

SPECIAL LECTURE

# Enhancing Child Protection in Armed Conflicts

Legal Frameworks, Policy Developments  
and Persistent Challenges

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**April 7<sup>th</sup>, h 14.30 - Room 28**

## AGENDA

### **h 14:30 - INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS**

- **Prof. Fabio Fortuna**, Rector
- **Amb. Vincenzo Grassi**,  
Permanent Representative of Italy to the  
International Organizations in Geneva

#### **CHAIR:**

**Prof. Marxiano Melotti**, Coordinator  
of the Programme in Social Sciences

### **h 14:40 - INTRODUCTION**

- **Prof. Giovanni D'Alessandro**,  
Full Professor of Public and Constitutional Law  
and Coordinator of the PhD in Law and Cognitive  
Neuroscience (Unicusano)
- **Prof. Laura Guercio**, Secretary General  
of the Universities Network for Children  
in Armed Conflicts & Unicusano

### **h 15:00 - LECTIO**

- **Ms. Virginia Gamba**, Under Secretary General  
of the United Nations and Special Representative  
of the Secretary-General for Children  
and Armed Conflict

### **h 15:40 - RESPONDENT**

- **Prof. Nicola Colacino**, Associate Professor of  
International Law (School of Advanced Defence  
Studies - CASD, Rome)
- **Mr. Matteo Petrini**, Acting Head of Human  
Rights Department at the Italian Ministry for  
Foreign Affairs
- **Prof. Fausto Pocar**, Professor Emeritus  
of International Law (University of Milan)  
& Secretary General of the Institut de Droit  
International

### **h 16:15 - DISCUSSION**