

CURRENT AND EMERGING THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

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KEY CONCEPTS

Transnational organized crime; Conflict economies; Protracted crises; Terrorism; Radicalization; Violent extremism; Disinformation; Information manipulation; Cyberattacks; Cyber threats; Hybrid warfare; Illicit activities; International legal order.

ABSTRACT

This **intensive five-day course (40 hours)** provides advanced training on **current and emerging threats to international peace and security**, addressing in an integrated manner the links between **armed conflicts, transnational organized crime, terrorism, radicalization, disinformation, and cyber threats**.

Throughout the course, participants will examine how **illicit economies, the proliferation of weapons, weak rule of law, and the erosion of the international legal order** contribute to the prolongation of armed conflicts and the emergence of increasingly complex forms of violence, such as hybrid wars and protracted conflicts.

The module explores cases in which illicit activities (such as drug cultivation, mining, or illegal logging) sustain the livelihoods of vulnerable communities in the absence of viable economic alternatives, while simultaneously fueling violence, organized crime, and violent extremism.

It also examines contemporary phenomena such as **disinformation, misinformation, and cyberattacks**, understood as strategic tools in modern conflicts and as direct challenges to governance, institutional stability, and international peace.

The module combines an **analytical and practical approach** to understand the cause-and-effect relationships between organized crime, terrorism, radicalization, and armed conflicts. It also includes an analysis of **international legal frameworks**, comparing definitions and approaches to organized crime, terrorism, and transnational offenses, identifying similarities, differences, and cause-and-effect relationships, with an applied focus on **prevention and international response**.

CONTENTS

The module covers the **concepts, dynamics, and responses to modern threats to peace**, including:

- Transnational organized crime
- Conflict economies and their relationship with violence
- Armed conflicts and protracted crises
- Terrorism and armed groups designated as terrorists
- Radicalization and violent extremism
- Disinformation and Misinformation
- Cyberattacks and cyber threats
- Hybrid warfare
- International legal order

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Understand the different concepts and definitions of organized crime, terrorism and extremism, and the definition under different legal frameworks.
2. Get acquainted with the major financing mechanism of organized crime and its relations with existing conflicts.
3. Understand the legal implications of humanitarian, development and peacebuilding workers engaging with terrorist groups under different jurisdictions.
4. Explore the challenges of the international community's response to maintain peace and security and fight organized crime and terrorism.
5. Analyze the role of geopolitical rivalries and disinformation in exacerbating modern conflicts, including their impact on state stability, radicalization, and the spread of extremist ideologies.

LOCATION

- Alfaz del Pi, Alicante, Spain

MODALITY

- in Person

DATE

- 15-19 June 2026

COURSE DURATION

- 40 hours
- 8:30am-5:00pm Monday to Friday

LANGUAGE

- English

METHODOLOGY

The methodology combines expert lectures, structured debates, case study analysis, role-playing exercises, and scenario simulations, promoting **hands-on, participatory learning applied to real-world contexts**.

This approach develops analytical and operational skills applicable in professional contexts related to security, international cooperation, and peacebuilding.

DIPLOMA

Participants who successfully complete the course will obtain an official diploma from the International University Centre for Peace Missions of Helsinki España.

FEES AND PAYMENTS

The course fee is €1,200.

- Meals and accommodation are not included. Applicants are also responsible for any visa-related expenses.
- Payments may be made via **bank transfer or PayPal**. Participants are responsible for any bank transfer fees or currency exchange costs.
- Please note that in case of cancellation prior to the start date of the course, fees are non-refundable. However, the amount paid may be credited toward participation in a future course.
- All payments must be completed before the start of the course, without exception.

BENEFITS



1. Hands-on training:

Gain **practical, immersive experience** in the humanitarian sector, honing the skills you need to excel in international organizations, succeed in your projects, and operate confidently on peace missions.



2. Experienced instructors:

Learn from **in-mission professionals** with real field experience. Receive expert guidance and mentorship to become job-ready or to specialize further in your area of interest.



3. Building community:

Join a **global, supportive network** of classmates and instructors. Access professional advice, career opportunities, and lasting collaborations that extend across organizations and continents.



4. Career advancement:

Boost your professional profile and stand out in the competitive international humanitarian field. These programs equip you with recognized certifications and practical competencies valued by leading organizations.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

- University degree or equivalent professional training or experience
- Fluency in English: B2+.
- Strong interest in international affairs.

ACCOMMODATION

- Participants organize their own accommodation. However, Helsinki España will inform selected participants of the different accommodation options available.

VISA PROCESS

HELSINKI ESPAÑA will provide full support throughout the visa application process, including guidance, an official letter of invitation, and assistance with the necessary steps to facilitate obtaining the visa. However, the responsibility for obtaining the visa rests with the participant, not HELSINKI ESPAÑA

In order to start with the visa process, participants must have paid all the course.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

- Registration form must be sent to iucpm@helsinkiespana.org.

MORE INFORMATION



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