
European Regional Master's Degree in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe

Senator Gianrico Carofiglio holds a lecture on corruption and organized crime for ERMA students



On Saturday 19th of March the Italian Senator and former anti-mafia Prosecutor **Gianrico Carofiglio** has visited the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies (CIPS) and has hold a lecture on organized crime and corruption for the students of the ERMA Program together with the students of European Studies. Senator Carofiglio was accompanied by the Italian Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina **Raimondo De Cardona** who, in his introductory speech, has confirmed the support of Italy to the quick access of Bosnia to the EU.

Senator Carofiglio introduced the students to 'Ndrangheta, one of the most powerful mafia organizations from Southern Italy. He gave a detailed description of the structure of 'Ndrangheta which he defined as "liquid mafia" and provided an analysis of the reasons why mafia organizations organized along horizontal lines, such as 'Ndrangheta, are extremely difficult to be eradicated. He also highlighted the use of religious words and names by 'Ndrangheta to identify its members and



meeting places. In the final discussion, he addressed issues such as the role of women in organized crime and the role played by literature and media to raise the debate about the phenomenon.



The lecture of Senator Carofiglio, together with the visits that ERMA students will pay to international organizations such as UNHCR, UNICEF and OSCE, is a way to get to know the mechanism to protect and implement human rights and meet practitioners who deal with human rights on the field. Students have been recently dealing with the topics of the third cluster, "Nationalism, Religion and Ethnicity". They have

discussed topics such as theories of ethnicities and nationalism, politics of fear, diversity management and protection of minorities, religious rights and identities, ethnic conflicts and multiculturalism. Several professors from the partner universities have come to teach them: Prof. Ana Krasteva from the New Bulgarian University, Prof. Stefano Bianchini from the University of Bologna, Prof. Milan Podunavac from the University of Belgrade, Prof. Dino Abazović from the University of Sarajevo, Prof. Mitja Žagar from the University of Ljubljana, Prof. Florian Bieber from the University of Graz. Students will now approach the fourth cluster during which they will consider issues linked to economic, social and cultural rights, and they will discuss topics such as the right to education, the right to health and the right to culture. At the same time, they will continue to attend the two elective courses: "Genocide and Genocidal Atrocities in Theory and International Law" and "Life Stories and Dialogues".

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