

## **AGENDA**

### **Opening Conference**

**November 16, 2020, 3.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. CET**

### **Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflicts**

Co-organised by *University of Perugia* and *Institute of Political Studies S. Pio V* (Italy)

### **Giving hopes to Girl Children in Armed Conflict. A joint commitment from the academic community**

20th Anniversary of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (OPAC)

### **Where are we now?**

#### **3.00-3.20 p.m. Welcome addresses:**

**Moderator:** Gian Battista Brunori, Journalist. Editor-in-chief Tg2 RAI

- Prof. Maurizio Oliviero, *Rector of the University of Perugia*
- H.E. Ms. Marina Sereni, *Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy*
- H.E. Ms. Virginia Gamba, *Special Representative UNSG for Children and Armed Conflict*
- Prof. Maria Caterina Federici, *University of Perugia, Italy*
- Prof. Paolo de Nardis, *Institute of Political Studies S. Pio V, Italy*

#### **3.20-3.30 p.m. Why a Joint Commitment from the academic System? Introduction to the Project of the Network**

- Prof. Fausto Pocar, *International Institute of Humanitarian Law*
- Prof. Sergio Marchisio, *Sapienza University of Rome*
- Prof. Laura Guercio, *University of Perugia*

#### **3.30-4.30 p.m. Panel I “The violations of girl children’s rights in armed conflict”**

*20 years after the Optional Protocol, what is the current situation?*

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**Moderator:** Prof. Laura Guercio, *University of Perugia*

- Prof. Marco Pertile, *University of Trento (Italy)*
- Prof. Roja Fazaeli, *Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)*
- Prof. Klodiana Beshku, *University of Tirana (Albania)*
- Prof. Domenico Rosani, *University of Innsbruck (Austria)*
- Prof. Laura Carpaneto, *University of Genoa (Italy)*
- Prof. Victor Kalunga, *Université de Kalemie (Democratic Republic of Congo)*
- Prof. Giuseppe Cataldi, *University of Naples L'Orientale (Italy)*
- Testimony: Ms. Daniela Fatarella, *Director General of Save The Children Italia*

*Break 10 minutes*

**4.40-5.40 p.m. Panel II “Pandemic and conflict: international humanitarian law and girl children in armed conflict”**

*Pandemics and international humanitarian law: which are the necessary reforms?*

**Moderator:** Dr. Debora Capalbo, *Sapienza University of Rome*

- Ms. Gloria Cinque, *Italian Ministry of Defence*
- Prof. Radoslaw Malinowski, *Tangaza University College (Kenya)*
- Prof. Ahmed Aubais Alfatlawi, *University of Kufa (Iraq)*
- Prof. Kito Masimango, *Université Panafricaine de conformité en océanique (Republic Democratic of Congo)*
- Ms Diya Nijhowne, *Executive Director of the Global Coalition to protect Education from Attack*
- Testimony: *Croce Rossa Italiana (tbc)*

*Break 5 minutes*

**5.45-6.45 p.m. Panel III “Social Reintegration of girl children affected by armed conflict”**

*What are the main challenges for the social reintegration of girl children affected by armed conflict and how is the Optional Protocol implemented?*

**Moderator:** Ms. Christiana Ruggeri, *Journalist tg2 Esteri*

- Prof. Annamaria Rufino, *University Luigi Vanvitelli (Italy)*
- Prof. Ingrid Palmay *University of Johannesburg (South Africa)*
- Prof. Bahtije Gerbeshi Zylfiu, *University of Pristina (Kosovo)*
- Prof. Paul Blokker, *University of Bologna (Italy)*
- Prof. Marion Bedi-Visschers, *University of Applied Sciences Regensburg (Germany)*

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- Prof. Raffaele Federici, *University of Perugia (Italy)*
- Prof. Antonio La Spina, *LUISS (Italy)*
- Testimony: *Victims assisted by the RIAVAT Association*

**6.45-7.00 p.m. Keynote speech**

Ms. Sharon Riggle, *Chief of the Office of the Special Representative UNSG for Children and Armed Conflict and Chief of the Lesson Learned of the Unit*

**7.00-7.20 p.m. Conclusions**

- Prof. Maria Caterina Federici, *University of Perugia, Italy*
- Prof. Fausto Pocar, *International Institute of Humanitarian Law*
- Prof. Uliano Conti, *University of Perugia*

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### **Closing Conference**

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### **Which future perspectives?**

#### **3.00-3.30 p.m. Welcome addresses:**

- Prof. Eugenio Gaudio, *Rector of Sapienza University of Rome (tbc)*
- Prof. Sergio Marchisio, *Sapienza University of Rome, Italy*
- Prof. Fausto Pocar, *International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Italy*
- Prof. Maria Caterina Federici, *University of Perugia, Italy*

#### **3.30-4.30 p.m. Round Table: “Strengthening the judicial protection of girl children affected by armed conflict “**

***Moderator:*** Prof. Fausto Pocar, *Judge ad hoc ICJ, Former President ICTY*

- Judge Guido Raimondi, *President of Section of the Italian Court of Cassation, former President of the European Court of Human Rights*
- Prof. Thomas Furaha Mwangalwa, *Université Officielle de Bukavu (Democratic Republic of Congo)*
- Prof. Raffaele Cadin, *Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)*
- Dr. Khalid Al Tamimi, *Al Alamein Institute (Iraq)*
- Prof. Dragos Chilea, *University of Tirgu Mures (Romania)*
- Prof. Silvia Scarpa, *John Cabot University (Italy)*

*Break 10 minutes*

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**4.40-5.40 p.m. Round table: “Strengthening the implementation of the UNSC Resolution 1325/2000 on WPS in order to protect girl children in armed conflict”**

**Moderator:** Prof. Sergio Marchisio, *Sapienza University of Rome*

- Prof. Jan Fritz, *University of Cincinnati (USA)*
- Prof. Jules Thomas Mukadi, *Université Catholique Sanctae Mariae du Congo (Democratic Republic of Congo)*
- Prof. Massimo Fragola, *Seminario Permanente di Studi Internazionali (Italy)*
- Prof. Settimio Stallone, *University of Naples Federico II (Italy)*
- Dr. Janet Serwah Boateng, *University of Cape Coast (Ghana)*
- Prof. Maher O. Masood, *Al Azhar University - Gaza (Palestine)*

*Break 10 minutes*

**5.50-6.00 p.m. Brief report on the activity of the Network**

- Prof. Uliano Conti
- Dr. Debora Capalbo
- Dr. Giovanna Gnerre Landini

**6.00-6.30 p.m. Proposals from the Network**

**6.30-7.00 p.m. Conclusions “Which future guidelines for the Network?”**

- Prof. Sergio Marchisio, *Sapienza University of Rome*
- Prof. Fausto Pocar, *International Institute of Humanitarian Law*
- Prof. Maria Caterina Federici, *University of Perugia*
- Prof. Laura Guercio, *University of Perugia*

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