

## NATO SPRING SCHOOL: “The prominence of the transatlantic alliance in the security of Europe”

*An interactive initiative for NATO 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

**April, 10-11-12 2024**

The NATO Spring School, realized with the support of the **US Embassy in Rome**, is a hybrid course organized by the **Institute of International Affairs (IAI)** and its network, on the occasion of the **NATO’s 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. The course combines lectures and presentations. It is first delivered **online** (in the period between **February and March 2024**), anticipating an **in-person group modelling and simulation game** (to be held in **April 2024**).

Through an intensive and **interactive** approach, the NATO Spring School aims to expose participants to existing debates and initiatives within NATO, endowing them with a **deeper and critical understanding** of the new **security challenges** the Alliance faces as well as of the way it works as on the world stage.

The School provides participants (**max. of 30** among primarily undergraduates, postgraduates and young professionals) with the opportunity to gain and strengthen their **team-working, analytical presentation, public speaking and negotiation skills**.

### **Educational Program**

The NATO Spring School is structured in accordance with an active learning approach, which alternates seminar sessions with exercises aimed at conducting and refining the research of case studies and the analysis of international political events, all through the study of sources and the practice of writing specialized texts.

The School will take place over two phases:

- a first cycle of **online lectures (7,5 hours)** to be held in the period between February and March 2024. The class calendar will be announced soon.
- **three consecutive days (April, 10-11-12 2024)** of in-person group modelling and simulation game at the *Istituto Affari Internazionali* (located in Via dei Montecatini, 17, in Rome), through which participants will attend lectures, interact with instructors, and engage in simulation activities. The simulation is structured according to a hybrid educational approach, alternating simulation sessions with expert briefings aimed at analyzing trends and challenges in international security. During the simulation, each participant will represent a NATO Member State. The final goal of the exercise will be the drafting of a concluding document on the future challenges for the Alliance, resulting from the negotiation among participants.

The teaching staff consists of experts, researchers from the *Istituto Affari Internazionali - IAI network*, knowledgeable in the subject matter, and representatives from public and private institutions.

The course includes the following **instructional modules**:

- NATO's structure and policies;

- Analysis of international security threats and recent developments;
- Negotiation techniques;
- Writing and reporting techniques.

Participants are expected to undertake some self-study, also supported by the material that will be provided by the lectures and teaching staff, which will be useful to better manage the simulation model.

The course is in English.

### Target Audience and Participation

The course is aimed at undergraduate and graduate students, as well as recent graduates and young professionals, with a background in Humanities and Social Sciences (Political Science, Economics, Law), who wish to delve into security topics and look to develop professionalism in these areas.

The course is **free of charge** thanks to the support of the US Embassy of Rome, and has limited enrolment with a maximum of 30 participants.

Participation in the course will be based on a **selection of interested students. Refer to [this link for requirements and deadlines](#).**

To participate in the course, it is necessary to fill out [the online registration form](#) by **January 26, 2024 at 11.59 pm (Italian time)**, attaching one's curriculum vitae and motivation letter, following the instructions on the Institute's portal.

Candidates who are not evaluated as eligible for the course will not be contacted. The selection procedure will be at the sole discretion of the Spring School's Scientific Committee.

### Credit Recognition

At the end of the course, a participation certificate will be provided to those who have successfully attended **at least 80% of the activities**.

IAI provides the necessary documentation for the recognition of ECTS credits by the university of enrolment to all participants who have successfully attended at least 80% of the lessons.

For members of the Armed Forces and State Police Corps, IAI provides the necessary support for the annotation to the service record.

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