International Security and Multilateralism: Conflict Analysis and International Law

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“Since the wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed” – Preamble of the Constitution of UNESCO Constitution.

“Effective conflict analysis can help mediators, peacebuilders, peacekeepers and humanitarian and development specialists in avoiding oversimplifications and misrepresentations of reality. The first guiding principle for a good analysis should be not buying into mainstream narratives, defying preconceived ideas and, above all, rejecting unwarranted simplifications.” – United Nations System Staff College.


“Only through the profound and correct understanding of the nature of conflicts, their specificities in terms of challenges and dynamics and the recognition of their underlying causes, it is possible to provide adequate and impactful responses.” – United Nations System Staff College.

Aim of the training
To provide a comprehensive, step-by-step structural process of analyzing conflicts in order to plan evidence based and informed interventions, through the lens of human security. The training provides concrete transferable skills about how to critically analyze conflicts and plan successful interventions.
To provide understanding of diplomacy and to equip participants with knowledge that will enable them to predict potential conflicts by understanding actors and their behavior in the appropriate context.

Objectives of the training

1) To introduce to participants a comprehensive process for conflict analysis and links to interventions, international relations and international law.
2) To provide practical tools for diagnosing and understanding complex emergencies/crisis situations, and conflict dynamics, through the lenses of human security.
3) To provide a framework for starting successful, conflict sensitive and sustainable interventions (on the project or program level in the areas of humanitarian, social & development projects).
4) To demonstrate to participants the important role of the United Nations and other global actors in modern world conflicts.
5) To present the development of diplomacy and its main features as a tool of conflict prevention.
Expected outcome
At the end of the training, participants should be able to critically understand the complexity of conflict situations and prepare for fruitful, conflict sensitive, sustainable and people-centered solutions, as well as key aspects and methods of conducting conflict negotiation and mediation and most important diplomatic skills. Participants will also gain transferrable skills useful for their studies, careers and further development.

Why participate in this training programme
1) The world is faced with some of the most challenging conflicts in decades from civil wars, uprisings, poverty, to human rights- and environmental-related, and violent extremism and terrorism.
2) Today’s conflicts require a systemic and inclusive approach, with the involvement of multi-stakeholders to find lasting, locally owned solutions and a comprehensive understanding of the context in which interveners operate.
3) Conflicts affect lives of everyone directly or indirectly, undermine state structures, erode economies of countries, and have spill-over effects that undermine fabric of societies and world peace and security.
4) Understanding large-scale conflicts allows for comprehending small scale conflicting situations on a community, group, family and individual level.
5) Global Citizenship allows us to work together to find lasting solutions to global challenges that affect our human security.
6) Understanding of a diplomatic practice and finesses is an important tool for the prediction of the conflicts

Structure of the training
The training is designed to be interactive. Each theoretical part will be followed by a practical application/examples/case study to allow for a practical demonstration of the situation.

Duration of the training
Four (4) full days (8 hours per day, including 1-hour lunch and coffee breaks)

The target audience
The training is suitable for academics (including students), and practitioners (from international organizations, civil society, and governments) working in the field of peace and security, development, humanitarian assistance, international relations, and project management. It is most suitable for young professionals and university students. Established professionals and academics without prior training in the field of security and conflict analysis may also find the training useful and are welcome to participate. There is no age restriction.

Fee
The cost of the training per person is 300€. Limited scholarships in the form of fee reduction may be provided to students on a case by case basis. The training fee covers the trainers’ cost, the conference
materials, lunch, refreshments, and a certificate of successful completion signed by an internationally
certified trainer. The fee does not cover accommodation and dinner during the training.

**Training location**
Zepter Hotel, Belgrade, Serbia.

The training will take place in one of the most prestigious hotels in Belgrade, the Zepter hotel. The hotel
offers participants the best of both – excellent training facility and a high-class place accommodation in the
heart of Belgrade. We have secured the best deal for our participants’ stay during the training. Instead of a
price of 245€ per night per person, our participants will pay 95€ per night per person.

Serbia is one of the most appropriate locations to study and practice conflicts, its resolution and prevention.
The country is now developing, after numerous internal and external conflicts that propelled it as a major
topic of interests of international law, international relations and security studies for many years.

To not visit Serbia for somebody who is interested in or striving for a career in conflict resolution is like an
expert in Art to never visit the Louvre or for the expert in ballet who never sees the Swan Lake – maybe it is
possible, but it is not advisable.

Today, the Serbian capital, Belgrade, is one of the most popular cities in Europe for visitors. This vibrant
metropolis has numerous things to offer and we are going to point out only few of them – the rest must be
discovered in person.
Rich cultural and historical heritage that includes Nikola Tesla Museum, Museum of Modern Art, but also one of the largest fortresses in Europe – Kalemegdan.

Irrespective of religion or belief, the church of Saint Sava, one of the biggest orthodox Christian temples in the world, is an impressive attraction of the city.

Food for thought is what you are being invited to get at the training. Accompany that with amazing food, that is a mixture of western European, oriental and eastern European heritage, you get a perfect environment for learning.

The training is designed to allow you to have evenings free to enjoy nature. For this, you get two amazing rivers, Danube and Sava, for the price of one.
Strolling through Belgrade’s own Montmartre – Skadarlija – is one of the most satisfying experiences.

When it comes to night life, Belgrade is unparalleled. We advise not to take this challenge before the end of the training.

Applications

Please fill in the application form below by 7 October 2018.

Submit your application

For questions or clarification please contact us at iSCANtraining@gmail.com or trainings@uesfi.org.