

Report with Photos of the Graduation Ceremony on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
John Cabot University: Celebrating the Past, Leading the Future  
and the conferral on me of the  
Doctor of International Affairs honoris causa from John Cabot University, Rome, 15 May 2023

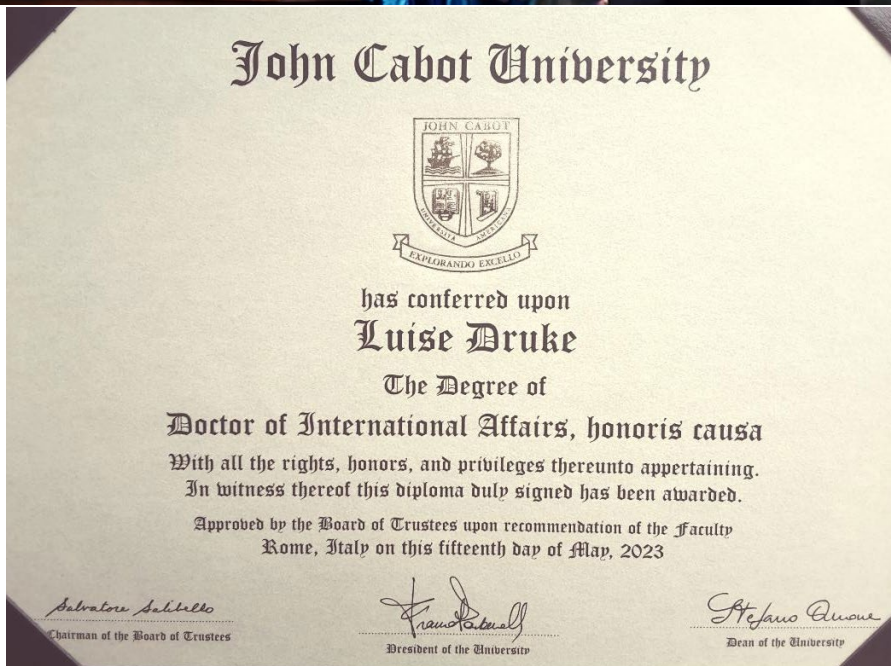
Bericht mit Fotos von der Abschlussfeier anlässlich des 50-jährigen Jubiläums von  
John Cabot University: Die Vergangenheit feiern, die Zukunft führen  
und die Übertragung des  
Ehrendoktor der internationalen Angelegenheiten der John Cabot University, Rom, 15. Mai 2023

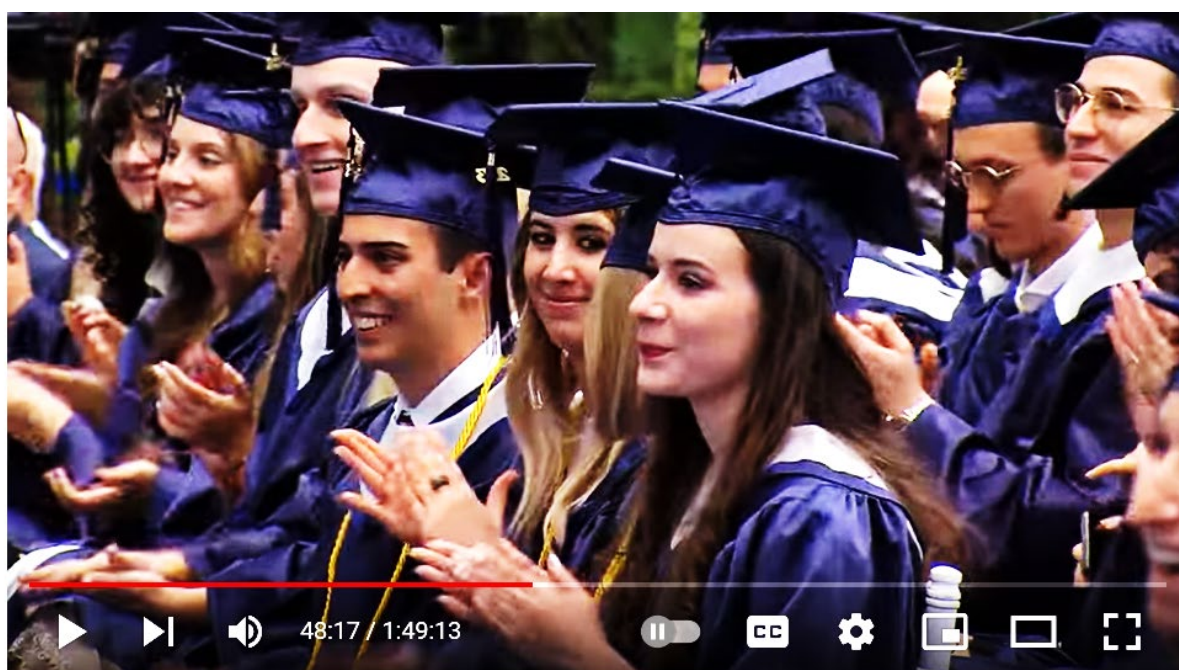


With President Franco Pavoncello of John Cabot University and Michel Crousillat



Thank you in particular to Prof. Silvia Scarpa and President Pavoncello of John Cabot University for the initiative of bestowing on me the Degree of Doctor of International Affairs, honoris causa, during John Cabot University's special 50th Anniversary Commencement Ceremony





### **John Cabot University Commencement 2023**

Dr. Luise Drüke has more than 40 years of practical experience in national, regional, and international refugee work. For more than three decades Dr. Druke has headed offices and missions of the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) in Europe, Southeast Asia and Central Asia, Latin America, and Africa, including major humanitarian operations in Namibia, Honduras, Kazakhstan, and Bulgaria. During and after her work for the United Nations Dr. Druke found the time to lecture at many prestigious universities, including The European Institute, Boston University, the Kennedy School at Harvard, and MIT. President Pavoncello conferred the degree of Doctor of International Affairs honoris causa to Dr. Drüke “for her contributions to the dissemination of knowledge about human rights and refugees matters, and for having led major efforts by the UNHCR in bringing protection and assistance to refugees and other persons in need in many parts of the world.”



In thanking President Pavoncello and JCU for the honor, Dr. Drüke shared the lessons she has learned in her long career. To summarize, she said: "1. Freedom cannot be taken for granted. 2. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. 3. Democracy is not a spectator's sport, but for individuals and democratic governments to support it. 4. Without peace and security neither international nor local development is sustainable." Lastly, Dr. Drüke told graduates, "Volunteering, hard work, and lifelong studying and learning in areas you are interested in may well get you to do what you love to do for your own good and that of humanity."

<https://news.johncabot.edu/2023/05/john-cabot-university-celebrates-the-class-of-2023/>. The video of this session is available on you tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46dEk39tge8&t=2937s>, Luise from 44.40-1.00.55 minutes.