

Young Women and Next Generation Initiative in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Fourth Outreach Event

Working at International Organizations: Tips and Insights for the Next Generation

The Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

31st March 2022

The Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) will hold the 4th YWNGI virtual outreach event entitled: “*Working at International Organizations: Tips and Insights for the Next Generation – the BWC and the OPCW*”.

The meeting will take place on Zoom on **31 March 2022, from 3pm to 4.15pm**.

The webinar will feature introductory presentations by representatives from the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Biological and Toxins Weapons Convention (BTWC). Speakers will share their personal experience in the field and help students with insights and information, including how to enter and advance in a career in non-proliferation and disarmament field. Following the experts’ remarks, the meeting will be open for questions and comments from the audience.

The webinar is intended for students and young specialists, particularly young women, who are interested in working in international organisations or in taking part in internships, training and capacity building initiatives or engaging in networking and similar programmes developed by international organisations.

The event will be open to the general public.

Background

The Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP), in the framework of the [EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament \(EUNPD\) Consortium](#) have launched a *Young Women and Next Generation Initiative*, a new initiative to encourage young women and the next generation to enter the non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament field.

Driven by the widely perceived age and gender imbalances among experts and practitioners in the non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament field, the *Young Women and Next Generation Initiative* aims to help address such imbalances by exposing college and university level students to arms control issues, increasing their awareness of them and encouraging their participation in events and workshops. The initiative also aims to respond to the very limited offering of relevant courses on WMD issues in colleges and universities at undergraduate and master’s level. The goal is to help students understand how to pursue a career in the field, making the best use of their own skills.



The Initiative includes the creation of a mentorship programme, the conveying of workshops and meetings, and the organisation of outreach visits at universities.

Agenda

14:50 Registration and access to the virtual room

15:00 **Welcome Address**

Ettore Greco, Executive Vice President of the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

15:10 **Moderator**

Federica Dall'Arche, Senior Research Associate, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

Panellists

Daniel Feakes, Chief of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Biological Weapons Convention within the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs in Geneva

Elisabeth Waechter, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) Head of Public Affairs Branch

Q&A

16:15 **Meeting Ends**

