The Siracusa Institute's Technical Assistance Programs are designed and implemented to provide world-leading training and other technical advice and support to government officials, judges, prosecutors, police officers, lawyers and academics, in order to build professional capacity, as well as strong and resilient justice sectors that protect human rights and the rule of law. These programs have been conducted in several countries, including Afghanistan, Albania, Egypt, Kosovo and Iraq, among others.

Research Projects
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Specialization Courses
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- Specialization Courses for Italian PhD Candidates;
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Building on the core values that have characterized our first 45 years of activities, the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights is a new name that better captures our vision, objectives and expertise. Importantly, it gives further visibility to the key pillars of our work: the pursuit and promotion of criminal justice and human rights. It also pays tribute to our home, Siracusa, which has generously hosted us since 1972.

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The Siracusa Institute aims to:

- Contribute to international peace and security through the effective implementation of criminal law and pursuit of criminal justice;
- Promote the rule of law and the protection of human rights in criminal justice systems;
- Contribute to ending impunity for the most serious international crimes, including genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes;
- Strengthen the fight against transnational crimes, including organized crime and illicit trade.