

Jean Monnet Center of Excellence DIPLOWideMed

Directed by [Prof. Stefania Panebianco](#)

DIPLOWideMed Crash Course – Programme

Department of Political and Social Sciences

Catania, 28 September – 2 Ottobre 2026

Day 1	Monday, 28 September
<i>Institutional Greetings</i> 9:00 – 9:30	Prof. Maria Alessandra Ragusa – Rector's Delegate for the Internationalisation of Education at the University of Catania Prof. Francesca Longo – Director, Department of Political and Social Sciences
Morning Session: <i>Mediterranean Turmoil</i> 9:30 – 11:30 12:00-13:30	Stefania Panebianco - CoE Director, University of Catania <i>Mediterranean (dis)orders</i> Dott. Emiliano Abramo – Comunità di Sant'Egidio <i>Il Mediterraneo in fiamme: vie per il raggiungimento della pace</i> [with translation]
Afternoon 15:00 – 17:00	Research Lab Prof.ssa Stefania Panebianco

Day 2	Tuesday, 29 September
Morning Session <i>Mediterranean Diplomacy</i> 9:30 – 11:30 12:00-13:30	Virginie Collombier – Mediterranean Platform, Rome <i>Mediterranean Diplomacy Practices</i> Maria Sanfilippo – Cultural Mediator UNICT
Afternoon 15:00 – 17:00	Research Lab Prof.ssa Virginie Collombier

Day 3	Wednesday, 30 September
Morning Session: <i>The European Security Strategy</i> 9:30 – 11:30 12:00-13:30 <i>Sustainable Blue Economy</i>	Nicoletta Pirozzi, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) <i>Forging the European Union's Security Identity in an Age of Strategic Competition</i> Mounir Ghribi, Director of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Blue Economy, EMUNI
Afternoon 15:00 – 17:00	Research Lab Prof.ssa Nicoletta Pirozzi

Day 4	1 October
Morning Session <i>Mediterranean Migration</i> 9:30 – 11:30 12:00-13:30	Federica Zardo – Senior Researcher, University for Continuing Education Krems <i>Mediterranean Migration Actors</i> Gemma Aubarell – Head of the Civil Society Department, IEMed <i>Civil society, migration and mobility issues</i>
Afternoon 15:00 – 17:00	Research Lab Prof.ssa Federica Zardo

Day 5	2 October
Morning Session 9:00 – 13:30 <i>Book launch</i>	Michelle Pace – Professor, Roskilde University <i>Un-Welcome to Denmark</i>
Afternoon 15:00 – 17:00	Final Forum Sabina Magnano, Parlamento Europeo <i>Participatory Democracy in EU Policy-making</i>