

## Mediterranean Talks: In Conversation with Stephanie Williams, former UN Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on Libya.

### Date & Time:

Monday, 9 June 2025 | 17:00 – 19:00 CET

### Venue:

Luiss University, Viale Pola, Aula 12, Rome

### Registration:

Attendance is free, but registration is required.

Please register via the Luiss Mediterranean Platform website:

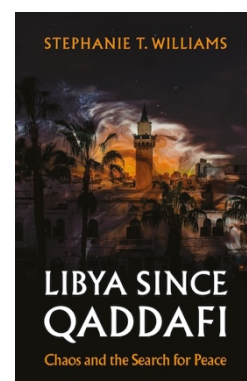
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### Event Overview:

We are honored to host Stephanie Turco Williams, U.S. diplomat and former senior UN official, for our final Mediterranean Talk of the academic year.

**In a one-to-one interview with il Foglio journalist Luca Gambardella, Stephanie Williams will discuss her newly released book, *Libya Since Qaddafi: Chaos and the Search for Peace* (Hurst Publishers),** which offers a firsthand account of Libya's turbulent transition and the ongoing search for sustainable peace.

Drawing on her leadership of the UN-backed Libyan Political Dialogue Forum and her broader diplomatic service in Iraq, Jordan, and Bahrain, Ms. Williams will share unique insights into the region's recent history, the complexities of multilateral mediation, and the lessons learned for future peacebuilding. The event will be an opportunity for an interactive discussion on diplomacy, mediation, and conflict resolution in the Middle East and North Africa.



**Ms. Stephanie T. Williams** is a senior U.S. diplomat with extensive experience in foreign policy, having served as Acting Special Representative and Head of UNSMIL (2020-2021) and Deputy Special Representative (Political) (2018-2020). She holds degrees in Economics, Arab Studies, and National Security, and is fluent in English and Arabic.

**Luca Gambardella** is a journalist for il Foglio since 2014, focusing on the Middle East and North Africa. He has written extensively about Egypt and Syria where he has recently followed the fall of the Assad regime. He has been focusing on Libya, both from a migration and internal security perspectives, for many years.

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