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International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts

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Welcome to the 64th ISODARCO Course

Andalo (Trento), 11 – 18 January 2026

Nuclear Risk, Technological Disruption, and International Conflict in an Age of Turbulence

After the very successful summer course in Volterra, we are now back, for our thirtieth anniversary at the Hotel Gruppo Brenta, in Andalo, a ski resort in the Alps.

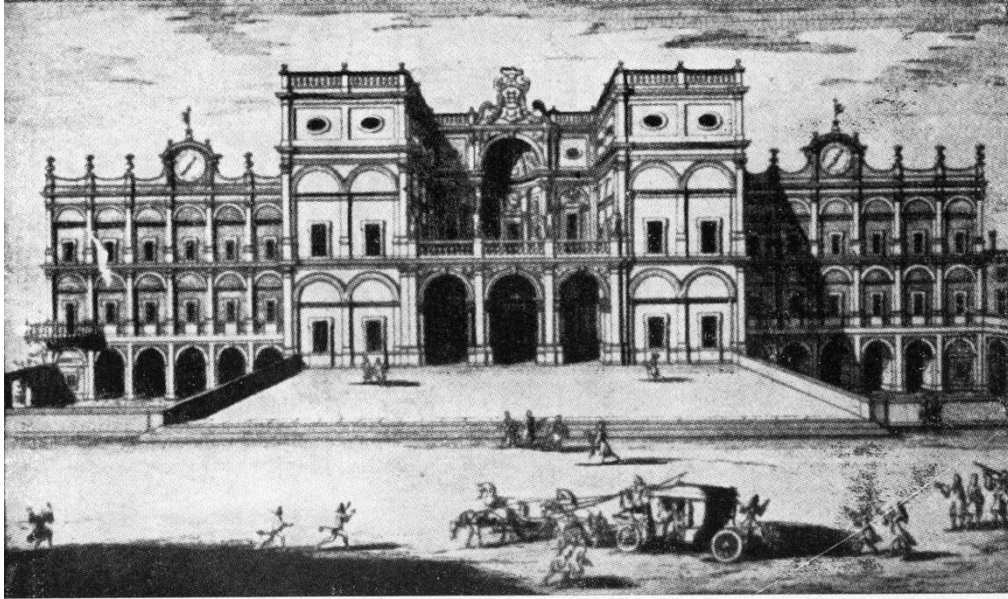
The main reason for the summer course was the proposal presented to Isodarco by three learned colleagues of a timely course on the hot and rapidly evolving topic of Militarized Artificial Intelligence, AI.

A second reason was the increasing number of applications from aspiring participants who were attracted by the opportunity offered by Isodarco of learning about relevant issues of International Security in a convivial and friendly environment conducive to open and critical discussions on sensitive problems like Strategic Stability.

We thought that adding a second course in the Summer of the same year as the Winter course would split the public and keep each course at a reasonable size. The plan worked for the summer course, which had 79 participants, but it did not work for this course, which received 120 highly qualified applications and, after a difficult selection process, now has slightly more than 100 participants. This has put some strain on our logistics, and you may experience some inconveniences. Should you experience any issues, please let us know, and we will do our best to help.

Ask, and Thou shalt be given
(if possible)

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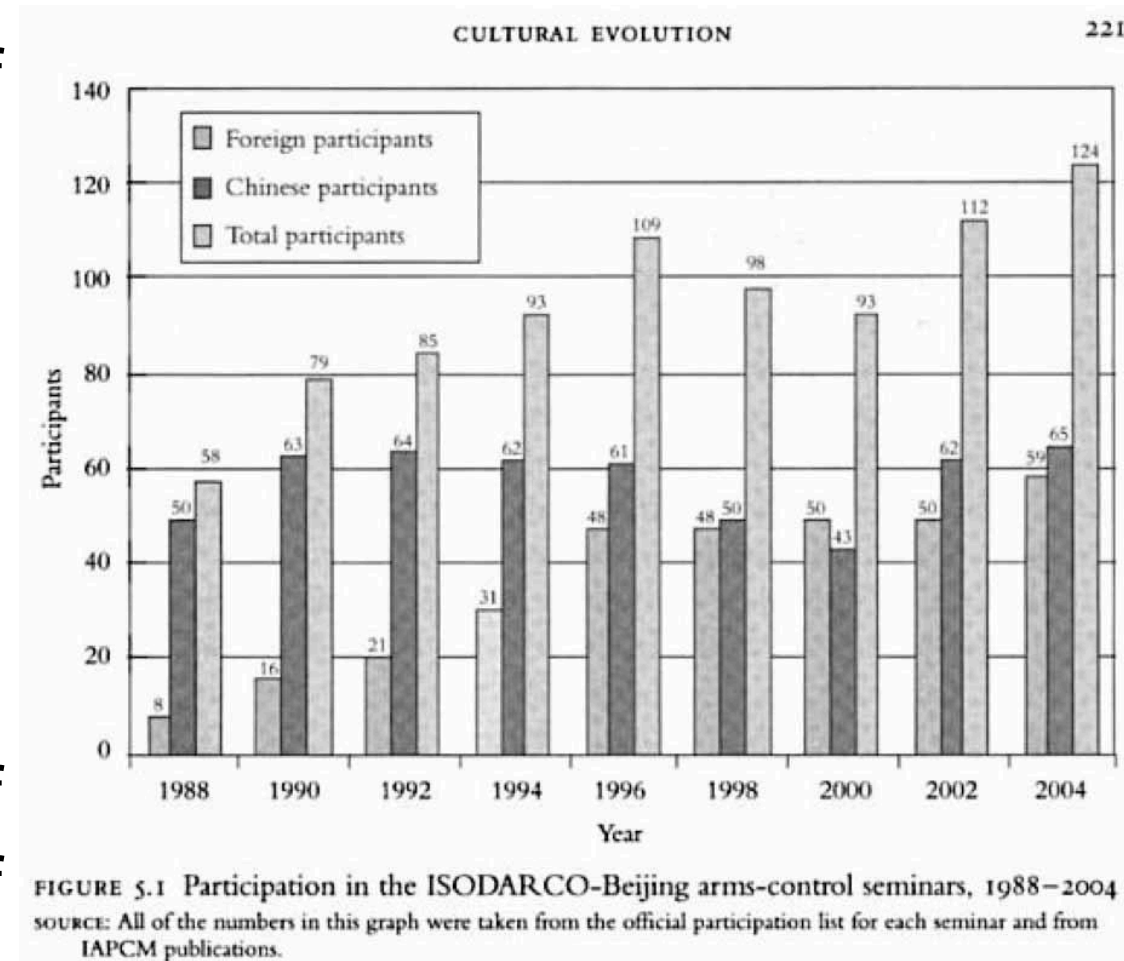


Isodarco began operations in June 1966 with the first summer course at Villa Falconieri in Frascati. In its first 59 years, Isodarco has organized 84 events: 63 courses, 5 special seminars (Amman, Venice, and 3 in Taipei), and 16 Seminars in China.

The last one, held in October 2019 in Shenzhen (near Hong Kong), has been organized in collaboration with the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association (CACDA), the Program for Science and National Security Studies (PSNSS-Beijing-China), and the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI-USA).

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As an example of the early impact of Isodarco, Evan S. Medeiros, of the Rand Corporation and a China expert on the staff of the US National Security Council, in his book, *Reluctant Restraint – The Evolution of China's Non-Proliferation Policies and Practices, 1980-2004*, devotes several pages to the role of the Isodarco seminars in the development of Chinese strategic thinking in the field of non-proliferation.



ISODARCO STATISTICS

Total number of presences at Isodarco Courses: 4338.

Number of different participants: 2483.

Total number of Lecturers: 945.

Number of different Lecturers: 499.

Total number of course Directors: 109.

Number of different course Directors: 35.

Number of participants from different countries: 116.

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The original idea was that disarmament and arms control are political problems. However, a correct understanding of them requires extensive scientific and technical knowledge that is generally unavailable even to qualified public officials and politicians.

Isodarco was expected to deliver this knowledge through 6-10-day residential courses. Senior experts would teach and work with people of all ages who were interested in better understanding these problems.

The participants would include scientists, engineers, social and political scientists, journalists, junior diplomats, military personnel, and members of the peace movement who wanted to play a more culturally and technically qualified role in their activities.

ISODARCO Publications

Isodarco has published 30 books based on the material supplied in our courses.

Routledge recently reprinted our books on terrorism published in the 1970s:

URBINO 1974, "**International terrorism and world security.**"

Edited by David Carlton and Carlo Schaerf:

Published by Croom Helm (London) and John Wiley (New York), 1975;

ARICCIA 1978, "**Contemporary terror: studies in sub-state violence.**"

Edited by David Carlton and Carlo Schaerf:

Published by Macmillan (London) and St. Martin's Press (New York), 1981.

And:

1972, The Dynamics of the Arms Race;

1996, The Search for Stability in Russia and the Former Soviet Bloc;

1998, Technology Transfer.

I have recently discovered that seven of our publications, in English, are in the library of the Italian Chamber of Deputies.

Arms Control and Disarmament

50 Years of Experience
in Nuclear Education

Edited by Paolo Foradori,
Giampiero Giacomello
and Alessandro Pascolini



50th Anniversary Book

Paolo Foradori, Giampiero Giacomello, Alessandro Pascolini (Eds.)

Arms Control and Disarmament

50 Years of Experience in Nuclear Education

- It contains contributions from leading names in the field, including Nobel Laureates.
- Classic readings with continued relevance for understanding today's nuclear weapons issues.
- A successful story in nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament education.

This volume collects contributions by world-leading experts in the nuclear field who participated in the International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts (ISODARCO) educational activities. It features some of the most prominent scholars and practitioners who have fundamentally shaped policies, strategies, theories, research, and debates in nonproliferation and disarmament. On the occasion of ISODARCO's 50th anniversary, this book revisits a selection of contributions that address pressing issues over six decades of continuous engagement in disarmament and non-proliferation education.

Isodarco Golden Jubilee 1966 - 2016

A letter from USA President Barack Obama

A Medal from Italian President Sergio Mattarella

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 2, 2016

I send greetings to all those marking the 50th anniversary of the International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts (ISODARCO).

The task of building a safer future requires people from around the world to engage in peaceful collaboration. For half a century, ISODARCO has brought women and men of different backgrounds and beliefs together to study and discuss pressing security concerns. By identifying problems, engaging in debate, and working in a spirit of common purpose to address issues ranging from the threat of nuclear weapons to conflict in cyberspace and the need for greater international cooperation, you are helping reduce the possibility of catastrophe and contributing to better understanding among peoples and states.

As you reflect on your achievements, I commend you for your efforts and wish you the best for the years to come.



SEGRETARIATO GENERALE
DELLA PRESIDENZA DELLA REPUBBLICA
SERVIZIO PER LE ADESIONI PRESIDENZIALI



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Gentile Presidente,

ho il piacere di trasmetterLe l'unità medaglia che il Capo dello Stato ha voluto destinare, quale suo premio di rappresentanza, a ISODARCO International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts in occasione del 50° anniversario della sua fondazione.

L'occasione mi è gradita per farLe giungere i saluti più cordiali.



Il Capo del Servizio
(Dott.ssa Cinzia Raimondi)



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Basic ISODARCO Rules

Meetings are private but not secret or classified. No specific opinion expressed at the school can be attributed to Isodarco or any participant. However, you are welcome to report on what was discussed.

Examples: NO: Mr. A said that ...

NO: Isodarco says that ...

YES: It has been argued that ...

The discussions cannot be recorded. Lectures may be recorded only with the lecturer's permission.

No material may be circulated or published as an Isodarco paper unless it is an invited lecture or seminar approved by the School or Course directors.

Duties and Privileges of Chairpersons

A standard session consists of 45 minutes for the presentation and 45 minutes for the discussion.

Start and close the sessions on time. Only very special exceptions must be agreed upon with the school director.

You can regulate the discussion as you think best. There is no need to give the floor in chronological order. Questions and answers can be grouped as you feel best. The speaker does not have to provide individual answers. **Avoid lengthy interventions.**

During the discussion, prioritize the floor to more junior participants and non-lecturers.

Seminars and Extra Activities

Seminars by participants judged particularly relevant to the course will be included in the official program.

Other seminars may be offered on a spontaneous basis during the “free” time:

Extracurricular activities (seminars, discussions, working groups, visual presentations, films, etc.) should not overlap with the school's official working hours.

You should submit your proposals as soon as possible, distributing them over several days rather than programming them all together in the final days.

ISODARCO Extra Activity

(To be filled by the proponent and returned to the secretariat at Andalo)

Isodarco schedule leaves time free for extra activities offered by participants. The proponents must fill this form and give it to the course secretary who will post it outside the secretariat. When a reasonable number of signatures of interested participants is collected the activity is scheduled during the free time.

Proponent:

Structure:

☐ Seminar ☐ Working Group ☐ Open Discussion ☐ Movie Show
☐ Other:

Title:

Short motivation

All interested please sign below:

Scheduled time (to be filled by the secretariat):

Participants lists

1. For the Isodarco web pages (**100 characters, name, and spaces included**).

Names and affiliations include city (states) and country.

If you do not want to be included, please let us know.

2. For distribution at the course (**400 characters name and spaces included**).

Names, affiliations, and anything you want included: e-mail, address, telephone numbers ...

Please check what we already have, change it if you wish, or rush your version to:

lodoclavarino@gmail.com

With this action, you authorize Isodarco to distribute this information to all course participants.

3. Departing time (for the secretariat): Names and how and when you depart.

The Program

I plead not guilty!

The Program is the responsibility of the
course Directors

Schedule

Working day schedule for January 13 – January 16

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Session 1
10:30 – 16:00	Free time
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee
16:30 – 18:00	Session 2
18:00 – 18:15	Break
18:15 – 19:45	Session 3
20:00 – 21:30	Dinner
21:30 – 23:00	Session 4
21:30	Party on Tuesday 13

WEAR YOUR BADGE AT ALL TIMES

NO SMOKING IN THE FACILITIES

NO EATING OR DRINKING IN THE LECTURE ROOM
(water is allowed)

PRESENTERS:

Please, test your laptop connection to the projector or the compatibility of your file with our computer in advance of your presentation

ENJOY YOUR STAY!!