

## Call for applicants

**ExPoSTID ExPost Italian Diplomacy. Esperti e politici in Scienza e Tecnologia in Italia  
per una diplomazia multilaterale preventiva.**

**Spring School in techno-scientific diplomacy 2022**

**University of Padua - April 4/8, 2022**

**University of Roma Tre - April 26/29, 2022**

The Spring School in Techno-Scientific Diplomacy 2022, organized by the University of Padua and the University of Roma Tre, is a research workshop that aims at creating an experimental Master. Through an innovative and original approach, the Master will allow the participants to understand the nexus among science, diplomacy and decision-making processes, in a world with an expanding technological density that requires techno-scientific diplomatic initiatives in support of quick and adequate responses to growing challenges.

The Spring School intends to provide full relevance to the role of science and technology in the international context. Specifically, considering the European and the international perspectives, Italy has developed important techno-scientific skills that have stimulated experiences of cooperation and competition in a dynamic diplomatic framework. On the ground of the previous evidence gathered from the ExPOST ID project and through international history, archival research and oral history, the Spring School will offer participants the opportunity to learn from the past experiences and use them to identify and address future challenges. Moreover, thanks to its interdisciplinary approach, the Spring School aims at creating a network of scholars, diplomats and scientists interested in understanding the international context.

The course will combine an interdisciplinary and hybrid approach. Students will acquire the following capabilities in relation to techno-scientific diplomacy:

- a. understanding the evolution of international relations from the Cold War to current scenarios;
- b. obtaining an in-depth overview of diplomacy in bilateral negotiation and multilateral arenas at the European and international level;
- c. developing oral (public speaking) and editorial (reporting and copywriting techniques) skills aimed at deepening negotiation techniques;

- d. strengthening hard skills, such as the knowledge, comprehension and awareness of the topics covered during the course, and soft skills, such as hands-on experience, crisis management, team building, problem solving, research capabilities, and role playing;
- e. enriching their curricular background through the development of knowledge and professional skills in the field of techno-scientific diplomacy, with the aim of facilitating their access to careers in the field of International Relations and diplomacy.

### **Teaching methodology of the Spring School**

The Spring School will be structured in lectures, simulations of negotiations, research workshops on current and historical case studies, in-person and online interviews with practitioners and experts of techno-scientific diplomacy, and ad-hoc meetings in preparation of the School's activities. Students will broaden their understanding of techno-scientific diplomacy and will strengthen their hard and soft skills by putting into practice the theoretical knowledge acquired during the workshops.

Students will also have the opportunity to participate in an oral history project involving practitioners of techno-scientific and space diplomacy, thanks to an agreement between the University of Padua and the [Historical Archives of the European Union](http://eui.eu) (eui.eu) located at the European University Institute in Florence. The Archive will process the interviews and make them accessible to researchers.

The working language of the Spring School will be Italian and English. Participants who complete the program will be awarded a certificate of attendance.

### **Application criteria and requested material**

The Spring School is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students, PhDs and PhD students in techno-scientific fields, Humanities, and Political and Social Sciences.

Applicants are requested to send a CV and a cover letter to the Spring School organizing committee (Dr.ssa Alessia Chiriatti, [alessia.chiriatti@unipd.it](mailto:alessia.chiriatti@unipd.it)) by **February 20, 2022**. For further information, please contact the organizing committee.

No registration fee is required. The Spring School will cover the participants' accommodation costs in Padua and Rome but will not reimburse travel expenses.

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