

## **CALL FOR INTEREST**

### **OSCE LABORATORY Programme – Cycle of online Seminars 2026**

#### **The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) as a model for multilateral regional diplomacy of the 21st century**

**March-May 2026**

**(20 hours)**

OSCE – the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe – is the world’s largest regional security organization, comprising 57 participating States in North America, Europe and Asia. OSCE is a forum for political dialogue on a wide range of security issues and a platform for joint action to improve the lives of individuals and communities. The organization uses a comprehensive approach to security that encompasses the politico-military, economic and environmental, and human dimensions.

Alongside nine Italian Universities and in collaboration with ISPI and IAI, the Italian Permanent Mission to the OSCE has organized the II edition of a workshop dedicated to exploring the work of the Organization and the Department of Political and Social Sciences of UNIBO is launching a **Call for Interest** to engage students in joining the workshop.

#### **A) Educational objectives**

The workshop aims to foster a better comprehension of certain aspects and tools of multilateral diplomacy, in relation to the work of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The final goal is to promote and develop participants’ critical capacities through the analysis of concrete and current issues affecting the OSCE area.

At the end of the workshop, students should have acquired the necessary knowledge and instruments to enable them to:

- recognize and understand the main features of regional multilateral diplomacy, in particular in the OSCE context;
- evaluate and analyze the different instruments and strategies approaches as envisaged and implemented within the OSCE;
- identify and assess the OSCE strengths and shortcomings in the domain of international relations and regional geopolitics.

#### **B) Programme**

The workshop is structured in a series of seminars, focused on the OSCE institutions, their functioning and on the main activities of the Organization. The seminars are complemented by a series of Case

studies and Simulations related to specific activities. The seminars, which takes place in an online format, will be held by Ambassadors, Officers and Experts while University Professors and practitioners will run the “case studies” and simulations.

### **C) Educational methods**

The workshop will start on **March 2026** until – indicatively – the end of May 2026. Lectures will be held on selected weekdays in the afternoon (usually, 5.30-7pm). The workshop is divided into 10 sessions of 2 hours each (1h of lecture and 1h of case study - in both cases including Q&A) and is based on an interactive teaching approach. All seminars will be in English.

Each Session will be held on an online platform (ZOOM). No recordings will be available. The attendance for the whole seminar cycle shall be compulsory and the presence will be verified from time to time.

### **D) Benefits**

At the end of the workshop, each student will be able to receive a formal certificate of participation issued by the Italian Permanent Mission to the OSCE validated by UNIBO and the recognition of 4 formative credits (SSD IUS/13) upon request to be attributed to the Group of Elective Courses TAF D as extra credits. The grant of the credits will be subjected to the elaboration and positive evaluation of an essay critically discussing one of the topics of the course. The essay must be agreed with and delivered to Professors Marco Borraccetti (marco.borraccetti@unibo.it) and Carmelo Danisi (carmelo.danisi2@unibo.it) by 15 July 2026.

### **E) Prerequisites**

The seminar cycle is offered to max 6 students who are currently enrolled either in the MA in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs (Scienze Internazionali e Diplomatiche – SID), or in International Politics and Economics (IPE), or in East European and Eurasian Studies (MIREES).

The candidates must have obtained at least 4 credits in International Law during their whole educational pathway, including the Bachelor’s degree.

### **F) Required documentation**

Submit your application on Studenti Online before **March 12th 2026 at 12:00 (CET)**.

1. Log in on Studenti Online using your institutional login and password;
2. Click on “BANDI”/Call for application;
3. Select OSCE Laboratory Call for application

Please upload online the following mandatory documents in .pdf format:

- motivation letter
- updated CV

- certificate of the Bachelor Degree with list of exams (if not achieved at the University of Bologna).

Please note that the transcripts of Bachelor and Master's Degree of the University of Bologna are automatically retrieved by the system.

For assistance with the completion of the on-line admission application, candidates can contact the Help Desk of Studenti Online tel. number +39 051 2080301 or e-mail [help.studentionline@unibo.it](mailto:help.studentionline@unibo.it).

All communication regarding the present Call for Application will be sent to the students' institutional mailbox [name.surname@studio.unibo.it](mailto:name.surname@studio.unibo.it).

### **G) Selection process and results**

The selection of candidates will be carried out by a Commission composed of Prof. Marco Borraccetti, Carmelo Danisi and Antonio Jerry Palma, which will attribute up to a maximum of 50 points according to the following criteria:

a) University career (max. 25 points):

- Bachelor's degree grade (for the students who have not obtained any credits in the Master's degree)/average of the scores in the Master's degree: max. 10 points
- CFU obtained in the enrolled MA: max. 5 points
- Relevant extracurricular activities and/or other educational activities: max. 5 points
- Relevant foreign experiences: max. 5 points

b) Motivation letter (max. 25 points).

### **H) Ranking List**

The ranking list will be available at: <http://bandi.unibo.it> by March 17th 2026

Selected students will receive a formal notification via e-mail only to the institutional mailbox: [name.surname@studio.unibo.it](mailto:name.surname@studio.unibo.it)

### **I) Acceptance**

Selected students will need to send an acceptance statement to the OSCE Laboratory within 3 days from the publication of the ranking lists to the email address [sps.Direttore.Mbx@unibo.it](mailto:sps.Direttore.Mbx@unibo.it).

### **J) Personal Data**

The Information note on the processing of personal data is available on the University website at <https://www.unibo.it/en/university/privacy-policy-and-legal-notes/privacy-policy/personaldataprocessing>.

For information on the Call for application please contact [sps.Direttore.Mbx@unibo.it](mailto:sps.Direttore.Mbx@unibo.it).

For information on the academic and teaching please contact Professors Marco Borraccetti ([marco.borraccetti@unibo.it](mailto:marco.borraccetti@unibo.it)) and Carmelo Danisi ([carmelo.danisi2@unibo.it](mailto:carmelo.danisi2@unibo.it)).

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