



## International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace 2024

### **‘World Peace and Political Justice’ Applications Open!**

International Network of Universities (INU) is delighted to announce the theme for the [International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace 2024](#), **‘World Peace and Political Justice’** hosted by Hiroshima University Japan from 1-10 August 2024.

Students from any discipline/subject area at INU member universities are invited to apply for the chance to participate. Each member manages their own selection process.

#### **About INU’s International Student Seminar**

The International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace is a unique immersion program which is hosted by Hiroshima University in Japan. The seminar welcomes students from around the world from [INU member universities](#) and is structured around the 6<sup>th</sup> August commemoration of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

The 10-day program, with a different theme each year, includes lectures, case studies and small group discussions. The program also offers field trips to local attractions and cultural learning experiences, and culminates in a United Nations role play where groups of students represent different countries.

The INU Student Seminar features:

- Lectures and workshops with academic experts and guest speakers from around the world;
- Cultural activities
- Interactive seminars that encourage stimulating discussion and learning;
- A role-play of a special session of the United Nations General Assembly;
- A truly international student body

The program also includes attendance of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial events on 6th August.

For further information, please visit: <https://www.inunis.net/studentseminar/>

#### **Seminar theme 2024: ‘World Peace and Political Justice’**

In recent years, the number of wars or armed conflicts, international and internal, in different regions of the world has risen due to contradictory interests, political suppression or economic exploitation. This negative development is characterised by diversification in the types of conflicts depending on the actors: states and non-state actors.

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Because peace is a precondition for sustainable development, the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 16 calls for a peaceful and inclusive world, to provide access to justice for all and build effective accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. But the reality presented in the SDG Progress Report 2023 with regard to the realization of this goal shows that the global community is actually making insufficient progress. Armed conflicts particularly undermine the progress of all other goals, including the SDGs. They cause numerous victims of the civilian population, violations of human rights and international humanitarian law and leave behind a life-threatening landscape of destruction.

The seminar will also consider the role of international organisations such as the UN in world peace. The most important purpose of the UN is to 'maintain international peace and security' as stated in Article 1 number 1 of the UN Charter. This could be achieved by taking 'effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace'. The seminar will explore how effective and influential such organisations can be in achieving their purpose.

The aims of this year's seminar are to explore the causes, effects and consequences of wars and conflicts on various areas and agendas and to discuss mechanisms for their prevention for a peaceful world.

## Contact information

For further information on how to apply, please contact your university International Office or contact INU on: [inu@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:inu@kingston.ac.uk)

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