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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Global Learning Experience (GLE) Program through game simulations:
Environmental Conflicts and Mediation

WHAT IS THE GLE AND HOW DOES IT INVOLVE GAMES
The GLE - Global Learning Engagement - is a collaborative international learning experience, which connects students of similar disciplines across different countries, aimed at training global citizenship. PoliTO and DePaul carry on a GLE since a.y. 2016/2017. This year, a Role Play Game is proposed: participants will be engaged in managing conflicts around environmental resources, simulating a land use decision making process around issues such as the following ones: development conflicts and sustainability goals, climate change planning for flooding in cities, cyber defense of critical urban infrastructures, indigenous rights and environmental conflicts. Regulators, community representatives and actors from the private sectors are usually represented in the game by participant students, who will be trained in environmental diplomacy. The Simulation Rule Games are based on Harvard University scripts.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE AND HOW TO APPLY
Students enrolled in the Courses of the School of Planning and Design (English and Italian Curricula). PoliTO will select 24 students, who will play the game with DePaul students in synchronous meetings on Zoom. Four different games are proposed, and participants can attend up to 2 games each. They also must attend preparatory meetings to meet in advance their US colleagues. The participation is free of charge, and do not foresee ECTS.
Candidates must send a motivation letter (1 page max) and their career plan up to that moment.
Being enrolled in, or having passed, the of Global Urban Geography / Planning for Environment courses is a preferential factor but it is not compulsory.
Send your motivation letter, with the email object “GLE 2021 candidature”, to: didattica.dist@polito.it by 30.09.2021 at noon (12pm).

N.B.: meetings will be recorded, so students will be asked to agree to this and provide a signed form.
**Schedule**

- 30.09.2021 (at noon): deadline to send applications
- 01.10.2021: notification to selected participants

A meeting of the professors with the selected students will be organized before the first international meetings and the start of the games, so to divide participants into groups. The provisional date for this meeting is the 6th of October, tbc.

- 08.10.2021 (1 Hr): 1st Icebreaking meeting among US and Italian students
- 15.10.2021 (1 Hr): 2nd NEP – New Ecological Paradigm – meeting

N.B.: there may be the need to organize separate icebreaking meetings for students that cannot attend the scheduled ones. Alternative meetings can be scheduled directly by US and Italian students.

**Game Sessions** (1-1.5 hour)
Before the games start each student will be provided with a report on the case, including their assigned role and rules to play.


- TBD: Closing meeting (1 h)

Each session lasts 1.5 hours between the times: h 15:00-20:00 ITA | h 8:00-13:00 Chicago time. There are multiple sessions of the same game each day and each student will participate only to one of the sessions. If the student has chosen to participate to 2 games, the second one will be played in another day. In any case, sessions last up to 1.5 hours max.

N.B.: Students sign up on Google Docs and use their own Zoom address that DePaul student posts for PoliTO students.