair participated in a panel on "Regional Security in the Context of a Changing Global Order - An

Introduction".

Dr. Wohlfeld was also a panelist at an event organised by the German Marshall Fund's Mediterranean Strategy Group. The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) seeks to strengthen transatlantic cooperation on regional, national, and global challenges and opportunities. The Mediterranean Strategy Group promotes transatlantic dialogue on Mediterranean issues. The theme of the event was "Migration: Mediterranean Cities on the Frontline" and took place in Marseille in 2019. The meeting brought together local practitioners, international officials and prominent thinkers on migration and urban policy to discuss how Mediterranean cities, north and south, are challenged by migration flows and how to respond.

Highlights: Events in Malta

At the Annual Conference of the European Migration Network of 2015, organised by the EU National Contact Point in Malta, the Holder of the German Chair was a keynote speaker discussing "Migration: A Security Threat?". The European Migration Network (EMN) is an organisation which compiles, analyses, and publishes information pertaining to migration and asylum matters. At this conference participants aimed to address and understand some of the underlying reasons that contribute to irregular migration, as well as issues related to integration.

Dr. Wohlfeld had the opportunity to speak at the High-Level Conference on the EU Global Strategy in April of 2017 which was organized as part of the programme of the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

This conference followed the keynote address of H.E. Federica Mogherini, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

The Global Strategy for the Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union, or the European Global Strategy (EUGS) set out to enhance and improve upon the European

Security Policy of 2003. The strategy document published in 2016 built upon existing mechanisms in order to increase the security and defense of its member states and their citizens by coordinating the management of immigration and other crises faced by its member states, as well as promote cooperation among the armed forces of its member states.



Migration in a Turbulent World

In 2019, the Holder of the German Chair presented a paper on migration in the Mediterranean during a panel on "Movement and Order: the Securitization of Migration" at the Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship (EPIIC) International Symposium on Migration in a Turbulent World at Tufts University in Boston. The global theme of the 2019 Symposium was migration. Over the course of three days, the contributors to the EPIIC event discussed topics pertaining to migration including state sovereignty and security concerns, human trafficking, as well as the role of gender and climate change when addressing policies now and in the future.

Migration has been and continues to be a pressing challenge for the Mediterranean region following the events of the Arab Spring and the situation in Libya. This conference provided Dr. Wohlfeld the opportunity to discuss migration from the Euro-Mediterranean perspective. The Symposium provided recognition of MEDAC's research on matters related to migration.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3SvutakhRM>

2017

- Annual Conference of the European Union Institute for Security Studies
- The Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union event on the EU Global Strategy
- European Foundation conference on The Future of Diplomacy
- Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Political Dialogue South Mediterranean Regional Programme Seminar on EU Migration Partnership Revisited
- Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Political Dialogue South Mediterranean Regional Programme Seminar on Energy Security and Regional Co-operation in the Eastern Mediterranean Rim

2018

- Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Political Dialogue South Mediterranean Regional Programme Seminar on Statehood in the MENA Region - the Nexus Between Power, Leadership and Governance
- Institute for European Studies and the Department of International Relations (University of Malta) and Queen Mary's (University of London) Research Seminar on Critical Perspectives on Democracy Promotion in the Mediterranean

2019

- Tufts University EPIIC International Symposium on Migration in a Turbulent World
- Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Summer Academy In Search for Regional Security
- German Marshall Fund Mediterranean Strategy Group on Migration: Mediterranean Cities on the Frontline

Highlights: Advancing Multilateralism

In her research and teaching, the Holder of the German Chair emphasises multilateralism as an answer to security challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean region. As an expert on the OSCE and its Mediterranean Dialogue, Dr. Wohlfeld contributes regularly to academic and policy-oriented publications and events on this issue. In addition, the Holder of the German Chair engages in other multilateral settings, including MEDAC's collaboration with the Anna Lindh Foundation on Young Mediterranean Voices, as well as 5+5 Dialogue, a sub-regional forum for the ten western Mediterranean countries.



Participants during the first Young Mediterranean Voices workshop co-organised with the Anna Lindh Foundation in Malta (2019).

Research Highlight: The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

The Holder of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, was previously the Deputy Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE, responsible for the Organization's field operation in 19 countries in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia. Dr. Wohlfeld served as Head of External Co-operation of the OSCE and, prior to that, as Senior Diplomatic Adviser to the Secretary General. In those positions, Dr. Wohlfeld was inter alia responsible for the OSCE's Mediterranean dialogue. Dr. Wohlfeld's professional engagement on the OSCE and the Mediterranean continued during her tenure as the Holder of the German Chair.

New-Med Research Network

The German Chair is active in the New-Med Research

Network, an OSCE-related Mediterranean research network of researchers and policy analysts with an interest in comprehensive security issues in the Mediterranean region. The network benefits from the scientific and coordinating role of the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and is supported by the Compagnia di San Paolo and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.

Since the establishment of this Network, there have been several conferences in which academics and experts from the region have collaborated on issues pertaining to the Mediterranean, such as the conference of the New-Med Network entitled "Changing Migration Patterns in the Mediterranean Region" held in Tunis, year, attended by the Holder of the German Chair.

The German Chair and the New-Med Network co-organised the international conference titled "Helsinki +40: The Mediterranean Chapter and the

Publication Highlight

Helsinki Plus 40: The Mediterranean Chapter of the Helsinki Final Act and the Future of Mediterranean Co-operation



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 the Mediterranean Co-operation, held in Malta. The German Chair event, organised 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.

https://www.um.edu.mt/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/278874/Helsinki40FinalActPublication.pdf



Left to Right: Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair, and Dr. Massimo Carnelos, Counsellor, Policy Planning Unit and New-Med Research Network Coordinator at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy at the "Helsinki +40" Conference (2015).

Future of Mediterranean Co-operation" held in Malta. The OSCE Secretary General, H.E. Amb. Lamberto Zannier delivered the keynote address at the conference during his first official visit to Malta.

OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions

The German Chair, on behalf of MEDAC, is also a member of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions, an autonomous OSCE-related Track II initiative. The German Chair was invited to become a member of the Reflection Group of the project 'European Security-Challenges at the Societal Level'. In this function, she took part in the Geneva workshop of the project, and was invited by the German Chairmanship of the OSCE and the Centre for OSCE Research to observe the OSCE Ministerial Council meeting in Hamburg in 2016. The German Chair participated in side events and brainstorming sessions of the Network held during the Ministerial Council meeting. The OSCE Network published the results of this project in its report titled "European Security - Challenges at the Societal Level".

http://gip.ge/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/European_Security-OSCE_WFEB.pdf

Workshops on OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects

The Holder of the German Chair together with the Holder of the Swiss Chair at MEDAC co-operated with German, Swiss, Austrian, and Maltese authorities in their efforts to share the OSCE's experience of implementing the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects with OSCE's Mediterranean Partner States. MEDAC co-organised two outreach events. The Holders of the German and Swiss Chairs edited seminar proceedings which were published as MEDAC's **MedAgenda** in 2014

and 2015. In recognition of this effort, the Swiss Chairmanship of the OSCE's Forum for Security Cooperation, one of the two decision making bodies of the Organization, invited Dr. Wohlfeld and Dr. Lutterbeck to address that Forum on Security Sector Reform in the Mediterranean.

Dr. Wohlfeld and Dr. Lutterbeck were also invited by the Swiss Authorities to contribute a chapter to "A Commemorative Study on the History, Development, Achievements and Outreach of the OSCE Key document for Politico-Military Norms and Principles in the Armed and Security Forces" in 2014.

<https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/8/4/128961.pdf>

Publication Highlight



OSCE Code of Conduct: Regional Conference for the Mediterranean

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, MEDAC Deputy Director and Holder of the Swiss Chair and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC. A second **MedAgenda** entitled "OSCE Code of Conduct: Outreach Conference for the Southern Mediterranean Region " was published in 2015.

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Mr. Loïc Simonet, Senior External Co-operation Officer, OSCE, and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair in 2014.

In Commemoration of the Helsinki Final Act

Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Final Act, the German Chair presented a paper on "OSCE's Mediterranean Engagement on the Eve of the 40th Anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act" during the seminar "Towards 'Helsinki +40': The OSCE, the Global Mediterranean and the Future of Cooperative Security", held in 2014.

Annual OSCE Mediterranean Conference

Dr. Wohlfeld also attended the annual Mediterranean Conference of the OSCE held in Amman in 2015. The conference focused on "Common security in the Mediterranean region - challenges and opportunities".



Left to Right: H.E. Amb. Keith Azzopardi, Ambassador of Malta to Austria and permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE and International Organisations in Vienna, H.E. Amb. Fred Tanner, Senior Adviser in the Office of the OSCE Secretary General and former MEDAC Director, Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, H.E. Amb. Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General, and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair in 2015.

Publication Highlight

OSCE Yearbook

Dr. Monika Wohlfeld and Dr. Omar Grech published a chapter on "Managing Migration in the Mediterranean: Is the EU Failing to Balance State Security, Human Security, and Human Rights?", in the **OSCE Yearbook 2015** edited by the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg. In this chapter the 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. The chapter concludes with a brief evaluation of the EU's response to the migration crisis in the Mediterranean.



<https://ifsh.de/en/publications/osce-yearbook/yearbook-2015>

OSCE Security Days

OSCE Security Days are events during which invited prominent experts from government, think tanks and academic institutions, civil society, youth, and media engage with the OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation in an informal and interactive discussion on relevant security threats and challenges.

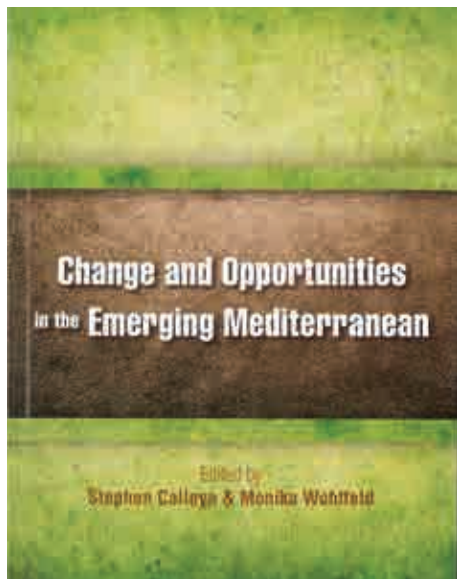
The Holder of the German Chair was invited to address OSCE Security Day as a speaker and participant. The 2016 Security Day on 'Refocusing Migration and Security - Bridging National and Regional Responses', sought to analyse the numerous policies pertaining to migration to see the best way for the OSCE to support and enhance the efforts of its international partners. Another OSCE Security Day in which Dr. Wohlfeld was a panelist was in 2018 on 'Adding Value on the Ground: Enhancing OSCE Assistance, Visibility and Impact'.

OSCE Ministerial Council Meeting 2019

The Holder of the German Chair was invited to address a side meeting of the Bratislava OSCE Ministerial Council on "Twenty Years after the Istanbul Platform for Co-operative Security: The OSCE's contribution to effective multilateralism through its co-operation with other international and regional organisations" in December 2019.

Highlights: Books

Change and Opportunities in the Emerging Mediterranean - Edited by Professor Stephen Calleya and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld



As a promoter of dialogue and co-operation in the Mediterranean, MEDAC has brought together in this book a broad array of thinkers and policy-makers from both shores of the Mediterranean to reflect on a diverse range of issues pertaining to the 'Arab Spring'. This book, edited by Prof. Calleya and Dr. Wohlfeld, focuses on the challenges facing the southern Mediterranean countries in transition and provides insight into policy measures that should be adopted to create a more stable and prosperous future. As the book editors advocate, after decades of limited political, economic and social interaction at the Euro- Mediterranean level, the time has come to seize the opportunity that this historic moment provides and build a new community based on common values and understanding.

The contributors to this volume include eminent academics from the North African countries that are experiencing change and reform as well as European scholars. Together they address in a thematic manner issues that have dominated 2011, the challenges of good governance: political and economic perspectives, the role of civil society and youth, lessons learned from other regions



From Left to Right : Dr. Omar Grech, MEDAC lecturer, Mr. Mourad Youssry, Deputy Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean and MEDAC Alumnus, Prof. David Attard, Chancellor of the University of Malta, Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Holder of the German Chair, and Dr. Derek Lutterbeck, MEDAC Deputy Director and the Holder of the Swiss Chair at the book launch (2012).

of the EU Neighborhood and finally the EU's responses to challenges in the emerging Mediterranean.

A book launch event was held in April of 2012 under the auspices of the Chancellor of the University of Malta, Prof. David Attard. A guest speaker from Egypt, Mr. Mourad Youssry, Deputy Secretary General at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean and MEDAC alumnus, provided an overview of the current political situation in Egypt as a means of highlighting the significance of the book and placing into context the various topics which make up the book.

The book was reviewed inter alia in the Security and Human Rights Journal, 2014, No. 4 and in Alternatives: Turkish Journal of

Publication Highlight

Civil Society and Democratisation in Societies in Transition



This issue focuses on the role of civil society and democratisation in societies in transition, in the light of the "Arab Spring". Like any shift, regional dynamics triggered by events in North Africa are forcing research and policy-making communities to rethink accepted wisdom and established approaches. One aspect of this rethinking is new attention to the 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 was edited by Dr. Monika Wohlfeld.

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International Relations 12, no. 3 in 2013.

Human Rights and the Conflict Cycle - Edited by Dr. Omar Grech and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld

The multifaceted challenge of addressing human rights abuses during ongoing conflicts requires a concerted regional and international campaign over a long period of time. In addition to individual nation states working together to manage the human suffering caused by conflict, other international actors must also contribute when it comes to achieving this goal.

In the Mediterranean, numerous international groupings, including the European Union, the League of Arab States, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the 5+5, the Mediterranean Forum, the Council of Europe, and the Olive Group, all have a particular role to play when it comes to mainstreaming a human rights agenda for action.

This publication provides unique insight into the dynamics of human rights and the conflict cycle.

Migration in the Mediterranean: Human Rights, Security and Development Perspectives - Edited by Dr. Omar Grech and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld

As the results of the "Arab Spring" continued to unfold there was a significant surge in migration across the Mediterranean. This reality revealed a strong demand for an effective channel of communication and co-operation among European and Southern Mediterranean states and also a comprehensive approach to migration that respects human rights while balancing security and development perspectives.

Dr. Monika Wohlfeld and Dr. Omar Grech contributed to and co-edited a publication that brings together a series of papers initially presented and debated by academics and practitioners at a German Chair seminar held at MEDAC in 2014.

The phenomenon of migration in the Mediterranean presented a clear opportunity for the editors to collaborate on an issue which is essentially multi-dimensional, touching on legal, socio-economic, human rights, security and other perspectives - and which has become a matter of daily life (and death) in the Mediterranean. Migration is also an area that involves policy-shaping by academics and activists as well as policy-making by national and international institutions. This publication therefore brought together contributions by experts with diverse academic and professional backgrounds including eminent academics from the Euro-Mediterranean region, distinguished policymakers at international and national levels as well as long-standing non-governmental activists. The

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Cyberattacks and Cyber Conflict: Where is Conflict Resolution?

This paper published by Dr. Monika Wohlfeld and Mr. Jack Jasper, alumnus of the Dual Master of Arts programme in Conflict Analysis and Mediterranean Security, in Dr. Omar Grech (ed), **Contemporary Issues in Conflict Resolution**, focuses on cyber conflict. It argues that the field of conflict resolution needs to become more engaged in the discussion surrounding cyberattacks and cyber conflict. Two fronts should be addressed. First is the adjustment of current conflict resolution models and the development of new models to adequately respond to the realities of cyber conflict. Second, the field needs to engage with technical experts and innovators, as well as policy formulators, to improve the understanding of cyber conflict and instill conflict resolution values wherever possible. The model of researcher-entrepreneur-policy maker triad could provide a good starting point.

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key messages of this publication are that migration is complex, that it requires an integrated and comprehensive approach, and that it is an extremely urgent matter to address because human lives are being lost.

For more publications authored and edited by Dr. Monika Wohlfeld visit: <https://www.um.edu.mt/medac/ourstaff/dr.monikawohlfeld>



MEDAC postgraduate students at the German Chair seminar on Migration in the Mediterranean (2014).

Reflections on the 10th Anniversary of the German Chair - *Interview with Dr. Monika Wohlfeld*

Why is the engagement of stakeholders such as Germany important in the context of educational opportunities for youth in the Mediterranean region?

Nearly half of the population of the MENA region is less than twenty-four years old. To unleash the potential of the youth, to allow them to contribute to solving the region's many pressing issues, providing access to education is key. Young diplomats and young people involved in civil society are leaders and have the potential to be agents of change even in relations between states.

Germany is committed to support education in the MENA region. The existence of the German Chair at MEDAC underlines this engagement. It sends a message of good will and focus on youth and education to an entire region. It contributes to the positive perception of Germany through academia among the next generation of leaders and thinkers in the region.

What has been the legacy of the German Chair between 2009-2019 period as the Holder of the German Chair at MEDAC?

The 'Arab Spring', which coincided with the setting up of the Chair, provided a basis for what I perceive as the most important legacy of the German Chair. The response to these events gave me an opportunity to adjust the curriculum of my subject, enabling me to convey to the young diplomats at MEDAC a holistic and co-operative understanding of security that the Mediterranean region desperately needs. The events provided the impetus to come up with a quick and thorough analysis, which culminated in a substantial and well-reviewed volume co-edited with Professor Calleya. We followed up with other publications. The rethinking also drove us to reach out to civil society in order to explore avenues for training and networking. We have since built a strong platform for such an effort, with our partners, especially the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation and the Alexandria-based Anna Lindh Foundation.

In all these efforts brought about by the changes in the MENA region, I see my greatest contribution as having had an impact on the ability of MEDAC students to think 'outside the box', explore a 'non-zero sum', co-operative understanding of security, network and acquire academic and professional skills. With MEDAC alumni increasingly reaching top echelons of diplomacy across the region, this achievement will surely bear fruit in the future.

What do you envision for the future of the German Chair at MEDAC?

The Mediterranean region is currently experiencing a multitude of worrisome developments linked to conflict, displacement of populations, stalling democratization and security sector reform efforts. But there are also signs of change – youth engagement, civil society input and mediation efforts, including those undertaken by Germany and other actors. Thus, there is plenty of space for MEDAC and the Chair to work on conflict prevention as well as cooperative and human security in the Mediterranean region. In fact, I would argue that MEDAC is emerging as a regional competence centre on cooperative security, with educational and research components but also with policy-oriented and hands-on outputs.

The educational component should not be underestimated. Courses taught by the German Chair, which provide a perspective on conflict prevention, multilateralism, co-operative security and human security, are a significant aspect of the training young diplomats experience at MEDAC and take with them when they return to their work in Embassies, Foreign Ministries and international organizations. In the future, in the framework of any reconstruction and institution-building efforts, MEDAC will be well-placed to extend educational opportunities to accommodate young diplomats from Libya and Syria as students.

I should mention that even under the difficult circumstances created by the Covid pandemic in the region, MEDAC's educational activities are in full swing, with young diplomats from North Africa and beyond present and enthusiastically working on their course work and research projects.

In terms of research, MEDAC's publication series already highlights contributions on cooperative security and related issues, curated and edited by the Holder of the German Chair and MEDAC academic staff. MEDAC is providing a platform for researchers from the region, especially from the southern shores of the Mediterranean, to present and share their thinking. MEDAC is in a good position to offer timely and valuable input into the ongoing

debate on how to create more peaceful patterns of relations in the region, based on its ability to work with experts in its network, including its strong alumni network.

Let me also mention policy-oriented and hands-on activities. MEDAC has extensive experience in this realm, but there is one key area where I see where the Chair's engagement and contribution could be particularly valuable: the follow-up on the modalities of the Berlin Declaration issued at the Berlin Libya Summit. With the support of MEDAC's stakeholders, we could envision a Leadership for Libya Platform aimed at youth. This platform could empower young people to contribute to the reconstruction, development and institution building in Libya.

MEDAC could also engage in future efforts at addressing Security Sector Reform (SSR) needs in Libya. Based on the whole-of-society approach which underlies modern understanding of SSR, MEDAC is currently exploring potential training frameworks as a contribution to capacity-building efforts on SSR among civil society actors.

But there is much more that the Chair could contribute to promoting peace and stability in the region, ranging from informal conflict resolution efforts to supporting activities aimed at highlighting the value of multilateralism. There is no doubt that constructive and forward-looking engagement on overcoming conflict in the region is much needed. The German Chair at MEDAC is but one small actor in this respect, but its message reverberates in the region and beyond.

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I always refer to my year as a Master of Diplomacy student at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies as an experience of a lifetime. Besides providing students with a broad theoretical perspective on 20th century diplomatic history and international affairs, MEDAC also provides its students with the opportunity to actively engage in practical work in the diplomatic field through numerous activities including seminars, conferences, workshops and simulation exercises.

The course on Contemporary Security Studies delivered by the Holder of the German Chair on Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, was captivating for various reasons, particularly due to the notably relevant themes explored during lectures and the interactive method of delivery. Classes focused on international security theories as well as key security issues facing the international community. This approach provided students with a comprehensive and holistic understanding of the security challenges that are essential when it comes to understanding the international system of the 21st century. Noteworthy is that the course on contemporary security is delivered by an academic and field expert in security who succeeds in providing a practical twist to the concepts and theories that are covered in the field of security studies.

I strongly believe that the course on Contemporary Security equips students with the necessary underpinnings that enable them to pursue a career in the field of diplomacy and international security. The lectures with Dr. Wohlfeld have instilled a sense of inspiration that led me to do further research on current developments in the field of international security. For instance, I can attest that owing to Dr. Wohlfeld's comprehensive approach to contemporary security studies, I was better equipped to analyse and make sense of the Coronavirus pandemic as a threat to the international security environment.

In addition to the course on contemporary security, the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC regularly organises seminars and conferences to help raise further awareness of contemporary international relations in the Mediterranean. As a postgraduate student of the Academy, I had the privilege to attend a seminar organised by the German Chair entitled "Transatlantic Relations and the Mediterranean". This event brought together various distinguished experts and academics who engaged in a lively interaction with MEDAC postgraduate students.

I will always be grateful to MEDAC and to the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention for helping me develop my diplomatic and analytical skills. I am confident that the Academy will continue to play the role of an academic centre of excellence that champions diplomacy in the Mediterranean in the years to come.



The Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies

The Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) is an institution of higher learning at the University of Malta offering advanced degrees in diplomacy with a focus on Mediterranean issues.

MEDAC was established in 1990 pursuant to an agreement between the governments of Malta and Switzerland. In 2009, MEDAC concluded an agreement with the Federal Republic of Germany, represented by the Federal Foreign Office, and established a German Chair in Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention.

In the 2019-20 academic year MEDAC celebrated its 30th anniversary. Since its inception, MEDAC has acquired a solid reputation both as an academic institution and as a practical training platform. The Academy has been honoured to host over 850 graduates from more than sixty countries from all over the Mediterranean region and beyond. The EU's enlargement towards the Mediterranean that included Malta in 2004, and the recent transformation of the political landscape throughout the Arab World have resulted in an ever increasing demand for MEDAC's programme of studies.

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