



Become a Changemaker



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About us

SUMMER PEACE UNIVERSITY

Since **2005**, the Calabrian Institute for International Policies (**Istituto Calabrese di Politiche Internazionali – IsCaPI**) has provided students from around the world with opportunities to participate in educational, training and professional programs in southern Italy, within the stunning region of **Calabria**, one of the **Mediterranean's** most beautiful landscapes.

Founded in 2005 at the University of Calabria, IsCaPI is a **non-profit organization** focused on education and research in political studies and international economics. **The institute promotes economic, social and cultural cooperation through its various initiatives.**



Objectives

Starting in 2024, **IsCaPI** has established a global consortium of universities. This new initiative, known as the **Summer Peace University**, brings to life one of the institute's core missions: engaging students and academics in becoming **leaders for peace.**



Partners Universities

The Summer Peace University offers a **Master's program** recognized by all its member universities.

The consortium comprises **11 universities**, each representing a different country. These include the ***Mediterranean University of Tirana (Albania)***, the ***University of Social and Media Culture in Torun – University of Applied Sciences (Poland)***, ***Heliopolis University (Egypt)***, the ***University of Tuscia in Viterbo (Italy)***, ***Midwest University Institute of Cooperation and Development (Nepal)***, ***Universidad de Rio Negro (Argentina)***, ***Crown Institute of Higher Education (Australia)***, the ***University of Dhaka (Bangladesh)***, ***RK University – Gujarat, Rajkot (India)***, ***Kenyatta University (Kenya)***, and the ***University of Zakho (Iraq)***.

A global initiative for peace and international cooperation

The Summer Peace University, which will take place from *October 20 to November 15, 2024*, in ***Belvedere Marittimo - Calabria***, represents an important international academic initiative designed to **train future leaders** in the **field of peace** and **international cooperation**. Organized by the **Calabrian Institute of International Policies** in collaboration with **Municipality of Belvedere Marittimo**, this event brings together **students**, **professionals**, and **activists** from all over the world, creating a stimulating and **intercultural environment** dedicated to **education** and the **promotion of peace**.





Objectives and Mission

The **mission** of the Summer Peace University is clear and ambitious: **to train individuals capable of addressing global challenges through an innovative and responsible approach**, in a context characterized by conflicts, inequalities and growing tensions. The **program aims** to provide participants with the **skills and knowledge** necessary **to actively contribute to building** a more *peaceful, inclusive, and sustainable world*.

The Summer Peace University is not just a learning opportunity but a commitment to a better future, promoting a culture of dialogue, mutual understanding and international cooperation.

An Academic Program of Excellence

The program of the Summer Peace University is designed to offer a high-level educational experience, relying on an international **Scientific Committee** composed of prestigious experts and academics from Italian and foreign universities and other prominent institutions. These collaborations ensure the integration of the latest developments in the field of peace and international cooperation, making the program **cutting-edge**.

Participants will have access to a wide range of **activities**, including:

- **Lectures and Conferences:** Insights into key topics related to peace and international cooperation.
- **Workshops and Labs:** Practical activities that foster the concrete application of the skills acquired.
- **Negotiation Simulations:** Practical exercises to develop leadership and mediation skills.



A Networking and Collaboration Opportunity

The Summer Peace University also offers a significant **networking platform**. Participants will have the opportunity to **interact** with leading professionals in the field of peace and international cooperation, opening doors to **future career opportunities and collaborations**.

The **diversity** of participants from various cultural and national backgrounds further enriches the educational experience, promoting the exchange of ideas and perspectives.

Local and Global Impact

A distinctive aspect of the Summer Peace University is its **commitment** to the **local community**. Through collaboration with **schools** and **local institutions**, the program includes **days dedicated** to the **cultural knowledge** of the area, raising **participants' awareness** of the importance of **valuing local heritage** and building a more **inclusive** and **peaceful society**.

This approach not only enriches the participants' **experience** but also helps to create **lasting bonds** between different **cultures**.



Key Themes of the Program

The program addresses a series of **fundamental themes**, including:

- **Peace Education:** 

Strategies to promote peace in communities through education.

- **Sustainable Development:** 

Sustainable agricultural practices and policies to reduce food waste.

- **Social Justice and Inclusion:** 

Analysis of the origins and forms of racism, with strategies to combat it.

- **International Cooperation:** 

Dynamics of cooperation between nations and investments in agricultural development in developing countries.

- **Climate Change:** 

Socioeconomic impacts and policies needed to address environmental challenges.



PROGRAM



Program Goals

To provide skills and knowledge to address global challenges and promote peace and international cooperation.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE:



Week 1: Geopolitics and the Future

- **Introduction** to international cooperation and the **role** of leaders in promoting peace.
- **Analysis** of the current **geopolitical** situation and democratic challenges.
- **Exploration** of the **impact** of emerging technologies and Artificial Intelligence (**AI**).

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Week 2: Economy and Inequalities

- **Study** of the **role of energy** in geopolitics and the dynamics of **energy markets**.
- **Analysis** of the European Union system and its global political and **trade relations**.

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Week 3: Climate Change, Justice, and Corruption

- **Examination** of the causes and **strategies** for mitigating climate change.
- **Reflection** on the importance of **education** for global citizenship and sustainability.
- **Discussion** on ethics and morality in **contemporary leadership**.

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Week 4: Migration, Racism, and World Hunger

- **Analysis** of the causes and consequences of **migrations** and **migration policies**.
- **Study** of the **causes** of global hunger, including poverty and conflicts.
- **Exploration** of solutions to improve access to food resources and promote **sustainable agricultural practices**.

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PROGRAM



Final Activities:

- **Drafting** of a white paper with practical proposals.
- Final presentation of student **projects**.



Methodology:

- **Integration** of **theory** and **practice** through **simulations**, **role-playing games**, and **expert interventions**.



Conclusion:

The program offers a **training opportunity** to develop **skills** in the field of **peace** and **international cooperation**, preparing participants to become **effective leaders** in a **complex global context**.

CULTURAL PROGRAM

The Italian Cultural Routes

Additionally, students can participate in 20 hours per week of cultural and educational activities and excursions, organized around specific thematic areas.

The diverse tracks within the master class include the following:

RED ROUTE

Mediterranean Gastronomy and Wine

YELLOW ROUTE

Arts and Crafts in the Village

BLUE ROUTE

Visual Art and History

GREEN ROUTE

Exploring and Discovering the Territory

SPECIAL ROUTE

Village Events





RED ROUTE

Mediterranean Gastronomy and Wine

Experience the richness of traditional Italian cuisine through both theory and practice. Learn culinary terminology, get acquainted with local ingredients, and master the preparation of classic dishes. You will delve into the fundamental principles of the Mediterranean diet while exploring pasta-making, stews, bread, and pizza.





YELLOW ROUTE

Mediterranean Gastronomy and Wine

Engage in hands-on workshops where local artisans teach the fundamental techniques of traditional crafts such as ceramics and painting. After each session, students will have the opportunity to take home their handcrafted creations. Immerse yourself in local culture by exploring traditional Southern Italian dances, like the Tarantella. This combination of language and artistic heritage promises a unique and enriching experience.





BLUE ROUTE

Visual Art and History

Participate in visits to historic cultural centers and visual art-themed events, where students will learn about significant historical events, local history, art, customs and traditions.





GREEN ROUTE

Visual Art and History

Embark on excursions that prioritize nature. Discover a variety of ecosystems while learning to appreciate and protect the environment in areas, such as Sila and Pollino national parks, guided by experts in park and environmental conservation. Experience the charm of some of the most beautiful villages in Calabria—timeless treasures where every stone tells an ancient story and each alleyway leads you deeper into history.





SPECIAL ROUTE

Village Events

Students will fully immerse themselves in local cultural experiences by participating in traditional celebrations and events happening in the area throughout the course.





AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

We invite everyone who **wishes** to actively contribute **to building** a more **peaceful** and **sustainable** world to join us for this extraordinary **educational** experience. The **Summer Peace University** is an unmissable opportunity to become part of a global **movement for peace**. With the support of **international partners** and an excellent **academic program**, the Summer Peace University aims to be a beacon of **hope** and **solidarity** in a world that needs transformation.

Together, we can make a difference! The Summer Peace University is not just an event but a collective **commitment** to a **better future**, where peace and international cooperation are at the heart of our actions.

Do not miss the chance **to be part** of this unique **initiative**: your **contribution** is essential to build a **harmonious** and **inclusive** world for **future generations**.



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