

## CALL FOR PARTICIPATION FOR YOUNG ITALIAN STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS INTERESTED IN ARMS CONTROL

The Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) invites junior Italian diplomats, university students, PhD students, post-docs, researchers, scholars and young professionals with an interest in NATO, arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament to submit an application for the *Young Scholars Virtual Meeting*.

The IAI, in cooperation with The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy is organizing a public conference on “*NATO’s Role in Arms Control and Non-Proliferation: lessons from the past, current challenges and future perspectives*”. The Conference aims at increasing the knowledge and awareness, particularly among Italy’s young scholars and students, on the importance and significance of NATO’s contribution in promoting international security evaluating the past, present and potential future role of the Alliance in the field of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation.

The conference will involve participants from academia, think tanks, Italian institutions and international organizations. It will feature the presentation of four papers by renewed experts on the following topics:

- Promoting Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament in the Post-INF Era: NATO and its Nuclear Strategy (by Katarzyna Kubiak, European Leadership Network, ELN)
- Nuclear Risk Reduction: Looking Back, Moving Forward, and the Role of NATO (by Wilfred Wan, The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, UNIDIR)
- NATO’s Current and Future Support for Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (by Rose Gottemoeller, Stanford University and Steven Hill, Leiden University)
- NATO’s Role in Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Arms Control: A (Critical) History (by Leopoldo Nuti, University Roma Tre)

**The Conference will be preceded by a “*Young Scholars Virtual Meeting*” dedicated to young Italian students, researchers, and professionals interested in NATO and in the arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament issues. During this meeting, selected candidates will have the opportunity to discuss the papers (which will be sent to them in advance) with the four paper givers, make comments or ask questions.**

The Young Scholars Virtual Meeting will be held virtually, on **15 February 2021** from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm.

The Conference will be held virtually, on **16 February 2021** from 2 pm to 6 pm. The working language of the conference will be English.

### Requirements:

- 35 years old or younger by the time of application
- Italian Citizenship
- Proved interest in the Arms Control, Non-Proliferation and Disarmament field and NATO
- Advanced level of English

### Application material:

- ✓ Résumé or CV
- ✓ Cover letter detailing the applicant’s motivations for taking part in the event
- ✓ Short Letter of Reference

### Application process:

Applicants must submit their candidacy by **5 February 2021** sending the application material to [NATO70@iai.it](mailto:NATO70@iai.it)

Please note that only selected candidates will be contacted