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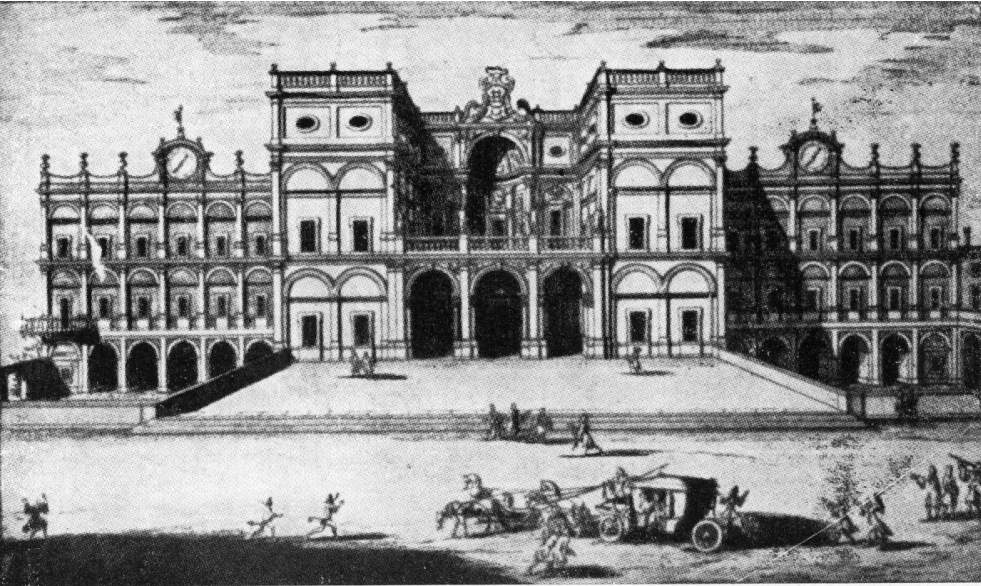


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International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts
Isodarco is the teaching arm of Pugwash and is also the Italian Pugwash Group

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ISODARCO



Isodarco started its activity in June 1966 with the organization of the first Summer Course in Villa Falconieri in Frascati. Therefore 2015 is the fiftieth year of continuous operation.

To date Isodarco has organized 24 Summer courses, 27 Winter courses, 4 special seminars (2 in Taiwan) and 14 Seminars in China. The last one held last October has been organized by the Program for Science and National Security Studies (PSNSS) and co-sponsored by: IAPCM, Isodarco, CICIR, CPAPD and NTI.

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The original idea was that Disarmament and Arms Control are political problems but their correct understanding requires a large amount of scientific and technical knowledge that is generally not available even to the qualified public and politicians.

Isodarco was supposed to provide this knowledge with residential courses 6-10 days long where senior experts would teach and live together with people, young and senior, who were interested in understanding more about these problems.

The participants would include scientists, engineers, social and political scientists, journalists, junior diplomats and military and also people in the peace movement that wanted to play a more culturally qualified role in their activity.

ISODARCO PUBLICATIONS

Isodarco has published 29 books with the material supplied at our courses. The two most recent ones are:

Getting to Zero: the Path to Nuclear Disarmament
edited by Catherine McArdle Kelleher and Judith Reppy
Stanford University Press 2011

Security in Cyberspace: Targeting Nations, Infrastructures, Individuals
edited by Giampiero Giacomello, Bloomsbury Academic 2014

We have recently signed a contract with Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group) to reprint our books on terrorism published in the '70s:

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

ISODARCO RESEARCH

Isodarco has also carried out and published an extensive research (1446 pages) on political violence in Italy supported financially by the Italian National Research Council:

Venti Anni di Violenza Politica in Italia- 1969-1988 - Cronologia ed Analisi Statistica

(Twenty Years of Political Violence in Italy - 1969-1988 - Chronology and Statistical Analysis)

C. Schaerf, G. De Lutiis, A. Silj, F. Carlucci, F. Bellucci, S. Argentini
Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza" - Centro Stampa d'Ateneo, 1992.

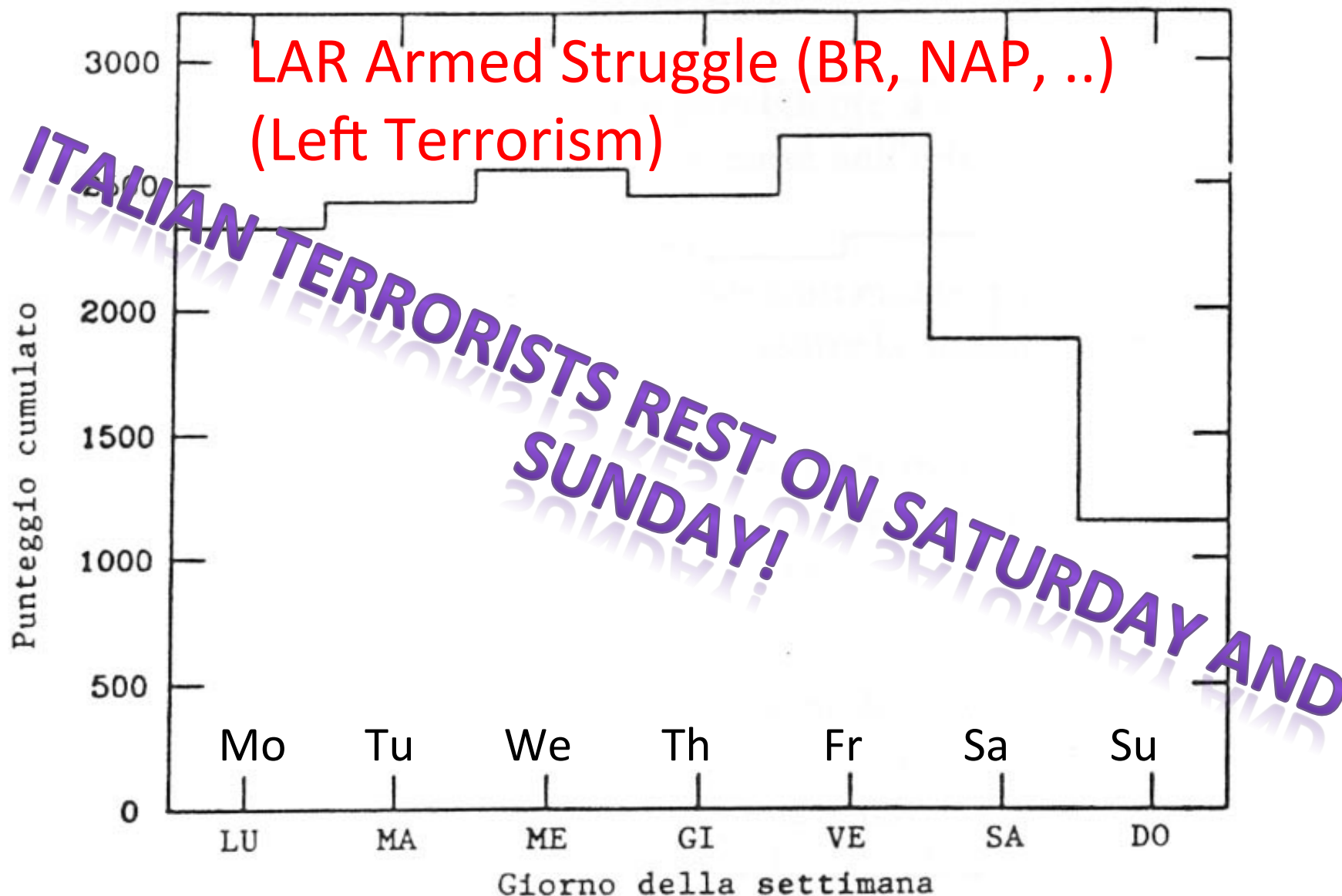


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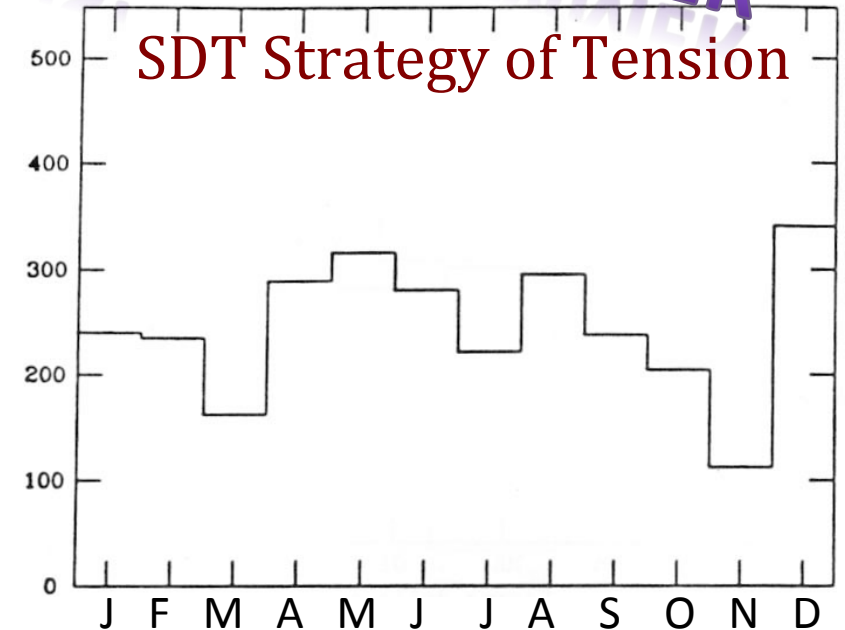
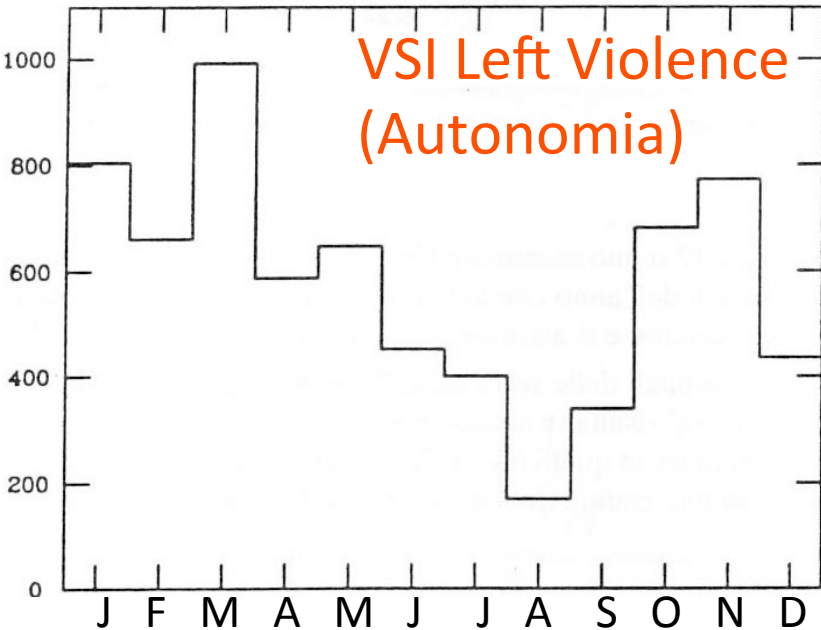
We have collected several thousand events of political violence in Italy, large and small, we have graded them according to the amount of the resulting damage to individuals and properties and the organizational expertise involved in the organization of the event and have organized them in six discreet time-series each characterized by the declared or presumed political orientation of the perpetrators. These series have been submitted to standard statistical analysis (Autocorrelation, Correlation, and Spectra) among themselves and with six conventional socio-economic indicators (Living standards, Inflation, Hours of Strike, etc).

The main result was that political violence in Italy was an autonomous phenomenon uncorrelated with the Italian socio-political situation and with modest epidemic behavior (time clustering). In conclusion very close to "white noise". The research confirmed the definition provided by many Italian political analysts of "terrorists" as "variabili impazzite" (variables gone crazy). **However some peculiar trends emerged:**

Total Violence by Day of the Week



Total Monthly Violence



ITALIAN TERRORISTS TAKE LONG SUMMER VACATIONS!

ISODARCO COURSES

Some Isodarco course are remembered for one special reason. One course had the best lecturers, one the most interesting program, one was in the most beautiful location, one had the most beautiful girl participants, in one we had the best food and in one the best wine.



Duino Castle (1970) was our most beautiful location.

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In the Capuchin Convent at San Miniato (1986) we had the best food and in the Chartreuse of Pontignano (1995) we had the best wine (we used 1000 bottles of Chianti). Some participants spent most of the nights in the cloisters discussing how to build a more peaceful world and other less spiritual problems (and drinking wine).



Chartreuse of Pontignano

The last (Andalo 2014) course was the largest. We had 127 applications and after a difficult selection we ended up with 93 participants (everybody included).

THREE WISE MEN AT ISODARCO



But the most important event of the Course in San Miniato was the visit of three wise men from China: Hu Side, Hua Xinsheng and Chen Xueyin. I do not know what they liked about Isodarco: the lectures, the discussions, the company, the food, the wine or living in an ancient monastery of Cappuccini (Franciscan) monks transformed in a conference center. But at the end of their stay, Hu Side asked me if we were willing to collaborate in the organization of something similar in China.

Three Wise Men at Isodarco

His idea was to invite known scholars from East and West to discuss in a relaxed atmosphere the problems related to the arms race and how to arrive to nuclear disarmament. In the almost half a century of Isodarco life we have received many similar requests but they have

never materialized for the difficulty of finding the necessary financial support. But the Three Wise Men succeeded and less than two years later the First Isodarco Beijing Seminar convened in Beijing.

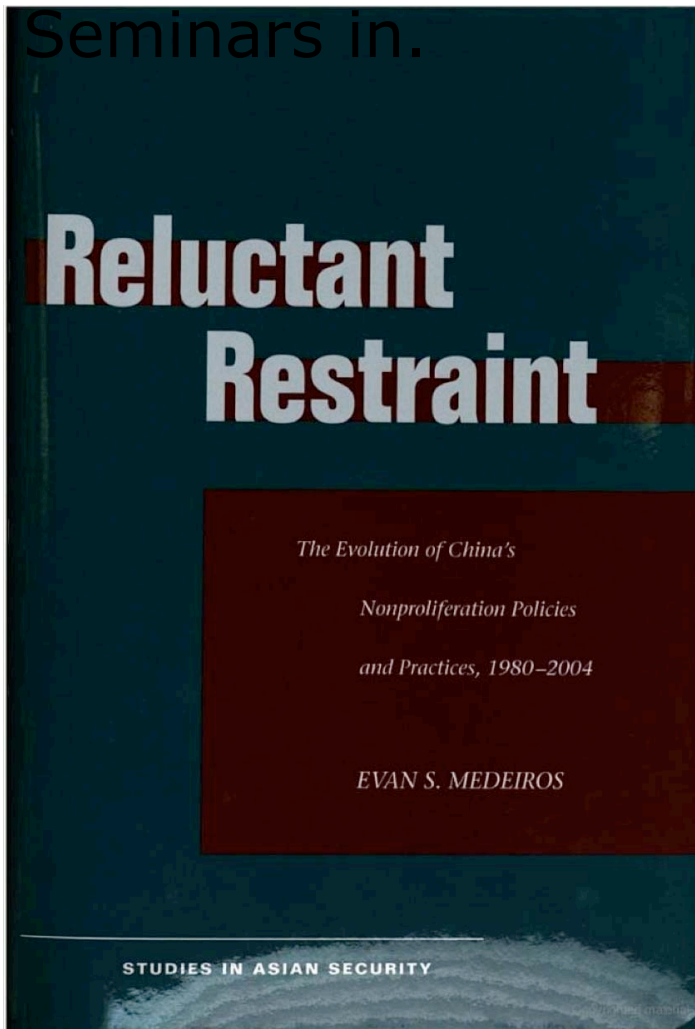


The Journey of the Magi, ca. 1435, Sassetta (Stefano di Giovanni), tempera and gold on wood, ibidem 43.98.1

RELUCTANT RESTRAINT Evan S. Medeiros

E. S. Medeiros, from the Rand Corporation, in his book, "Reluctant Restraint", on the evolution of Chinese strategic thinking devotes some pages to the role of the Seminars in.

Isodarco Seminars in this evolution. He also includes a graph of the statistics of seminar attendance evidencing the continuous increase of participation from Chinese and Western Scholars. For several years this Seminar was the only occasion in China for Chinese natural scientists and political scientists to meet together and with Western Scholars to discuss openly these politically sensitive issues.



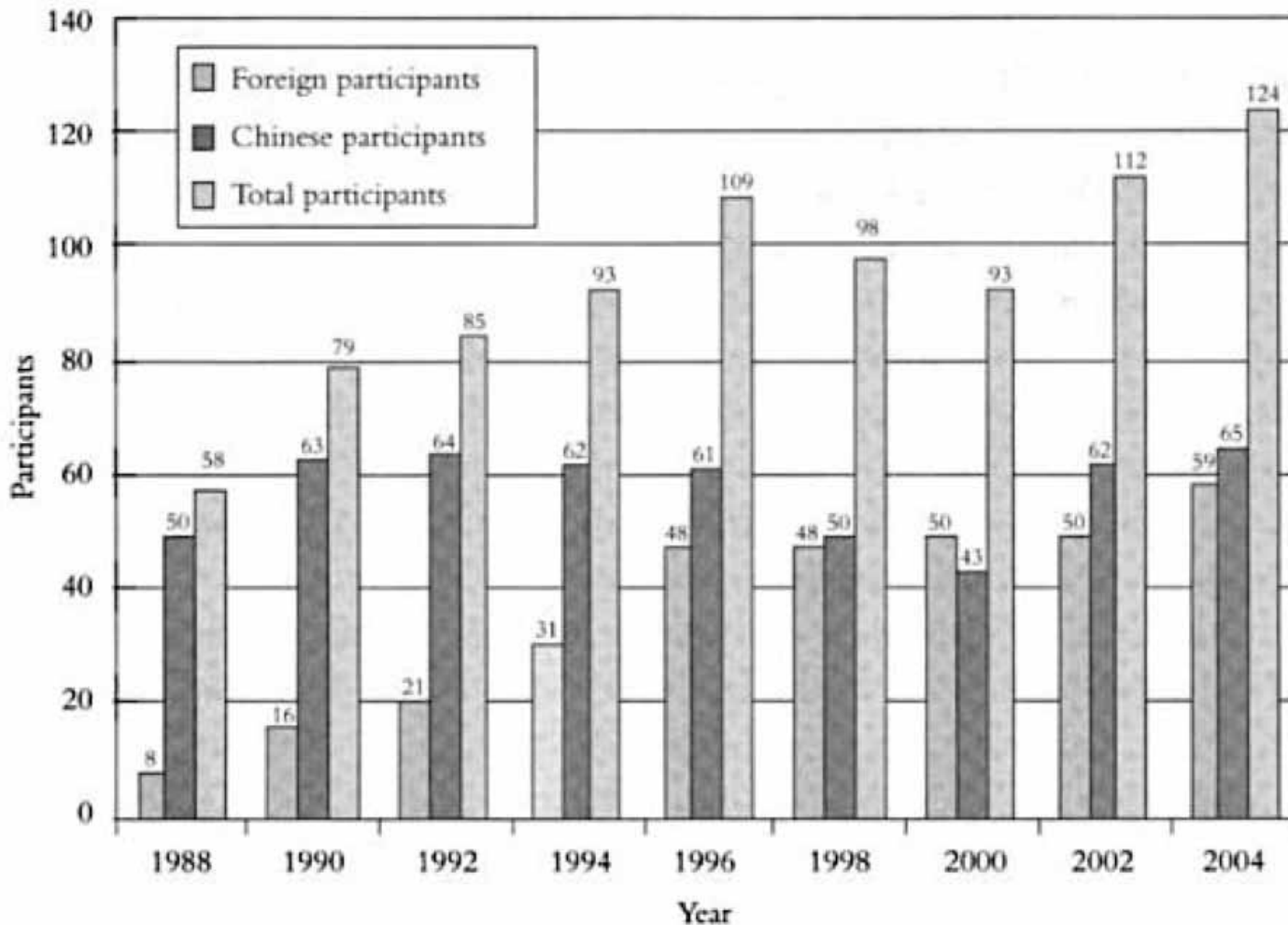


FIGURE 5.1 Participation in the ISODARCO-Beijing arms-control seminars, 1988–2004
SOURCE: All of the numbers in this graph were taken from the official participation list for each seminar and from IAPCM publications.

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. But you are welcome to report what has been discussed.
- Examples: NO: Mr. A said that....
- NO: Isodarco says that.....
- YES: It has been argued that.....

- NO-tape-recorders during the discussions. Tape recorders during the lectures only with the permission of the lecturer.

- NO material can be circulated or published as an Isodarco paper unless it is an invited lecture or a seminar approved by the director of the School or the directors of the Course.

Duties and Privileges of Chairpersons

Start the sessions on time and close them on time. Very special exceptions must be agreed with the director of the School. A standard session consists of 45 minutes for the presentation(s) followed by a discussion of 45 minutes.

Regulate the discussion as you think best. No need to give the floor in chronological order. Questions and answers can be grouped as you think best. The speaker does not have to give individual answers. Avoid lengthy interventions.

During the discussion give the floor with priority to more junior participants and to non-lecturers.

Session secretaries should help the chairman identify the people who want to intervene and pass them the microphone.

Seminars and Spontaneous Activities

- Seminars 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.
- Spontaneous activities (seminars, discussions, working groups, visual presentations, etc.) should not overlap with the official working hours of the school.

Standard Schedule

9.00-10.30	First Morning session
10.30-10.45	Break
10.45-12.15	Second Morning session
13.00-13.45	Lunch
14.00-16.00	Free
16.00-16.30	Tea/Coffee
16.30-18.00	First afternoon session
18.00-18.15	Break
18.15-19.45	Second afternoon session
20.00-21.00	Dinner
21.00-22.30	Evening Session

Please be on time for lectures and meals and leave the dining room promptly after you have finished your meal.

Participants lists

1. For the Isodarco web pages:
Names and affiliations unless you ask us to be not included.

2. For distribution at the course:
Names and affiliations and anything you want included:
e-mail, address, telephone numbers,
But you must authorize us to print this information.

3. Departing time:
Names and how and when you depart.

WEAR YOUR BADGE AT ALL TIMES

NO SMOKING IN THE HOTEL

NO EATING OR DRINKING IN THE LECTURE ROOM

LECTURERS: Please try your connection to the projector before your presentation.