



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Training Course in
“EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS IN CONFLICTS AND DISASTERS”
academic year 2024/2025

Art. 1

Object

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa has activated the Training Course in “European and International Human Rights Standards in Conflicts and Disasters” (EIHRSCaD), as part of the activities envisaged by the EIHRSCaD Jean Monnet Chair, pursuant to art. 7 of the School's Charter.

The Course Director will be Prof. Emanuele Sommario.

The Course will be held at the Sant'Anna School from 7th July to 11th July 2025, for a total of 38 hours.

The official language of the Course is English.

Art. 2

ECTS Credits

The Course entitles to 2 credits, as foreseen by the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), for students who attend the entire training course. 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 and principal actors relevant to humanitarian assistance activities in conflict and/or disaster settings, and of the role of human rights in the prevention and response to natural and technological disasters, as well as to armed conflicts;
- Raise awareness of the critical role of human rights in conflict and disaster settings, and therefore favour a more human rights-sensitive approach to their management;
- Offer a solid understanding of the specific needs of vulnerable groups affected by conflicts and disasters.

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.

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Modules

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

- **Introduction to International Human Rights Law (IHRL), International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Disaster Law**, providing a general introduction on the relevant legal frameworks and addressing the primary role of the affected State in conflict and disaster settings.
- **Actors in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Management**, focusing on non-State actors (UN, EU, IFRC, NGOs) that have a role in humanitarian assistance and disaster management activities, especially in those related to human rights protection.
- **Protection Issues**, shedding light on the notion of 'vulnerability' and exploring the specific protection needs of vulnerable segments of the population.
- **Applying Human Rights in Disasters and Armed Conflicts**, dealing with concrete human rights standards applicable to conflict and disaster settings, and describing the legal duties they impose on States and non-State actors.
- **Human Rights, Disaster Prevention, and the Repression of International Crimes**, addressing the interplay between IHRL, IHL and other branches of international law that contribute to preventing and mitigating the effects of conflicts and disasters, and to establishing accountability for violations of international norms.

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 in order 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 in humanitarian assistance or for national and international organizations, NGOs and other actors active in this field (ICRC, IFRC, national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, etc.).

Applicants must have a three-year (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, exclusively online, at www.santannapisa.it, Higher Education section, on the page dedicated to the Training Course “European and International Human Rights Standards in Conflicts and Disasters”. A tutorial with detailed instructions on the application procedure will be available on the relevant webpage.

Two rounds of selection are foreseen.

The application deadline for the first round of selection is set on **10th April 2025 at 12:00 (noon) CET**, while the application deadline for the second round is **5th June 2025 at 12:00 (noon) CET**.

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. Professionals; PhD; or other participant);
- an Academic transcript/transcript of all records of the BA (or equivalent);
- a motivational statement;
- a currently valid identity document.

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 Sant'Anna School 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 Sant'Anna School 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;



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- 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.

The younger candidate will have precedence in the case of ex-aequo.

After the first round of selection, admitted candidates will be offered a position and will be required to confirm in writing. 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.

The Course is open to no more than 25 participants and no less than 12 participants. The Scuola cannot be held responsible for expenses incurred by selected applicants if the course is cancelled because the minimum number of participants (12) is not reached.

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.

If a candidate belongs to more than one of the above categories, the lower fee shall apply.

Travel and accommodation in Pisa during the Course are the exclusive 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.

If for any reason a participant is not able to attend the Course, she or he will not be reimbursed the amount paid. The fee already paid will be refunded if the Course is not initiated because the minimum number of participants fails to be reached. The Sant'Anna School cannot be held



responsible for all the other expenses incurred by selected applicants if the course is cancelled because the minimum number of participants is not reached.

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. Said notification will also include instructions for the payment of the enrolment 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. Lucia Viegi, Head of the U.O. Higher Education - Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Via Santa Cecilia 3, 56127 Pisa - tel. 050/883187 - e-mail: altaformazione@santannapisa.it. Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (hereinafter the "School"), represented by the Rector, as Data Controller, under the article 13 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation n. 679/2016 and under the Italian Legislative Decree 30 June 2003 ("Privacy Code regarding the protection of personal data") with regard to the processing of personal data, and on his behalf, Giovanna Bottai, giovanna.bottai@santannapisa.it. Please read the privacy statement available <https://www.santannapisa.it/it/alta-formazione-info>. The Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies operates in compliance with the legislation on the prevention of corruption (L.190 / 2012).