

VIS Co-opted Board Director (non-voting), Chair of the Governance Committee

Dr. Monika Wohlfeld

I have joined the VIS community in January 2022 when my daughter Sophie switched to Verdala from an independent school. Initially, I volunteered on the Governance Committee and later became a coopted Board member and first Deputy Chair and then Chair of the Governance Committee in the fall of 2022.

I relocated to Malta from Vienna where I worked for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to take up my appointment as Lecturer and Holder of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at the Mediterranean Academy for Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta. Here, I work with post-graduate students and young diplomats from Malta, the Mediterranean region and beyond.

Throughout my career, I have been engaged in international organizations, specifically in conflict and war scenarios. I have held senior management positions and led change management agendas such as gender mainstreaming, result oriented budgeting and monitoring and evaluation. This expertise has proved valuable in my current role and contribution to the Board.

I possess a PhD in War Studies from the King's College London and an M.A. and B.A. from the University of Calgary in Canada. While my native languages are Polish and German, my working language is English, and I am also proficient in French and Russian.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue my engagement in the Board of Verdala as an elected member.