

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Training Course in
"EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS IN DISASTER SETTINGS"
Academic year 2022/2023

Art. 1
Object

The Dirpolis Institute of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa has activated the Training Course in European and International Human Rights Standards in Disaster Settings (EIHRSDS) – Jean Monnet Module, pursuant to Art. 3 of the School's Charter.

The course will be held at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies from 27th June to 01st July 2022, for a total of 38 hours.

The official language of the Course is English.

The Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies and the Scientific Director of EIHRSDS course, in consideration of the progress of the COVID-19 pandemic, might decide to hold the course through online classes or to postpone it.

Art. 2
ECTS Credits

The Course entitles to 2 credits, as foreseen by the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). Acquiring ECTS credits is subject to passing the final test and complying with the attendance obligations envisaged.

Art. 3
Learning Objectives

The Course has the following Learning Objectives:

- provide participants with a sound knowledge of the legal frameworks pertaining to disaster management activities and the role of human rights in the prevention and response to natural and technological disasters;
- raise awareness on the crucial role of human rights in disaster settings, and therefore favour a more human rights-sensitive approach to disaster management;
- engage participants in exchanges of ideas and experiences so as to foster academic and professional cooperation among all those involved;

The teaching methodology will be characterized by a combination of frontal lecturing and more interactive training techniques (simulation exercises, case study solving, etc.).

Participants will have access to on-line resources ahead of the sessions, so as to favour their active participation during classes and improve the learning experience.

Art. 4 Modules

The course is divided into five sub-topics, one for each day of classes:

- ***Introduction to International Human Rights Law (IHRL) and Disasters***, providing a general introduction on international disaster law and IHRL and addressing the primary role of the affected State in disaster management activities as well as the possibility for humanitarian assistance interventions by other states and actors;
- ***Actors in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response***, focusing on non-State actors that have a role in disaster management activities, especially in those related to human rights protection. Specific sessions will be devoted to the role of the UN and its agencies, of the EU, of corporate actors and of Non-Governmental Organizations (or similar entities, such as the IFRC);
- ***Applying Human Rights in Disaster Settings***, dealing with concrete human rights standards as applied to disaster settings, what sort of legal duties they impose on States with regards to disaster management and if and how far States can compress the enjoyment of human rights to tackle the effects of disasters;
- ***Protection Issues***, shedding light on the notion of 'vulnerability' and exploring the specific protection needs of vulnerable segments of the population such as migrants and forcibly displaced populations (including IDPs) and children;
- ***Human Rights and Disaster Prevention/Mitigation***, addressing the interplay between IHRL and other branches of international law that contribute to preventing and mitigating disasters. One session will be specifically dedicated to climate change law, and a second session will look at Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) initiatives, in particular the 2015 Sendai Framework for DRR.

Art. 5 Course Structure

The course is structured over 5 days (Monday-Friday). The entire course runs for 38 hours (normally 8.30-18.00) with 1.5/2 hrs lectures on specific subjects.

A final test is foreseen at the end of the Course for participants who aim to obtain 2 ECTS credits.

Art. 6 Target audience and admission requirements

The course is intended for graduate and post-graduate students, research fellows and other academics, practitioners working on disaster-management issues for national and international organizations, NGOs and other actors active in the area (e.g. IFRC, national Red Cross Societies, etc.).

Applicants must have a three years (at least) University Degree or equivalent in any subject and a good working knowledge of English.

The above requirements are to be met at the closing date to submit applications.

The Administration may decide to exclude a candidate, at any time, with a motivated decision, if the prescribed requirements have not been met.

Art. 7 Application procedure

Applicants shall apply at the following link: www.santannapisa.it/HR&Disasters/ where they will find also more information about the Course.

Two rounds of selection are foreseen.

The application deadline for the first round of selection is set on **16th May 2022**, while the application deadline for the second round is **6th June 2022**.

Prospective applicants must submit the following documentation, in electronic format, attached to the application:

- an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (please, mention explicitly to which category you belong, i.e. Professional; PhD; or Other participant);
- an Academic transcript/transcript of all records of the BA (or equivalent);
- a motivational statement.

Applications received after the deadline, incomplete applications or applications submitted in a form other than indicated in this article, will not be considered.

Falsification of documents and fraudulent statements are punished in accordance with the Italian Criminal Code and the special applicable laws, Art. 75 and Art. 76 of Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) No. 445/2000.

The Institution may monitor the truthfulness of the statements provided and the documents submitted at any time during the procedure, even after the Course has started, and request the original documents to be submitted. In the case of false statements the Institution may decide, at any time, to exclude candidates from the selection procedure, based on a motivated decision issued by the Chancellor, without prejudice to the resulting criminal liability.

Art. 8 Selection of candidates

Applicants will be selected on the basis of the information provided in their CVs and in the on-line application form. Selection will be conducted by an *ad hoc* committee headed by the course coordinator. Selection criteria will include: academic background; professional background; experiences as a volunteer; motivational statement.

The Committee selects the candidates on the basis of the following parameters:

- Academic Curriculum (average of marks received at exams, mark of the graduation exam if applicable, consistency of the curriculum and dissertation with the contents of the course) up to 40/100;
- Motivational statement, up to 25/100 points;
- Attendance of post-graduate education and training courses, up to 10/100 points;
- Professional background (in relevant areas), up to 10/100 points;
- Volunteering experience, up to 10/100 points;
- Language skills (except English), up to 5 points.

Only applicants who receive an overall score of at least 65/100 points will be considered eligible for the Course. After the first round of selection, admitted candidates will be offered a position by means of official communication and will be required to confirm attendance. Failing to do so will involve forfeiture of their position in the course. If, after the first round, there will still be positions available, the selection process will continue with the second round of selection, until all 25 positions have been filled. Other eligible candidates will be contacted in accordance with the final ranking in case any of the previously admitted candidates give up their place.

The Selection Committee will prepare the list of admitted and reserve applicants which will be published on the Course website. The result of the selection will be notified to applicants by email in due time.

Art. 9 Enrolment fees

Professionals working in the field of human rights and/or disaster management will be required to pay a fee of **250,00 Euro**. PhD students will be required to pay a fee of **100,00 Euro**. Other participants (graduate, students enrolled in a Master programme, etc.) will be required to pay a fee of **50,00 Euro**. Please, mention explicitly in your CV to which category you belong.

The enrolment fee includes lunch provided by the School's canteen on all five days of the course.

Travel and accommodation in Pisa during the course are the responsibility of each participant.

In accordance with Art. 9 paragraph 2 of Decree No 68/2012, students with disabilities greater than or equal to 66%, recognized pursuant to art. 3, paragraph 1, of Law 104/1992, are exempted from the payment of the tuition fee. A reduction of 1.5% for each percentage point of disability is applied to those students with disabilities less than 66%. The student with disabilities who intends to make use of the exemption or reduction of the tuition fee shall attach a suitable certification in the on-line application.

Art. 10 Acceptance procedure and method of payment

Successful candidates who wish to attend the Course are required to confirm their attendance by the deadline indicated in the notification of admission, where will also be indicated the payment methods of the registration fee, that can be made by bank transfer or PagoPa procedure.

Art. 11 Educational Qualification issued

At the end of the Course the Sant'Anna School will issue a certificate of attendance to participants who have attended at least 80% of classes, with value to the extent permitted by law. For participants passing the final test, the certificate will also include a reference to the 2 ECTS credits obtained.

Art. 12 Person responsible for the competitive entrance examination procedure, personal data processing and prevention of corruption measures

Under the art. 5 of the Act n. 241/90 and ff.mm., the person in charge of the competition procedure is Mrs. Elena Cambi, Head of the U.O. Higher Education - Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Via Maffi 27, 56127 Pisa - tel. 050/882645 - fax 050/882633 - e-mail: altaformazione@santannapisa.it.

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