PCS Global Campus Program

The PCS Global Campus Program (GCP) was launched in 2006 as a three-year program funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports Science and Technology (MEXT) in Japan.

The objective of the GCP is to create an institutional alliance of universities around the world. The program focuses on education/research that will help develop expertise in peace-building and conflict prevention. For the achievement of the objective, four concrete projects have been proposed to be implemented: online classes, field work/research, summer courses and an essay contest.

*For further details, please refer to our website.

About Online Lecture

The GCP online course uses a video-conferencing system to exchange opinions among faculties and students with different backgrounds and experiences in real-time.

Through this lecture course, participants will be able to gain a basic understanding of peace and conflict studies. This lecture course occupies a core pillar among the seeking GCP projects. to promote interaction from among the member universities. It also offers the opportunity for participants to present new perspectives towards peace-building and conflict resolution.

In spring 2008, the online course will continue with "Course II: Advanced" that will look in depth at peace and conflict issues.

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PCS GLOBAL CAMPUS ONLINE COURSE I: INTRODUCTION

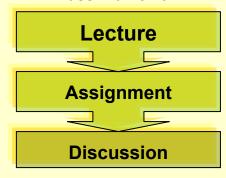


LECTURES



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Class Framework



This course combines lectures and discussions. Assignments will be given after each lecture. Discussions in the following week will be organized based on the content of the assignments.

Lecture: Tuesday
Time: 13:00~16:00 (Sri Lanka Time)
14:30~17:30 (Cambodia & Indonesia Time)
16:30~19:30 (Japan Time)

Slot 1 30/10/2007

Title: Opening Session:

Introduction to Peace & Conflict Studies

Lecturer: Kenji ISEZAKI

This lecture introduces to students the purpose of the PCS Global

Campus Program and its course outline and structure. The latter part of the lecture focuses the generalized aspects of development from pre-conflict, in-conflict and post-conflict towards peace-consolidation stages, and the responses by international, regional and domestic actors.

Slot 2 30/10/2007

Title: Understanding Peace Lecturer: Muhadi SUGIONO

This lecture introduces students to the way in which peace is understood. Peace is usually viewed negatively as the absence of conflict. Recently however it has been seen in a more positive way as a means to enable human development. Achieving peace is, therefore, much more demanding. This lecture compares understandings of peace from different cultural backgrounds. This perspective helps us to understand that peace is closely related to the practices of daily life. An integral part of the lecture is reference to concrete examples of these understanding of peace.

Slot 3 6 /11/2007

Discussion: Understanding Peace

Slot 4 6/11/2007

Title: Understanding Conflict Lecturer: Trond GILBERG

This lecture examines sources of conflict in the political, social, economic, and cultural realm. It further focuses on *direct violence*, such as war, and also *structural* and *cultural* violence. The focus then shifts to goals and objectives of the various participants (stakeholders) in conflict as well as the prospects for limiting or eliminating conflict, either temporarily or permanently.

Slot 5 13/11/2007

Discussion: Understanding Conflict

Slot 6 13/11/2007

Title: Peace-Building

Lecturer: Arjuna PARAKRAMA

This lecture introduces students to the spectrum of definitions and descriptions of peace-building, ranging from its commonsense understanding as the creation of mutual trust to its crucial role in conflict transformation which addresses the root causes of such violence. The main obstacles to meaningful peace-building such as "elite capture", the lack of a transparent process, and/or the inability to address root causes and key consequences will be discussed.

Slot 7 27/11/2007

Discussion: Peace-Building

Slot 8

27/11/2007

Title: Challenges in Consolidating Peace Lecturer: Kenji ISEZAKI

This lecture introduces new challenges in the nation-building process, which derive from the diversification of international concerned actors. While particularly paying special attention to "war on terror" after the 9/11 attacks, it develops a critical analysis on the actors and their attempts toward Security Sector Reform – for example, the NATO, the UN, the US alliance, and other donors.

Slot 9 4/12/2007

Discussion: Challenges in Consolidating Peace

Slot 10 4/12/2007

Title: Closing Session: Student Review

Lecturer(s): All
To be announced

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