Opening Conference  
Co-organised by University of Perugia and Institute of Political Studies S. Pio V (Italy)

Giving hopes to Girl Children in Armed Conflict.  
A joint commitment from the academic community  

20th Anniversary of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (OPAC)  

November 16, 2020, 3.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. CET

Where are we now?

3.00-3.20 p.m. Welcome addresses:  
• Prof. Maurizio Oliviero, Rector of the University of Perugia  
• H.E. Ms. Marina Sereni, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy  
• Prof. Maria Caterina Federici, University of Perugia, Italy  
• Prof. Paolo de Nardis, Institute of Political Studies S. Pio V, Italy

3.20-3.30 p.m. Why a Joint Commitment from the academic System? Introduction to the Project of the Network  
• Prof. Fausto Pocar, International Institute of Humanitarian Law  
• Prof. Sergio Marchisio, Sapienza University of Rome  
• Prof. Laura Guercio, University of Perugia

3.30-4.30 p.m. Panel I “The violations of girl children’s rights in armed conflict”  

20 years after the Optional Protocol, what is the current situation?  

**Moderator:** Prof. Laura Guercio, University of Perugia

• Prof. Marco Pertile, University of Trento (Italy)  
• Prof. Roja Fazaeli, Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)  
• Prof. Klodiana Beshku, University of Tirana (Albania)  
• Prof. Domenico Rosani, University of Innsbruck (Austria)

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• Prof. Laura Carpaneto, University of Genoa (Italy)
• Prof. Victor Kalunga, Université de Kalemie (Democratic Republic of Congo)
• Prof. Giuseppe Cataldi, University of Naples L'Orientale (Italy)
• Testimony: Ms. Daniela Fatarella, Director General of Save The Children Italia

Break 10 minutes

4.40-5.40 p.m. Panel II “Pandemic and conflict: international humanitarian law and girl children in armed conflict”

Pandemics and international humanitarian law: which are the necessary reforms?

Moderator: Dr. Debora Capalbo, Sapienza University of Rome

• Ms. Gloria Cinque, Italian Ministry of Defence
• Prof. Radoslaw Malinowski, Tangaza University College (Kenya)
• Prof. Ahmed Aubais Alfatlawi, University of Kufa (Iraq)
• Prof. Kito Masimango, Université Panafricaine de conformité en océanique (Republic Democratic of Congo)
• Ms Diya Nijhowne, Executive Director of the Global Coalition to protect Education from Attack
• Testimony: Croce Rossa Italiana (tbc)

Keynote speech: H.E. Ms. Virginia Gamba, Special Representative UNSG for Children and Armed Conflict

6.00-7.00 p.m. Panel III “Social Reintegration of girl children affected by armed conflict”

What are the main challenges for the social reintegration of girl children affected by armed conflict and how is the Optional Protocol implemented?

Moderator: Ms. Christiana Ruggeri, Journalist tg2 Esteri

• Prof. Annamaria Rufino, University Luigi Vanvitelli (Italy)
• Prof. Ingrid Palmary University of Johannesburg (South Africa)
• Prof. Bahtije Gerbeshi Zylfiu, University of Pristina (Kosovo)
• Prof. Paul Blokker, University of Bologna (Italy)
• Prof. Marion Bedi-Visschers, University of Applied Sciences Regensburg (Germany)

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• Prof. Raffaele Federici, *University of Perugia (Italy)*
• Prof. Antonio La Spina, *LUISS (Italy)*
• Testimony: *Victims assisted by the RIAVAT Association*

### 7.00-7.20 p.m. Conclusions

• Prof. Maria Caterina Federici, *University of Perugia, Italy*
• Prof. Fausto Pocar, *International Institute of Humanitarian Law*
• Prof. Uliano Conti, *University of Perugia*
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Which future perspectives?

3.00-3.30 p.m. Welcome addresses:

• Prof. Eugenio Gaudio, Rector of Sapienza University of Rome (tbc)
• Ambassador Mara Marinaki, EEAS Principal Adviser on Gender and on the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (tbc)
• Prof. Sergio Marchisio, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
• Prof. Fausto Pocar, International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Italy
• Prof. Maria Caterina Federici, University of Perugia, Italy

3.30-4.30 p.m. Round Table: “Strengthening the judicial protection of girl children affected by armed conflict “

Moderator: Prof. Fausto Pocar, Judge ad hoc ICJ, Former President ICTY

• Judge Guido Raimondi, President of Section of the Italian Court of Cassation, former President of the European Court of Human Rights
• Prof. Thomas Furaha Mwagalwa, Università Officielle de Bukavu (Democratic Republic of Congo)
• Prof. Raffaele Cadin, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)
• Dr. Khalid Al Tamimi, Al Alamein Institute (Iraq)
• Prof. Dragos Chilea, University of Tirgu Mures (Romania)
• Prof. Silvia Scarpa, John Cabot University (Italy)

Break 10 minutes

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4.40-5.40 p.m. Round table: “Strengthening the implementation of the UNSC Resolution 1325/2000 on WPS in order to protect girl children in armed conflict”

Moderator: Prof. Sergio Marchisio, Sapienza University of Rome

- Prof. Jan Fritz, University of Cincinnati (USA)
- Prof. Jules Thomas Mukadi, Université Catholique Sanctae Mariae du Congo (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- Prof. Massimo Fragola, Seminario Permanente di Studi Internazionali (Italy)
- Prof. Settimio Stallone, University of Naples Federico II (Italy)
- Dr. Janet Serwah Boateng, University of Cape Coast (Ghana)
- Prof. Maher O. Masood, Al Azhar University - Gaza (Palestine)

Break 10 minutes

5.50-6.00 p.m. Brief report on the activity of the Network

- Prof. Uliano Conti
- Dr. Debora Capalbo
- Dr. Giovanna Gnerre Landini

6.00-6.30 p.m. Proposals from the Network

6.30-7.00 p.m. Conclusions “Which future guidelines for the Network?”

- Prof. Sergio Marchisio, Sapienza University of Rome
- Prof. Fausto Pocar, International Institute of Humanitarian Law
- Prof. Maria Caterina Federici, University of Perugia
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