



CONFLICT DIPLOMACY IN THE DIGITAL WORLD
AT THE LINK CAMPUS UNIVERSITY, ROME

SEPTEMBER 19TH-20TH, 2019

Thursday, 19.9.19

09:00 **Opening Statements:**

Prof. Vincenzo Scotti, President of Link Campus University, Former Italian Minister of Interior, of Foreign Affairs, of Cultural Heritage, of State Holdings and Former Mayor of Naples

Dr. Boris Mints, President of BMI

Prof. Itai Sened, Head, BMI; Founding Head, School of Social and Policy Studies, Tel-Aviv University

10:00 **The Peace Process in Colombia – Why Did it Work?**

Moderator: Prof. Piero Schiavazzi, Link Campus University

Prof. Shlomo Ben-Ami, Vice President, Toledo International Center for Peace and former Foreign Minister of Israel

Mr. Sergio Jaramillo Caro, Former High commissioner of Peace, Colombia

Prof. Alberto Melloni, Director of the John XXIII Foundation for Religious Studies, Coordinator of the European Research Infrastructure of Religious Studies

Discussion

11:15 Coffee Break

11:30 **Academic Forum 1: The Fundamentals of the Palestinian – Israeli Conflict**

Moderator: Professor Itai Sened, Head of the Boris Mints Institute, TAU

Dr. Sami Miaari, Department of Labor Studies, Tel-Aviv University

Prof. Fabio Nicolucci, Middle East political analyst, Link Campus University

Dr. Ahmed Abdelwahed, Chairman of the Academy for International Development – Middle East and North Africa AID-MENA

Discussant: Amit Loewenthal – Ph.D. student Tel Aviv University

Discussion

12:30 Lunch – Link Campus University

14:00 **Ambassadors' Forum 1: The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict – Perspective and Prospects**

Moderator: Amb.Prof. Maurizio Melani, Link Campus University, Former D.G. in the Italian MFA and Ambassador to Iraq, to the Political and Security Committee of the EU and to Ethiopia

Dr. Martin S. Indyk, Distinguished Fellow and Director of Executive Education, The Council on Foreign Relations; Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel and for Israeli–Palestinian Negotiations

Amb. Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, Member of BMI Advisory Board; Founder and President of the Israel Institute; Former Ambassador of Israel to USA and President Emeritus of Tel-Aviv University

Dr. Hussein Agha, Senior Associate Member, St. Antony's College, Oxford

Ambassador Daniel Shek, Former Ambassador of Israel to France and Monaco

Discussion



15:15 Coffee Break

15:30 **Foreign and Defense Ministers' Forum: The Middle East in the Contemporary Global Perspective**

Moderator: Amb. Prof. Maurizio Melani, Link Campus University, Former D.G. in the Italian MFA and Ambassador to Iraq, to the Political and Security Committee of the EU and to Ethiopia

Prof. Shlomo Ben-Ami, Vice President, Toledo International Center for Peace and former Foreign Minister of Israel

Prof. Massimo D'Alema, Link Campus University, President of the Italianeuropei Foundation Former Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy

Dr. Elisabetta Trenta, Former Minister of Defense of Italy

Discussion

Friday, 20.9.19

09:00 **Ambassadors' Forum 2: Diplomacy in the Modern Era**

Moderator: Professor Itai Sened, Head of the Boris Mints Institute, TAU

Dr. Martin S. Indyk, Distinguished Fellow and Director of Executive Education, The Council on Foreign Relations; Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel and the for Israeli–Palestinian Negotiations

Ambassador Ferdinando Salleo, Former Secretary General of the Italian MFA, Former Ambassador to USA, USSR (and then Russia) and OECD

Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, Member of BMI Advisory Board; Founder and President of the Israel Institute; Former Ambassador of Israel to USA and President Emeritus of Tel-Aviv University

Ambassador Daniel Shek, Former Ambassador of Israel to France and Monaco

Prof. Clelia Piperno, CEO of the Talmud Project

Discussion

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 **Institutional and Academic Forum : Europe after the EP Elections**

Moderator: Amb. Prof. Maurizio Melani, Link Campus University, Former D.G. in the Italian MFA and Ambassador to Iraq, to the Political and Security Committee of the EU and to Ethiopia

Prof. Daniela Giannetti, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna

Prof. Wolfgang C. Müller, Institute of Political Science, University of Vienna

Karen Umansky, BMI Fellow, Department of Public Policy, Tel-Aviv University

Hon. Vaclav Klaus, Member of BMI Advisory Board, Co- Founder of the Václav Klaus Institute, former President of the Czech Republic

A member of the newly formed Italian Government (TBC)

Discussion

12:15 **Concluding Remarks:**

Prof. Vincenzo Scotti, President of Link Campus University, Former Italian Minister of Interior, of Cultural Heritage, of State Holdings and Former Mayor of Naples

Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, Founder and President of the Israel Institute; Former Ambassador of Israel to USA and President Emeritus of Tel-Aviv University

12:45 End of the meeting