

**International Postgraduate University Studies on 'Diplomacy'
MFEA & University of Zagreb, Croatia**

- New international postgraduate university studies on 'Diplomacy' are to be initiated by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MFEA) of the Republic of Croatia in conjunction with the University of Zagreb. The program is going to be launched by the MFEA's Diplomatic Academy with the respective branches of the University of Zagreb, i.e. Faculty of Economics and Business, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Political Science.
- The aim of this new international postgraduate programme is to offer diplomatic know-how, namely the methods, skills and techniques referring to specific needs of smaller states in particular. Croatia's state building experience at the beginning of 1990s is now shifting into an academic and diplomatic expertise to be shared internationally. From the point of view of a small state, Croatia offers its particular knowledge of a triple simultaneous transition, i.e. from communism to democracy, from a self-management economic system to a market-oriented economy and from aggression and war to peace and post-war reconstruction and development. Moreover, special expertise has also grown in the fields of negotiating with and functioning within the NATO and the EU, as well as within the other international diplomatic fora.
- Bringing together junior diplomats and public servants as postgraduate students - from Croatia and its immediate and wider neighborhood, is seen as an added value by itself, with networking effects of better linkages, understanding and cooperation. The international attendance, namely from Central, Eastern and South-East Europe, particularly from the Western Balkans, as well as from Southern Mediterranean and the Middle East, would be encouraged by appropriate supporting and funding schemes.
- The programme consists of *ten (10) compulsory courses* – Diplomatic History; International Relations and Foreign Policy; Public Diplomacy; Diplomacy and Diplomatic Profession; International Organizations and Associations; Diplomatic Methods, Skills and Techniques; International, Diplomatic and Consular Law; Economic Diplomacy; Foreign Policy Seminar, as well as of *the optional courses* dealing with specific topics, i.e. global development, economic and security relations; international, regional and bilateral negotiations, cooperation schemes and networks; regionalization and integration; regional studies; institutions and legal system of the EU; national competitiveness and branding; postwar rehabilitation, reconstruction and development aid; intercultural dialogue and rule of law.
- It would be a 2-semester programme in English while the MA thesis is to be done in the third semester. It totals 90 ECTS. The lectures are to be held by professors and lecturers of the University of Zagreb and experienced diplomats of the Croatian MFEA, accompanied by foreign guest-lecturers.
- The curriculum is accredited after a thorough review process by international and Croatian experts in the field, and the Ministry for Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Croatia. The first generation of 2014-2015 would start in September 2014.