The VIU Creativity Workshop will start Friday, next week. For all the students registered for the Fall 2010 Semester, the access to the workshop is open and free.

The theme chosen is absolutely crucial in contemporary globalized world: International Negotiations .
Assuming that in the future we shall face growing difficulties in the provision of essential goods (water, energy, food), the alternative is to resolve conflict through force or negotiation. The aim of the workshop is to show what negotiation is about and how its success will depend on finding a solution that turns out to be the most advantageous to all the parties involved.

The workshop has been devised so that it does not interfere with your courses. It will consist of two sessions of three hours each:

- October 8, Friday from 10.00 to 13.00: Introduction to international negotiation and instructions for the simulation game

- October 15, Friday from 10.00 to 13.00: Simulation Game

The Workshop will be coordinated by Ambassador Alessandro Merola, who joined the Italian diplomatic service in 1972 and began his career by serving in the Directorate General for Personnel and Administration. His first two overseas assignments were at the Italian Permanent Representation to the European Union in Brussels and then in the Economic Department of the Italian Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela. Among other things, he also served as Ambassador in Belgrade, Serbia. He was promoted to the diplomatic rank of "Minister Plenipotentiary" in 2005 and presently serves at the Presidency of the Italian Council of Ministers as Diplomatic Advisor.

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