



**YOUNG DIPLOMATS NEWS**

## Recap Summer School 2020

### Get together in Montenegro

- 563 Alumni
- 77 Countries
- 13 Editions
- 185 Speakers

**XIII Summer School for Young Diplomats: The Stepping Stone into the World of Diplomacy**

When 47 young diplomats and 37 prominent speakers took the online stage of the XIII Summer School for Young Diplomats "Gavro Vuković" it was clear that this will be an extraordinary event in these changeable times. The first online edition of Summer School managed to gather bright young minds from all corners of the world and facilitate lively discussions about some of the most pressing issues in the world's facing right now.

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### Is this the peak of an iceberg?

We are in the same boat

There is a growing belief that the world is facing a number of challenges that are too great and complex for any one country to tackle alone, and must therefore be addressed through joint efforts. Effective international cooperation is needed to address challenges such as the harmful spread of the COVID-19 virus, the threat of climate change, rising violence in fragile states and regions and record migration and refugee levels. We are in the same boat.

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### Who is the leader?

Global politics has changed its course in many aspects in order to respond to current health crisis. Countries are rethinking their priorities and strategies when it comes to both their national and international politics. The pandemic either imposed or accelerated changes in internal politics, while the relations in European and Euro-Atlantic alliances proved to be the backbone of recovery and progress. But who is the leader?

**Read more:** [Who is the leader?](#) | Young Diplomats

## Secrets of success for young diplomats

The world has changed its course of action many times throughout history. We are now witnessing such a change, and the consequences are here to stay. It is certain that the young diplomats will face obstacles related to their profession. Some of these obstacles are of repetitive nature, and generations throughout history have faced them. Yet, others will occur for the first time, as the changing world brings on newfound circumstances. How has diplomacy changed over the last four years? What are the challenges in foreign affairs for the new generation of diplomats? Do we need a new diplomacy? How to connect through dialogue? Those were only some of the questions that assist with each passing day together with number of other hot topics.

**Read more:** [The leaders of tomorrow: Secrets of success for young diplomats](#) | Young Diplomats

## The Road to the future or Interim Measure?

With introduction of internet, the world has irreversibly changed, leaving not one stone unturned. The development of digital technologies meant that manner in which we communicate and behave was reshaped, and continues to do with the introduction of every development in this field. With the appearance of COVID-19, the world has shifted from offline to online space. This begs the question, how has digital technology impacted the field of diplomacy, and how will it continue to do so in the time to come.

**Read more at:** [Digital Diplomacy: The Road to Future or an Interim Measure?](#) | Young Diplomats

## DIALOGUE FOR THE FUTURE

### Dialogue for Tolerance and Cohesion

On the occasion of UN International Day of Tolerance, November 16, a group of young civil servants from Montenegro gathered for a final workshop of the capacity building programme on social cohesion they have attended during 2020. This group of 30 young enthusiastic professionals contributing to international cooperation and diplomacy across 8 government institutions from Montenegro has shown passion to explore social cohesion intercultural communication in local and global contexts. The programme was organised in the frameworks of regional initiative "Dialogue for the future", focused on trust, diversity and social cohesion. **Read more:** [Dialogue for Tolerance and Cohesion](#) | Young Diplomats

**Mirsad Bibović**  
Ambassador at large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro

Dialogue, trust and cooperation are prerequisites for society's resilience to challenge.

**Daniela Gasparikova**  
UNDP Resident Representative in Montenegro

It is principles underpinning the concept of social cohesion that will help to guide you through making the right choices on the path to the future we all want.

**Janko Tošković**  
Alumnus of the "Dialogue for the future" programme for young diplomats and civil servant from Montenegro

It is very important for me, as young diplomat, to learn something more about different cultural patterns in international relations, building a positive attitude toward differences and ways of giving trust.

**Jovana Bubanja**  
Alumna of the "Dialogue for the future" programme for young diplomats and civil servant from Montenegro

Trust is a key for achieving social cohesion. And gaining trust of other people is our sole responsibility.

*Regional Initiative Dialogue for the future is jointly implemented by UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO and relevant institutions in Montenegro, Republic of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, aiming to create additional space for constructive dialogue between citizens, communities, citizens and decision makers, thus promoting social cohesion, trust and respect for diversity. The programme is funded by United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF).*

## INTERVIEWS

Series of interviews with the Summer School's speakers in cooperation with Prva TV

### Steven Erlanger

Chief Diplomatic Correspondent for Europe at The New York Times, winner of two Pulitzer Prizes, journalist that reported from more than 120 countries. At 2022 he received shared Pulitzer Prize for explanatory reporting on Al Qaeda and at 2017 he received shared Pulitzer Prize for international reporting on the Russia effort to project power abroad.

**Interview with the Pulitzer Prize winner Steven Erlanger** | Young Diplomats

### Adil Najam

Inaugural Dean of the Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University and as Director of the Boston University Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, taught at MIT and at the Harvard Program on Negotiation. Dr. Najam was a lead author for the third and fourth assessments of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), work for which the IPCC was awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

**Interview with Adil Najam, Dean of the Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University** | Young Diplomats

### Vivien A. Schmidt

Jean Monnet Professor of European Integration and Professor of International Relations and Political Science in the Pardee School at Boston University, where she also served as Founding Director of Center for the Study of Democracy in Europe" (Oxford 2006; La Découverte 2010 Ft. trans.) – named in 2015 by the European Parliament as one of the "100 Books on Europe to Remember".

**Interview with Vivien A. Schmidt, Jean Monnet Professor of European Integration** | Young Diplomats

### Erik Goldstein

Professor of International Relations and History at the Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University. Goldstein has written extensively on diplomacy, diplomatic history and British foreign policy. He was the founder-editor of the journal Diplomacy & Statecraft and has served on the editorial boards of the Hague Journal of Diplomacy and International History Review. He served for twelve years as chairman of the Pardee School's predecessor, the Department of International Relations.

**Interview with Erik Goldstein, Professor of International Relations and History at Boston University** | Young Diplomats

### Vesko Garčević

Professor of the Practice of Diplomacy and International Relations at the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, at Boston University, since 2016 and former Ambassador of Montenegro. After Montenegro regained independence in 2006, he served as the first Montenegrin Ambassador to Austria and the OSCE and later as Ambassador to NATO, as well as a bilateral Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

**Interview with Vesko Garčević, Professor of the Practice of Diplomacy at Boston University** | Young Diplomats

### Tristen Naylor

Fellow in International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Dr Naylor's most recent book analyses the history of international summits since the 19th century. Prior to joining the LSE he was the Lecturer in Diplomatic Studies at the University of Oxford, where in 2016 he was named "Most Acclaimed Lecturer" in the Social Sciences. Dr Naylor was also previously a Visiting Researcher at Sciences Po, Paris.

**Interview with Tristen Naylor, Fellow in International Relations at the London School of Economics** | Young Diplomats

## ALUMNI BLOG AWARD

Alumni Blog Award (ABA) in diplomacy and international relations is an opportunity for Summer School Alumni to share their thoughts, views and experience so that they can expand their network with professional peers.

**Read more:** [ABA – Alumni Blog Award](#) | Young Diplomats

### Theme:

Diplomacy for a cohesive and sustainable world.

### Jury:

Representatives of 5 different parties  
[Alumni Blog Award Jury](#) | Young Diplomats

### Michal Hrusik is the winner of Alumni Blog Award.

Michal is a diplomat from Slovak Republic and Summer School alumnus generation 2013.

**Read his blog:** [Western Balkans in the European Union – real alternative or wishful thinking?](#) | Young Diplomats

### Michaela Sehorz won the 2nd place at Alumni Blog Award.

Michaela is a diplomat from the Republic of Austria and Summer School alumna generation 2020.

**Read her blog:** [Can Covid-19 be a new incentive for more international cooperation and multilateralism?](#) | Young Diplomats

*Are you an alumni or speaker and would like to share your thoughts on international relations? Write to us.*

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

### Encouraging cooperation, building trust

**There is always a way for good things to happen**

A three-day training programme for Montenegrin diplomats and civil servants, organised in cooperation between diplomatic academies of the ministries of foreign affairs of Montenegro and the Republic of Turkey, held online from 15-12 November 2020, gathered 30 diplomats and representatives from other Montenegrin government institutions.

**Read more at:** [There is always a way for good things to happen](#) | Young Diplomats

We are looking for opportunities to expand cooperation with international stakeholders. If you think there are good programs that young diplomats' global community might benefit from, please contact us. Visit our event calendar.

### What is next? Stay tuned.

We continue with the Dialogue for the Future.

XIV Summer School will take place next summer.

Diplomatic Academy will host FDT 2024.

## ABOUT US

Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro is a learning and capacity development hub aiming to empower the emerging generation of diplomats, connecting talents & encouraging cooperation.

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100

SUMMERS

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