

Sunday, 4th October 2026

PM		Participants Arrival
19:00	21:30	Course presentation/Ice breaker and Welcome Dinner A memory of Prof. Antonino Zichichi, pioneer in Science Diplomacy with Lorenzo Zichichi

Monday, 5th October 2026 **Science Diplomacy: History, Visions and Perspectives**

09:00	09:45	Welcome from School Directors: David Burigana (University of Padua), Virginia Coda Nunziante (National Research Council of Italy), Pascal Griset (Sorbonne University and University of Ottawa), Stefano Mannino (Centre for Defense Higher Studies), Umberto Vattani (Venice International University) Institutional welcome greetings: Andrea Lenzi (President of National Research Council of Italy), Lamberto Maria Moruzzi (Deputy Director General-Directorate General for Growth and Export Promotion – MAECI and Principal Director for Science, Space and Sports diplomacy)
09:45	10:30	The dual nature of science diplomacy, Pierre-Bruno Ruffini (University of Le Havre Normandy, France)
10:30	11:00	Coffee Break
11:00	11:45	Science diplomacy in History, Léonard Laborie (CNRS - Paris) Focus on Arctic and Italy: an operational History, David Burigana (University of Padua)
11:45	12:15	Discussion
12:15	13:00	Round Table: Europe-Canada: Arctic and Science Diplomacy Moderator: Pascal Griset (Sorbonne University and University of Ottawa), Speakers: Costanza Conti (Italian Scientific Attaché in Canada), Paolo Quattrocchi (Centro Studi Italia-Canada), Alexane Thibodeau (Government of Quebec in Italy)
13:00	13:30	Discussion
13:30	15:30	Lunch and break
15:30	18:30	Wargaming activities: “Science & Diplomacy in the Arctic”, Andrea Bernardi, Giovanni Farioli, Adriano Pantaleo (wargaming facilitators)
20:00		Dinner
21:30	22:30	Book Nook: Embrangled Science Diplomacy. A history of challenges and failures. Actors, dynamics, arenas, diplomatic objects since the 1960s, edited by D. Burigana and L. Laborie, discussed by Daniele Pasquinucci (University of Siena, President of Società italiana di Storia internazionale_SiSi), Raasmus Bertelesen (The Arctic University of Norway)

Tuesday, 6th October 2026 **Arctic: Science, Geopolitics and Cooperation**

09:00	10:05	Space and the Arctic Region, Roberto Battiston (University of Trento)
10:05	11:10	The Italian model of civil-military cooperation in the poles, Alessandro Anoja (Italian Joint Steering Committee for the Arctic, Sub Arctic and Antarctic Environment)
11:10	11:40	Coffee Break
11:40	12:45	The Arctic as a complex system: from ocean physics to Science Diplomacy, Sandro Carniel (Institute of Polar Science - CNR)
13:30	15:30	Lunch and break
15:30	18:30	Wargaming activities: “Science & Diplomacy in the Arctic”
20:00		Dinner

Wednesday, 7th October 2026

08:30	15:00	Excursion: Archeological Site, Segesta
15:30	18:30	Wargaming activities: "Science & Diplomacy in the Arctic"
20:00		<i>Dinner</i>

Thursday, 8th October 2026 **Polar Region and Strategic Routes**

09:00	10:05	Italian Navy High North program , Roberta Ivaldi (Italian Hydrographic Institute)
10:05	11:10	Research programmes and national strategy documents for the Arctic policies of the Nordic countries , Augusto Marcelli (Italian Scientific Attaché in Sweden)
11:10	11:40	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:40	12:45	Greenland's mineral resources and the semiconductor industry's materials supply chain. A problem for science, technology and diplomacy , Alessandro Paccagnella (University of Padua)
13:30	15:30	<i>Lunch and break</i>
15:30	18:30	Wargaming activities: "Science & Diplomacy in the Arctic"
20:00		<i>Dinner</i>
21:30	22:30	Action Nook: CA "Science in Diplomacy Network (SiDnet)" discussed by Gianluigi Riva (Bocconi University and Chair of SiDnet), Raasmus Bertelesen (The Arctic University of Norway)

Friday, 9th October 2026 **Global Science Diplomacy and Future Challenges**

09:00	10:05	The Arctic in the Era of Global Change , Florian Vidal (The Arctic University of Norway)
10:05	11:10	Building a European Union framework for science diplomacy , Jan Marco Mueller (Science Diplomacy and Multilateral Relations, EC, DG Research and Innovation)
11:10	11:40	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:40	13:15	Round Table: Schools and International Projects on Science Diplomacy in Dialogue Moderator: Francesca Tolve (National Research Council of Italy) Speakers: Marcelo Knobel (The World Academy of Sciences - TWAS), Emanuela Colombo (Politecnico di Milano), Elke Dall (Centre for Social Innovation - ZSI, Austria), Alessandro Lombardo (Executive Secretariat of the Central European Initiative - CEI)
13:30	15:30	<i>Lunch and break</i>
15:30	18:00	Round Table among Students – Moderators: Claudio Barchesi (National Research Council of Italy), Marco Ferrazzoli (National Research Council of Italy)
18:00	18:45	Closing Ceremony (Attendance certificate, Group photo, Course evaluation form) Moderators: Umberto Vattani (Venice International University), Gaetano Virgilio (Centre for Defense Higher Studies)
20:00		<i>Gala Dinner</i>

Saturday, 10th October 2026

9:00	9:30	<i>Departure (leave the room by 9.30 am)</i>
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