

Dear colleagues of the diplomacy course,

Welcome to our course, which we will start in an online format and switch to in presentia in December, when we will embark on a simulated conference. The topic is still to be chosen so each of each can choose a state/international organization and play a delegation.

Form today's viewpoint, it would be interesting to negotiate for instance the following topics:

- 1) A UN SC session on the pandemic
- 2) A Middle East conference: Saudi-Iran détente/Afghanistan conference
- 3) China-Russia-US on Indo-Pacific

Eventually, a certain diplomatic crisis emerges and we will try to "handle that one in class".

Until then our sessions will have the following agenda:

14.10: introduction, function, categories

21.10 double session/none on 28.10 (have a conference): History: antique time, Mediterranean; Medieval ages to Vienna Congress 1814/15

4.11. from Word War I to World War II and post 1945: shifts in diplomacy, challenged by politics, ideology, and once again the military

11.11. Rise and Decline of Multilateralism, permanent negotiating, the rise of international organizations

18.11. The many rivals: media, think-tanks, NGOs. Big Tech. And why diplomacy could prevail

25.11. Public Diplomacy/ Role of Culture

2.12. Preparing for diplomacy in 21st century

8.12. in Moscow: preparing our conference
The week after our conference will be held.

Looking forward to meeting you via screen and eventually in reality

Sincerely yours

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