

**Call for applicants**  
***ExPoSTEAM Diplomacy***  
***Experts and Politicians on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics***  
***Diplomacy***  
**Spring School in techno-scientific diplomacy**  
**22-26 May 2023**

**Agenda and location**

University of Padua, 22-23 May 2023  
Historical Archives of European Union, Firenze, 24 May 2023  
CNR, Rome, 25 May 2023  
European Space Agency, ESRIN, Frascati (Rome), 26 May 2023  
University of Rome Three, 25-26 May 2023

The Second edition of Spring School in Techno-Scientific Diplomacy, organized by the University of Padua in partnership with the University of Rome Three, will be hold in Padua at the Department of Political Sciences, Law and International Studies on 22 and 23 May 2023, in Florence at the Historical Archives of European Union on 24 May, in Rome at the Italian National Research Centre (CNR) on 25 May morning, at the Centre of Earth Observation of European Space Agency (ESRIN) at Frascati (Rome) on 26 May morning, and at the Department of Political Sciences (University of Rome Three) on 25 and 26 May afternoon. Keeping the aim and spirit of the first edition, the Spring School ExPoSTEAMDiplo is a research workshop aiming at creating an experimental Master. Through an innovative and original approach, the Master will allow the participants to understand the link between science, technology and diplomacy and decision-making processes, in a world with of increasing technological density that requires techno-scientific diplomatic initiatives to support rapid and adequate responses to growing challenges.

The Spring School intends to give full relevance to the role of science and technology in the international context, focusing on past experiences and developing the best conditions for an effective approach to the future. Specifically, from a European and international perspective, Italy has developed important techno-scientific capacities that have stimulated experiences of cooperation and competition in a dynamic diplomatic framework. Based on the evidence



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gathered so far 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. Through its interdisciplinary approach, the Spring School aims to create a network of scholars, diplomats and scientists interested in understanding the international context and trained in a complex notion of expertise.

The course will combine an interdisciplinary and hybrid approach. The cases of Techno-scientific diplomacy examined will help the students to:

- a. understand the evolution of international relations from the Cold War to current scenarios;
- b. gain an in-depth overview of diplomacy in bilateral negotiations and multilateral arenas at the European and international levels;
- c. develop oral (public speaking) and editorial (reporting and copywriting techniques) skills to enhance negotiation techniques;
- d. strengthen hard skills, such as the knowledge, understanding and awareness of the topics covered during the course, and soft skills, such as practical experience, crisis management, team building, problem solving, research skills, and role playing;
- e. enrich their curricular background by developing 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 around lectures, simulations of *policy briefing*, research workshops on current and historical case studies, in-person and online interviews with practitioners and experts in 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 in 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 available to researchers.



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

The **program** will be published on the web page dedicated to the link [Spring School | Scienze Politiche, Giuridiche e Studi Internazionali \(SPGI\) | Università di Padova \(unipd.it\)](#)

### **Application criteria and requested documents:**

The Spring School is open to Master's graduating students and graduates, PhD Students and PhD Doctors in STEM, Human, Political and Social Sciences.

To participate you have to fill in the application form including the Curriculum Vitae and a motivational letter on the dedicated page at the link [Spring School | Scienze Politiche, Giuridiche e Studi Internazionali \(SPGI\) | Università di Padova \(unipd.it\)](#).

The **selection** will take place **immediately after sending the application**, starting from the publication of the call, and will remain open until 21 April 2023. The selected candidates will thus be notified quickly and before the deadline of the call in order to allow them to receive the first information on the School's material and how to organize their travels.

For any information, please contact the Scientific Secretariat and the Coordinator (Prof. David Burigana, [david.burigana@unipd.it](mailto:david.burigana@unipd.it)).

The Spring School does not charge enrolment fees; the Scientific Secretariat will provide support for some travel and accommodation solutions.

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