

2020 Summer

UN SDGs and Peace

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development known as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was adopted on 25 September 2015. Since then, it has posed great opportunities and challenges in addressing global crisis such as inequality, climate, violence and conflict, etc. According to the UN monitoring reports, many goals and targets are ‘off the track’ and ‘bold and ambitious’ actions are urgently needed to achieve the SDGs by 2030.

We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development. (Preamble of the UN 2030 Agenda)

As stressed in the Preamble, peace is a precondition for the full realization of the SDGs. The UN Secretary General launched the agenda for disarmament in May 2018 to strengthen the linkage between peace, disarmament and SDGs. The UN has also initiated the Humanitarian, Development and Peace (HDP) nexus to address inter-sectionality with the SDGs. Both approaches stresses the importance of integrated approach to address issues related to the SDGs.

This course aims to introduce students to historical backgrounds and contents of the SDGs and its link to peace agenda in terms of discourse, policy, social action and campaign by civil society organizations (CSOs).

Useful websites

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>

<https://www.un.org/en/un75>

<https://www.un.org/disarmament/publications/more/securing-our-common-future/>

<https://www.pathwaysforpeace.org/>

Assessment (still tentative):

■ Attendance and participation	10%
■ Quizzes	20%
■ Presentation on HDP or VNR	40%
■ Final exam	30%

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Day 1 (Mon. 29 June)	<p>Course introduction</p> <p>Introduction to UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - History of discourse on sustainable development - Structure of SDGs : 5Ps (People, Prosp - Why SDGs Matters? - Global dialogue on UN75
Day 2 (Tue. 30 June)	<p>SDGs – Key cross-cutting goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender equality (Goal 5) - Inequality (Goal 10), - Climate crisis (Goal 13)
Day 3 (Wed. 1 July)	<p>SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Inclusion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to 12 Targets of the SDG 16 - SDG 16+ Approach
Day 4 (Thur. 2 July)	<p>SDG 17 (Means of Implementation and Systemic Issues)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financing for SDGs - Development Cooperation / ODA
Day 5 (Fri. 3 July)	<p>SDGs and Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Rights-based Approach to SDGs
Day 6 (Mon.6 July)	<p>SDGs and Peace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International peace agenda and discourse - UN SG’s Agenda for Disarmament (2018) - UN & World Bank Pathways for Peace (2018)
Day 7 (Tues. 7 July)	<p>Follow-up and Review of the SDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mechanisms for the implementation of SDGs – national and international - Assessment of the Implementation of SDGs (2016-2019) at national and global level - Guideline on the Voluntary National Review (VNR) report
Day 8 (Wed. 8 July)	<p>SDGs and Civil Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role of Civil Society on SDGs - CSO Network and Campaign on SDGs - Human rights NGOs/CSOs - Peace NGOs/CSOs
Day 9 (Thur. 9 July)	<p>Sustainable Peacebuilding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of Peacebuilding and sustaining peace - Conflict Transformation in Peacebuilding
Day 10 (Fri. 10 July)	<p>Introduction to Humanitarian, Development and Peace (HDP) Nexus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theory and practice

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conflicts and peace building - Guidelines for HDP case analysis
Day 11 (Mon.13 July)	HDP Case studies group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rohingya (Burma), Syria, North Korea, Venezuela, etc. -
Day 12 (Tues.14 July)	Presentation HDP Case Analysis by individual or group
Day 13 (Wed.15 July)	Presentation on analysis of the VNR Report by individual or group
Day 14 (Thur. 16 July)	Review of the Presentations on HDP and VNR Synthesis
Day 15 (Fri. 17 July)	Examination on the Contents of the Lectures (Day 1 to 10) Wrap-up

Textbooks

1. UN 2015. *Transforming our World : UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*
2. Jeffrey D. Sachs, 2015. *The Age of Sustainable Development*, Colombia University Press
3. Felix Doods, David Donoghue and Jimena Leiva Roesch 2017. *Negotiating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – A Transformational Agenda for an Insecure World*, Routledge
4. Macharia Kamau, Pamela Chasek, David O'Connor, 2018. *Transforming Multilateral Diplomacy : The Inside Story of the Sustainable Development Goals – The Inside Story of the SDGs*, Routledge
5. Paloma Duran Y Lalaguna Castor Miguel Diaz Barrado (Editors) 2018. *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions*, Thomson Reuters
6. UN Secretary General, 2018. *Agenda for Disarmament – Securing our common future* (24 May 2018)
7. UN & World Bank, 2018. *Pathways for Peace – Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict*
8. By Macharia Kamau, Pamela Chasek, David O'Connor Chetail, P. (ed) 2009. *Post-conflict peacebuilding: A lexicon*. OX: Oxford Univ. Press.
9. Ginty R.M. (ed) 2015. *Routledge Handbook of Peacebuilding*. OX: Routledge
10. Halsam, P., Shafer, J., and Beaudet P. 2009. *Introduction to international development: Approaches, actors, issues and practice*. ON: Oxford Univ. Press.