



Vesalius College of Global Affairs, the Global Governance Institute and the United Nations University on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS)

Graduate Student Workshop

**‘Promoting Peace’ in Theory and Practice:
The role of Conflict Resolution, Diplomacy and Mediation**

held at

UNU-CRIS, 23 November 2018, 10AM – 3.30PM

Potterierei 72, 8000 Brugge

Vesalius College of Global Affairs (VUB), in cooperation with the United Nations University on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS) and the Global Governance Institute (GGI), invites you to a one-day intensive graduate student workshop on “Promoting Peace in Theory and Practice: The Role of Diplomacy and Mediation”. Held in the Context of the Foundational Course ‘Theories and Applied Issues of Global Peace, Security and Strategic Studies’ of the [MA in Global Peace, Security and Strategic Studies at Vesalius College](#) the seminar will offer an overview of the theoretical diversity and core conceptual foundations of peace studies as well as two intensive sessions by practitioners on applied issues of conflict resolution, diplomacy and mediation.

Speakers include **Professor Joachim Koops** (Professor of IA at Vesalius College of Global Affairs and Director of the Global Governance Institute, Brussels), **Holger Osterrieder** (German Diplomat, Expert in the EU EEAS’ Conflict Prevention, Mediation and Peacebuilding Section and former Deputy Head of Mission for UN Operations in Mali and Mongolia as well as Adjunct Professor of International Affairs and Diplomatic Practice at Vesalius College) and **Halil Kosumi** (United Nations Liaison Office for Peace and Security, UNLOPS and former Project Officer with UNDP, Kosovo as well as OSCE/UNMIK).

The seminar is primarily organised for VeCo graduate students, but a limited number of places is also open to students from the College of Europe, members of UNU-CRIS and outstanding Honours Students of VeCo. To register, please send an email to jkoops@vub.be by 21st November 2018.

PROGRAMME

- 09.30 – 10.00: Arrival & Welcome Coffee at UNU-CRIS (Potterierei 72, Bruges)
- 10.00 – 10.15: Welcome Remarks by Professor Madeleine Hosli (Director, UNU CRIS) and Professor Joachim Koops (VeCo/GGI)
- 10.15 – 11.15: Promoting Peace: Theoretical Approaches and Core Concepts
Professor Joachim Koops (VeCo/GGI)
- 11.15 – 12.15: Promoting Peace in the Balkans: A UN and OSCE perspective (tbc)
Mr Halil Kosumi, United Nations Liaison Office for Peace & Security
- 12.15 – 13.00: Sandwich Lunch
- 13.00 – 15.00: Peace, Conflict & Mediation: Insights from a Practitioner Perspective
Holger Osterrieder (German Foreign Office/EEAS & Vesalius College)
- 15.00 – 15.30: Final Discussions and Conclusions
- 16.00 - Informal Drinks and further discussions in the historic town center of Bruges

All sessions take place on the premises of UNU-CRIS in Bruges

Workshop Speaker Bios:

Professor Joachim Koops is Professor of International Affairs at Vesalius College of Global Affairs and Director of the Global Governance Institute (GGI). He is the co-editor of the *Oxford Handbook of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations* and *European Approaches to UN Peacekeeping: Towards Stronger Re-engagement (with G. Tercovich)*. Previously, he served as Advisor to the UN Department of UN Peacekeeping Operations, the UN Standby High Readiness Brigade for UN Operations as well as the European Parliament and European Commission on security and defence issues.

Professor Madeleine Hosli is Director of UNU-CRIS and Professor of International Relations at the Institute for Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) at Leiden University, where she also heads the MA in Diplomacy and International Relations. Professor Hosli has published extensively on issues related to international political economy, international organisations and European integration.

Holger Osterrieder is a German Diplomat and Adjunct Professor of International Affairs and Diplomatic Practice at VeCo. He has extensive experience in serving in various peacekeeping, peacebuilding and mediation missions and institutions, including for the EU European External Action Service's (EEAS) 'CSDP, Conflict Response and prevention' unit and the EU EEAS' 'conflict prevention, mediation and peacebuilding unit'. Previously, he served as the Deputy Head of Mission of the German Embassy in Bamako (Mali), as an Advisor to the UN Security Council Mission of Germany and as a Deputy Head of Mission in Mongolia.

Halil Kosumi currently works for the UN Liaison Office for Peace and Security (UNLOPS) in Brussels. Previously, he worked as a Project Officer for the UNDP at the United Nations Kosovo Team / Secretariat of the Office of the Prime Minister, working on transitional justice and conflict resolution aspects. Previously, he served as Senior Legal Officer for the UNHCR in Kosovo and on Human Rights, Rule of Law, Minority issues for the OSCE Mission in Kosovo and the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna.