





CALL FOR INTEREST

OSCE LABORATORY Program

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) as a model for multilateral regional diplomacy of the 21st century

OSCE – the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe – is the world's largest regional security organization, comprising 57 participating States in North America, Europe and Asia. OSCE is a forum for political dialogue on a wide range of security issues and a platform for joint action to improve the lives of individuals and communities. The organization uses a comprehensive approach to security that encompasses the politico-military, economic and environmental, and human dimensions.

Alongside nine Italian Universities and in collaboration with ISPI and IAI, OSCE has organized a workshop dedicated to exploring the work of the Organization and the Department of Political and Social Sciences of UNIBO is launching a **Call for Interest** to engage students in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs in joining the workshop.

A) Educational objectives

The workshop aims to foster a better comprehension of certain aspects and tools of multilateral diplomacy, in relation to the work of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The final goal is to promote and develop participants' critical capacities through the analysis of concrete and current issues affecting the OSCE area.

At the end of the workshop, students should have acquired the necessary knowledge and instruments to enable them to:

- recognize and understand the main features of regional multilateral diplomacy, in particular in the OSCE context;
- evaluate and analyze the different instruments and strategies approaches as envisaged and implemented within the OSCE;
- identify and assess the OSCE strengths and shortcomings in the domain of international relations and regional geopolitics.

B) Program

The workshop is structured in a series of seminars, focused on the OSCE institutions, their functioning and on the main activities of the Organization. The seminars are complemented by a series of Case studies and Simulations related to specific activities. The seminars, which takes place in an online format, will be held by Ambassadors, Officers and Experts while University Professors and practitioners will run the "case Studies" and simulations.

C) Educational methods

The workshop is divided into 10 sessions of 2 hours each (1h of lecture and 1h of case study - in both cases including Q&A) and is based on an interactive teaching approach. All seminars will be in English.

Each Session will be held on an online platform (ZOOM). No Recordings will be available.

D) Formative credits

UNIBO will recognize **4 formative credits** to the students attending the workshop. For this purpose, the attendance for the whole seminar cycle shall be compulsory and their presence will be verified from time to time. The grant of the credits will be subjected to the elaboration of a paper critically discussing one of the topics of the course.

E) Prerequisites

The seminar cycle is offered to <u>5 students</u> who are currently enrolled in the MA in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs (Scienze Internazionali e Dipolomatiche-SID) or in International Politics and Economics (IPE).

The candidates must have passed the exams of International Law and EU Law, and so far obtained a total number of 4 credits.

Proficiency in English (passive and active): C1

A motivation letter and the updated CV are required to be sent by January 24th, 2022.

F) Selection process and results

The evaluation committee will be composed of: Prof. Marco Balboni, Prof. Marco Borraccetti, Dr. Susanna Villani.

The selection process will be concluded by January 27th, 2022.