

# THE YOUNG DIPLOMAT

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How do diplomats function within the constraints of a democracy? Is it democratic that treaties, deals, and agreements which influence everyday life are negotiated by unelected representatives? Can and should we make diplomacy more democratic?

This short but intense summer course will give insights into the relationship and challenges between democracy, international diplomacy, and international negotiation. At the end of the week you will take part in a newly developed simulation, incorporating new technologies and methods. You will represent, in pairs of two, an organisation or nation. You are expected to prepare a position, negotiate an agreement, and formulate a press and parliamentary address justifying the results. This simulation will take place at the House of Europe in The Hague!

As part of the course, we will have a field visit to the Peace Palace and the International Criminal Court. A panel discussion with diplomats from the Foreign Office will be facilitated to connect theory to practice.

In the final assignment you are expected to choose a current or historical situation in which an agreement was reached through negotiation. You will analyse this situation through the theoretical lenses as presented during the course. Finally you are expected to put forward a critical review on the relationship between diplomacy and democracy in that particular situation.

As a participant you will:

- gain insights in the relationship between democracy and diplomacy, the constraints and benefits of this relationship, both theoretical as practical.
- gain valuable negotiation and diplomacy skills through a proven combination of applying theoretical knowledge in high end simulations.
- develop skills for public speaking, speech writing, doing research for negotiation and reporting.
- build an international network through the Young Diplomat community and meet with diplomats from different disciplines.
- receive personalised coaching and training due to the small group design.

After completing the negotiation simulation and passing the final assignment you will receive a certificate of participation.

To guarantee personalised and high quality education we will only host 24 spots, so sign up quickly to ensure your place.





## Provisional program

7th of July

20.00 Welcome and introductions at (bar/restaurant)

8th of July

09.00 - 12.00 Introductions to International Negotiation & Diplomacy theory - To be confirmed

13.00 - 15.00 Democracy & Power - A.R. Longman, MSc. (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Departement of Public Administration & Sociology)

16.00 - 17.30 Developing the Rule of Law - Center for International Law Cooperation (CILC) speaker to be confirmed

9th of July

10.00 - 11.30 Visit to the International Criminal Court

13.00 - 15.00 (International) Law & Diplomacy - P. de Vries (Master of Law, Top Diplomat)

15.00 - 17.30 Introductions in Democracy & Diplomacy - H.B. van den Berg, MSc. (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Departement of Public Administration & Sociology, President of The Young Diplomat)

10th of July

09.00 - 12.00 Public Diplomacy & Nation Branding - Dr. Simon Anholt (Independent policy advisor to Heads of State, Hon. Professor UEA)

13.00 - 15.00 Panel discussion: Democracy & Diplomacy in Practice - Speakers to be confirmed

16.30 - 17.30 Guided tour in the Peace Palace

20.00 - 22.00 International Relations Pub Quiz

11th of July

09.00 - 17.30 Northern Macedonia Negotiations Simulation At the House of Europe

12th of July

09.00 - 17.30 Northern Macedonia Negotiations Simulation At the House of Europe

13th of July

09.00 - 11.00 Discussion & Closure of the week program

18th of July

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## Practical information

Location: The Hague.

Tuition Fee: € 100,- (fee does not include accommodation, meals, and transportation).

Tuition fee includes:

- Location for lectures and discussions.
- All reading and teaching materials.
- Certificate of participation.
- Possibility for access to the Royal Library of The Hague.
- Entrance fees to the cultural visits to the Peace Palace, International Criminal Court, and the panel discussion with diplomats.
- First round of drinks during the Pub Quiz.

Accommodation (optional):

- € 230,- shared accommodation with another participant, from the 7th until the 13th of July, in the city centre of The Hague, including breakfast.
- € 350,- private accommodation from the 7th until the 13th of July, in the city centre of The Hague, including breakfast.

Transportation costs:

- From Schiphol Airport to Den Haag Holland Spoor, nearest to the accommodation runs every 15 minutes. One way ticket will cost approximately € 10,-.
- Accommodation is near to the facilities where the lectures are being held, no transportation needed.
- Transportation during the course to the Humanity HUB and the House of Europe is best to take tram 1 from Den Haag Holland Spoor to stop Centrum Den Haag. One way ticket will cost approximately € 1,-.
- Transportation to the International Criminal Court will be done as a group, instructions will be provided during the course. One way ticket will cost approximately € 4,-.
- Transportation to the Peace Palace will be done as a group, instructions will be provided during the course. One way ticket will cost approximately € 2,-.

Optional: an OV chipcard for transportation within The Hague can be provided for € 25,- (this does **not** include the transportations from and to Schiphol Airport).

Application:

To be admitted for this program you do not need previous experience, knowledge, or related studies in the field. This program is open to anyone interested in the subject and wishing to obtain experience with democracy and diplomacy and negotiation. To be selected please provide:

- Motivational statement of a minimum of 250 and maximum 500 words why you want to take part in this summer course and should be considered.
- Curriculum Vitae, including current or previous studies, current or previous work experience, current or previous extra curricula.
- Being able to read, write, and speak English at a sufficient level.
- Payment of tuition fee, and other optional fees, no later than 4 weeks before the start of the program.