

The 7th Annual AGS International Graduate Student Conference

“The Roles and Challenges of Diplomacy in the 21st Century: Inclusion and Exclusion in a Globalized World”

Thursday April 19, 2012

**Alliance Française Building
Théâtre des Cultures du Monde
101, boulevard Raspail
75006 Paris – France**

- 9h30-10h00** **Registration and Breakfast Reception**
- 10h00-10h15** **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
Mr. Ryan Godfrey, Conference Student Coordinator (AGS, France)
Dr. Ruchi Anand, Conference Faculty Coordinator (AGS, France)
- 10h15-12h15** **Panel I: Non-State Actors: Source of Conflict of Interest or a Force for Open Diplomatic Discourse?**
Moderator: Dr. Eileen Servidio, President of the School for International Relations and Diplomacy (AGS, France)
Elodie Afonso *“David versus Goliath: Non-governmental Diplomacy, the Tussle for Recognition”* (College of Europe, Belgium)
Maria Clara Oliveira *“Epistemic Communities and the Diffusion of Conditional Cash Transfers”* (University of Coimbra, Portugal and Sciences Po Bordeaux, France)
Erik Szedely *“Joint Training and Code of Ethics for Corporate Diplomats?”* (University of Oslo, Sweden and Sciences Po Paris, France)
Tye Walters *“Challenging Diplomacy: Waning Statehood and the Role of Indigenous Peoples”* (University of Alberta, Canada)
- 12h15-13h30** **Lunch Break**

- 13h30-15h30** **Panel II: Diplomacy in the Modern Age: Evolution and Adaption toward Communications, Technology and Media**
Moderator: Dr. Joav Toker, Journalist and Assistant Professor (AGS, France)
Eva Kerner *“Procedural and Substantive Functions and the Civilizing Virtues of Diplomacy”* (University of California, Santa Barbara, USA and Sciences Po Paris, France)
Rana Odeh *“The Influence of Media Bias on Public Opinion and U.S. Foreign Policy: The Case of the Palestine-Israel Conflict”* (Wright State University, USA)
Ariel Otruba *“Confronting Conceptual Dead Zones and Normative Frames in Separatist Conflict: A Narrative Analysis of Western Media Representations of the 2008 South Ossetia War”* (Arcadia University, USA)
Pamela Shearing *“An Indispensable Partnership: The Significance of Civil Society Organizations and the Modern Media in the Effective Implementation of the Responsibility to Protect”* (King’s College London, UK)
- 15h30-16h00** **Session Break**
- 16h00-18h00** **Keynote Panel: The Recent Evolution and New Challenges and Opportunities of Diplomacy**
Moderator: Serge Schmemmann, Pulitzer Prize winner, Editorial Page Editor of the International Herald Tribune and a member of the Advisory Board of AGS
H.E. Wilfried Bolewski, former Ambassador of Germany to Jamaica, Belize and the Bahamas and a faculty member at Sciences Po Paris, France
Mr. Philip Breeden, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs at the United States Embassy in Paris, France
H.E. Dominique Dreyer, former Ambassador of Switzerland to India and China and a faculty member at AGS
H.E. Ambassador Samira Hanna-el-Daher, former Ambassador of Lebanon to Japan, Philippines and UNESCO and former Head of Mission to China and the UN, and a faculty member at AGS
- 18h00-18h45** **Networking Reception: 6th Floor AGS Classroom**

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9h30-10h00 Breakfast Reception

10h00-12h00 Panel III: Power Politics and Hegemony in International Relations: Myth or Reality in the Face of Modern Diplomacy

Moderator: H.E. Wilfried Bolewski, former Ambassador of Germany to Jamaica, Belize and the Bahamas and a faculty member at Sciences Po Paris, France

Brett Netto “International System Polarities and United States Involvement in Asia and the Middle East” (University of New Orleans, USA)

Erika Rodriguez “Is the United States Losing Hegemony in Latin America? Analysis of China’s growing Need to Oil and its Effect on the Already Politically Strained US and Venezuelan Relations” (AGS, France)

Tatiana Rudneva and Yana Koplakova “Global Security Governance at Work: The Case of 2008 Russia-Georgia Conflict” (Moscow State Linguistics University, Russia)

Dr. Yolanda Spies “Re-hatting Diplomats to Navigate a Polypolar World” (University of Pretoria, South Africa)

12h00-13h15 Lunch Break

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Panel IV: Globalized Diplomacy: Challenges of Multilateral and Multi-stakeholder Negotiations

Moderator: Dr. Steve McGiffen, Associate Professor (AGS, France)

Sara Asensi “Success in Chemical Disarmament Diplomacy? The State of Past and Ongoing Negotiations within the Chemical Weapons Convention in Facing its Challenges” (University of the Basque Country, UPV-EHU, Spain)

Andrei Babadac “Diplomacy with a Fissionable Core: A Qualitative Study of the Russian Diplomacy Basis” (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium)

Christian Habla “Multi-Stakeholder Diplomacy and Diplomatic Tool Kit” (Monash University, Australia and Sciences Po Paris, France)

Mark Stoller “Environmental Imperatives and International Relations: Canada’s Experiences with Environmental Diplomacy” (McMaster University, Canada)

15h15-15h30 Session Break

15h30-17h30 Panel V: The Middle East and the Arab Spring: Contemporary Cases in the Study on Diplomacy

Moderator: Dr. Mariam Habibi, Assistant Professor (AGS, France)

Andrea Badiola Mateos “The Challenges of a Unique Actor: Where Does European Union Diplomacy Stand on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?” (AGS, France)

Alex Hobson “In Quest of the Goal: George Habash, Ilich Sanchez, and Abu Nidal in Confrontation with American Power, 1968-1986” (Northwestern University, USA)

Allyson McCreery “A New Approach to Cultural Diplomacy: The Integration of International Law and Cultural Heritage Management in Deeply-Divided Societies” (Arcadia University, USA)

Leila Mouhib “Diplomats, Democrats, or In-Between? Democracy Promotion Practices of European Delegations in Morocco and Tunisia” (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium)

17h30-17h45

Closing Remarks and Certificate Ceremony

Mrs. AJ Morgan, Board of Editors, American Graduate School in Paris INTERNATIONAL STUDIES JOURNAL (AGS, France)

Mr. Ryan Godfrey, Conference Student Coordinator (AGS, France)