

PADOVA MODEL UPR 2026

INFO SESSION



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Padova Model UPR (PMUPR) is the simulation of the Universal Periodic Review

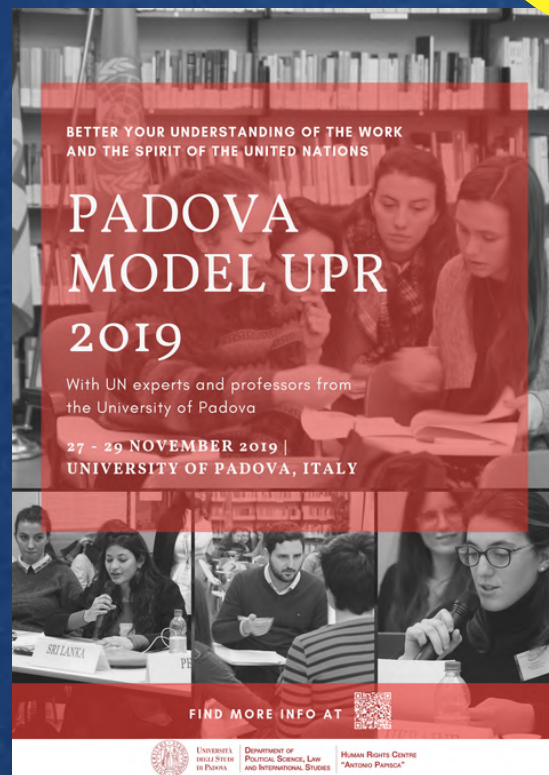
**UPR = one of the major activities
carried out by the Office of the High
Commissioner for Human Rights
& the Human Rights Council**

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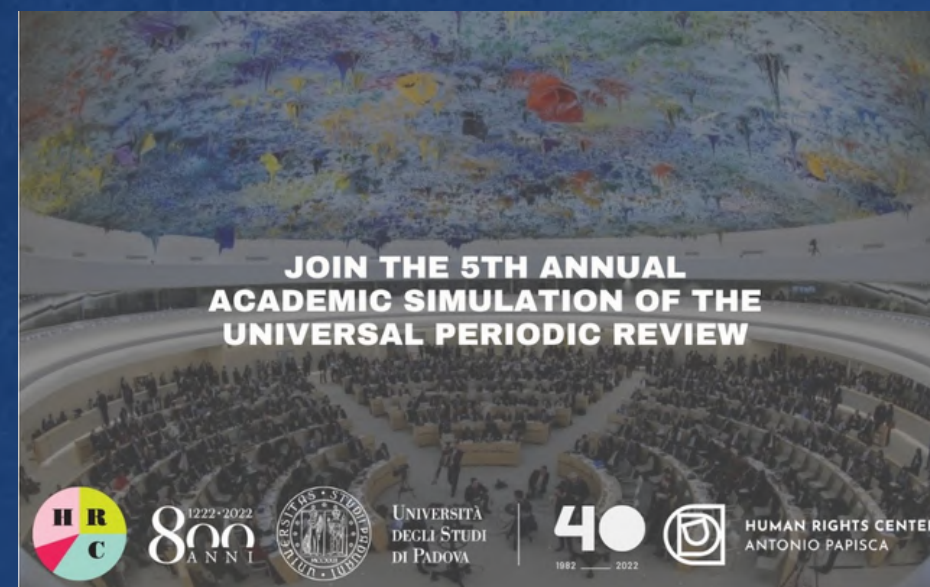
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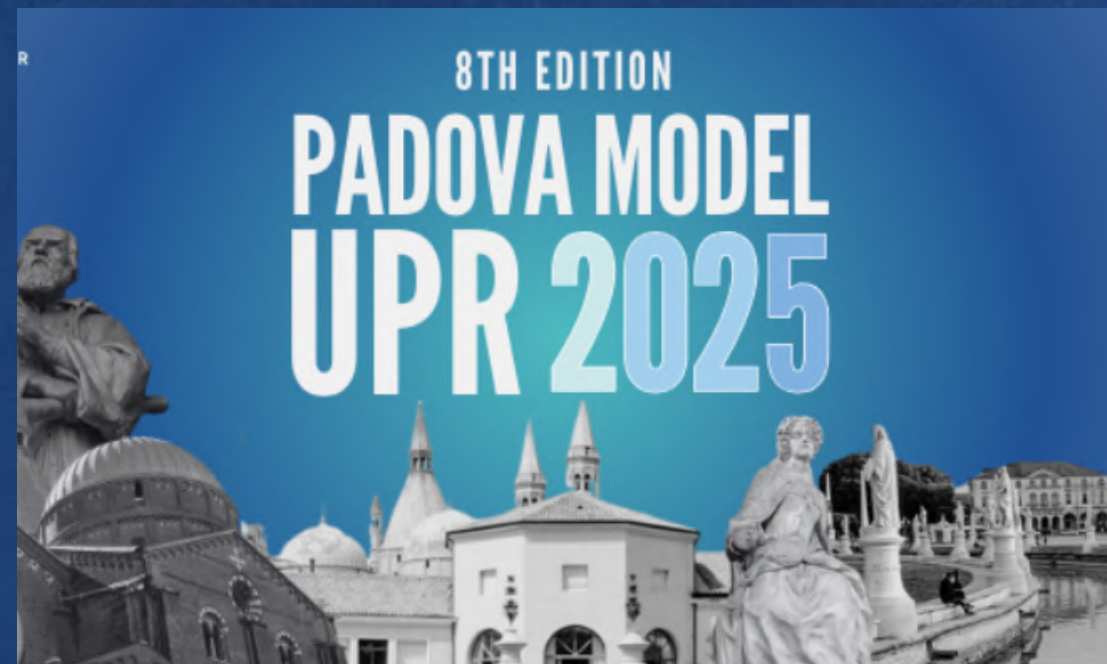
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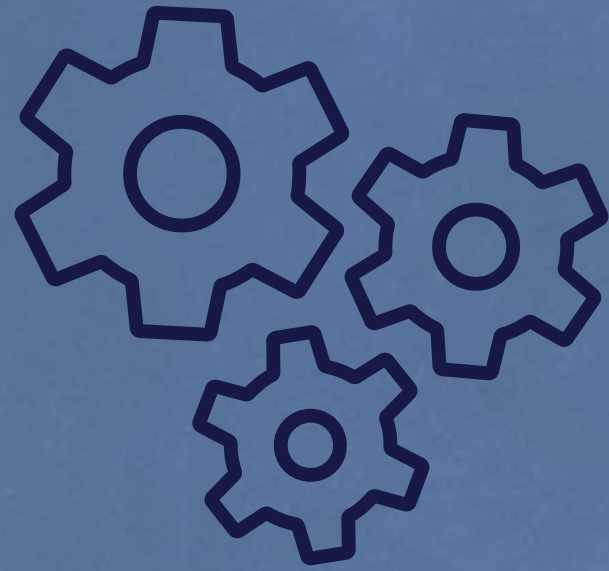
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You will learn about
the UPR

*How the human rights
monitoring mechanism
work*



You will practice
skills.

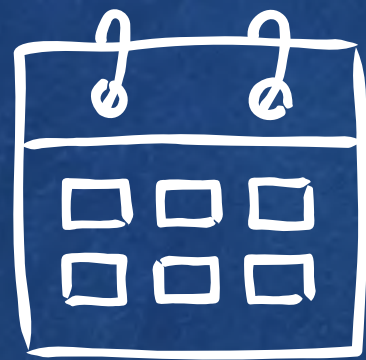
*As negotiators,
diplomats, human rights
practitioners*



You will build
new relationship

Hopefully friendship

True goal is to connect with people, share knowledge, create a strong community



16 - 20 November, 2026



In person (Padova, Italy)

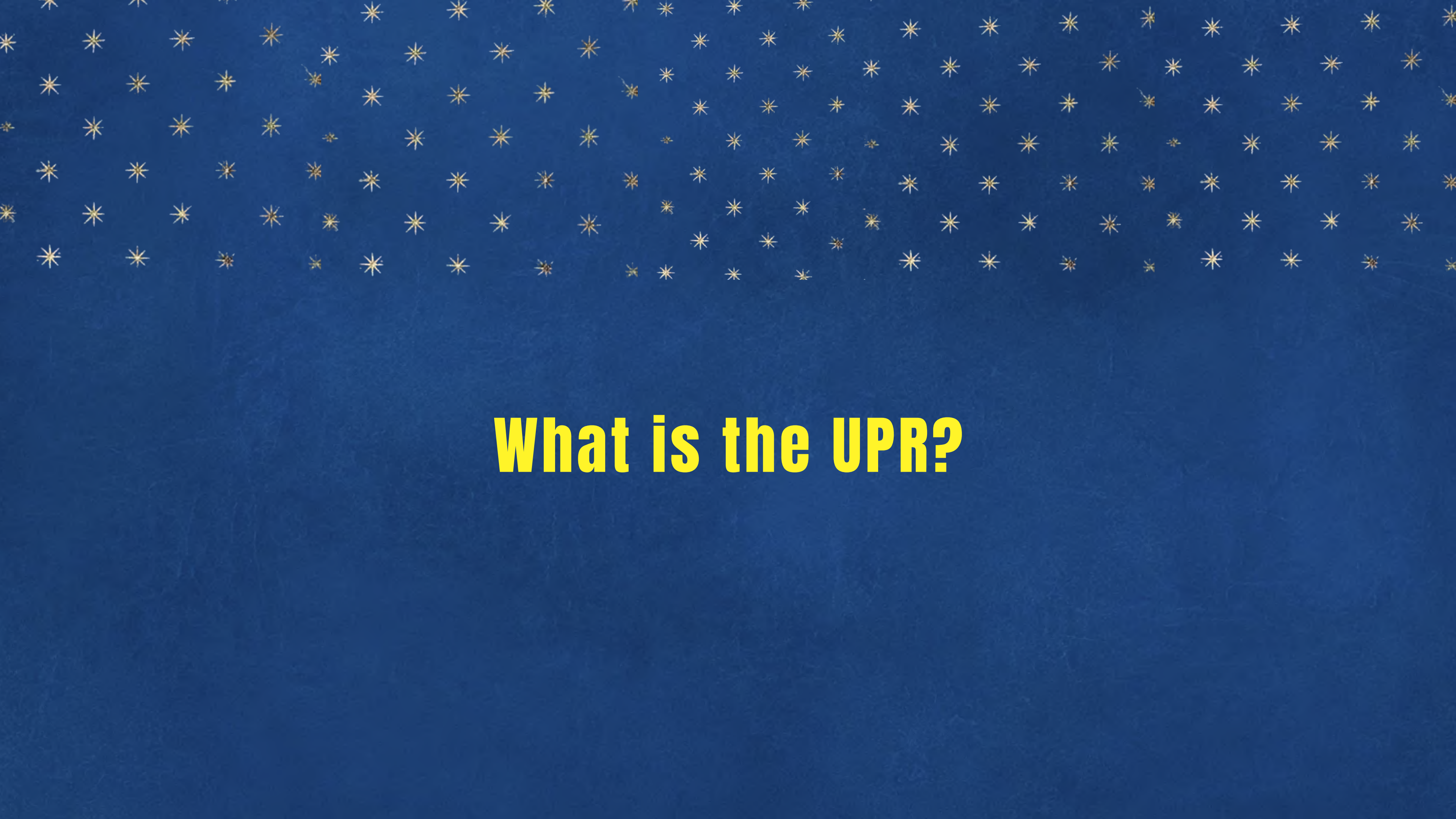


No participation fee



During this info-session:

- 1. What is the UPR?**
 - 2. Specifically the Padova Model UPR**
 - 3. Practical Info**
 - 4. Why, who and how to apply?**
 - 5. Insights from ex participants**
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What is the UPR?

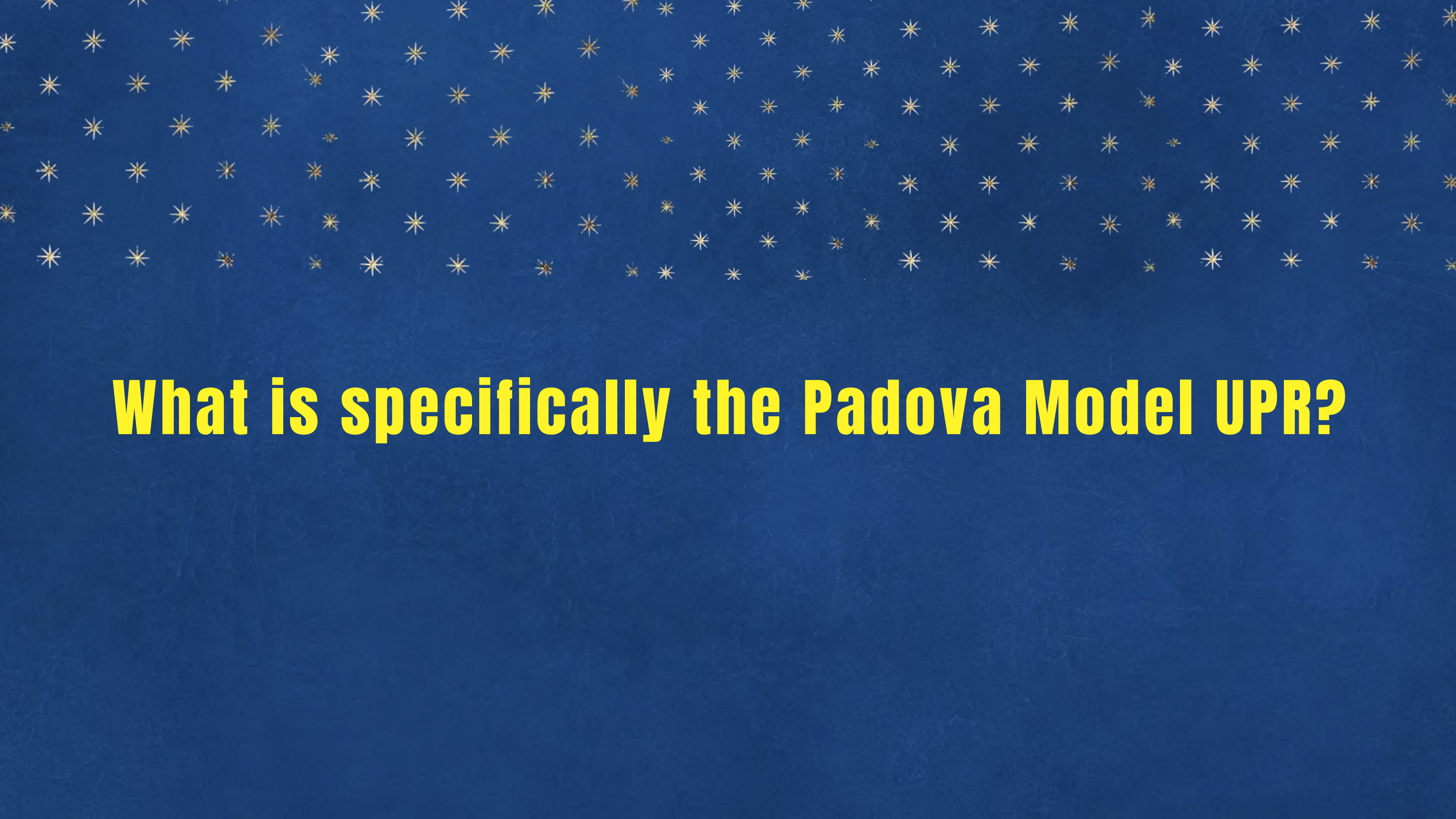
The Universal Periodic Review is a **monitoring process of the UN Human Rights Council**

A **periodic review** of the human rights record of **all the 193** UN member states

to prompt, support and expand the **promotion and protection** of human rights

It further enables domestic national human rights institutions to provide an account of the main issues facing human rights in their countries as well as identify good practice.





What is specifically the Padova Model UPR?

The Padova Model UPR is an **academic simulation** of the real UPR process

organised by an international team of students with the guidance of the Human Rights Center “Antonio Papisca” and the MA Degree Programme in Human Rights and Multi-Level Governance at the University of Padova.

Participants may represent:

States

National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI)

International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGO).

PMUPR is additionally supported by the
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights branch



How does the PMUPR work?

State may act as **Recommending States** = formulate recommendations and assess implementation

States under Review = present their human rights record and respond to recommendations

NHRIs provide independent information, identify major human rights concerns, contribute to the monitoring and implementation of recommendations.

INGOs support advocacy, highlight priority issues, contribute to reporting and lobbying,.

Actors represented in PMUPR 2026

Bring together a **broad range** of
regional, institutional and thematic perspectives



States:



Netherlands (Kingdom of the)



the Philippines



Syrian Arab Republic



Tanzania (United Republic of)



Timor-Leste



Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

NHRIS:

College voor
de Rechten
van de Mens

The Netherlands Institute for Human Rights



Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines



Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance of
Tanzania



Provedor for Human Rights and Justice of Timor-Leste

INGOS:



IWGIA – International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs



International Rescue Committee



World Organisation Against Torture



Equality Now



Practical Information

From **the 16th to 20th** of **November** of 2026
taking place in Padova.

It will be held **in person**

Participation is **free of charge** but travel and
accommodation costs are normally **not covered**

Participants will receive **preparation** and **training** before the simulation.

MONTH

YEAR

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Training sessions PMUPR

The current training calendar includes:

21 October – Welcome session

22 October – First training

28 October – Second training

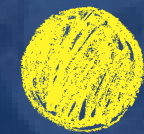
29 October – Third training

These will be held **online**

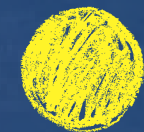


Why, Who and How to apply?

Why should I apply?



It is a valuable opportunity to deepen your understanding of the UPR and of international human rights processes more broadly



It helps to develop important practical skills, including research, writing, analysis, advocacy, public speaking, negotiation, and teamwork.



It also offers a meaningful academic and professional experience in an international and interdisciplinary environment.

Who can apply?

The PMUPR is open to university students. We welcome applications from students with an interest in human rights and international affairs.

Applicants should read the eligibility criteria carefully !

As in previous editions, only team applications are acceptable!



Participants are expected to attend both the simulation and the preparatory sessions.

If you struggle finding a partner there will be a
WhatsApp group where to connect with other interested participants



How to apply



Form a team
(You can use our WhatsApp group
to form a team)



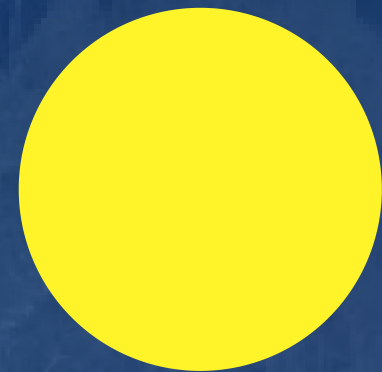
For EU students - **October 2nd 2026**



Read the information provided
carefully, and complete the
application form



You can find all the relevant information
in the **Handbook 2026**



Have doubts or questions -
contact the Secretariat by email



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From ex participant

“Participating in the PMUPR is not only about learning the theory of the UPR. It is also about experiencing how international human rights processes work in practice: how positions are built, how recommendations are negotiated, and how different actors interact”





Do you have any questions?



Thank you for your attention!