

International Student Seminar on Global Citizenship and Peace

The Workshops

The 4 workshops will focus on the following topics:

Workshop 1

‘Comparative Analysis of the Global Disparities that exist between the global North and global South.’

Speaker: Angelo Jephtha, Stellenbosch University International (Centre for Global Engagement)

Significant developments have been made globally that have elevated millions of people out of total poverty. While millions of people have elevated themselves out of poverty, there remains substantial evidence that inequality between the world’s richest and poorest countries is widening.

The rich countries, who are mostly represented in the Northern hemisphere and accommodate one quarter of the world’s population, controls approximately four-fifths of the world’s total income. In contrast, the poorer countries in the Southern hemisphere, representing three quarters of the world population have control to merely a fifth of the respective income (Tait; 2016).

There are several reasons for the existence of these disparities. Some of the reasons include the availability of natural resources; different levels of health and education; the nature of a country’s economy and its industrial sectors. Other reasons include countries international trading policies, access to markets; how countries are governed and international relationships between countries; conflict within and between countries as well as a country’s vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change.

In this session, we will take a comprehensive look at the disparities that exist between the Global North and Global South by drawing a distinction between these two economic worlds using several variables such as levels of productivity, population growth and exports, international relations, availability of natural resources and how these countries are governed.

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Workshop 2

'Health Equity: A Global Goal'

Speaker: Modjadji Choshi, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing, James Madison University

The increasing globalization brings new economic efficiencies and prosperities, however, these benefits may not be recognized or if recognized, are not distributed equitably. This workshop is designed to provide a space/platform for students/ participants to share ideas and maybe built networks for comprehensive social context and determinants of the world's population health.

The discussions will range from international societies and cultures, to the impact of globalization on health, illuminating the globalized character of the world we live in. The discussions will, therefore, expand and reshape the participants' thought processes about contemporary issues and challenges that cross borders and affect every region of world; e.g. COVID-19 pandemic. We will discuss intersectionality from the perspective of the complex environments where people live, work, socialize and struggle for better lives within a global contexts. An important fact to understanding is that a combination of extraneous factors, which may be political, economic and/or social influence people's health outcomes. Global social and health equity cannot be achieved by people working in silos, but, by a multidisciplinary global citizens' network.

At the end of the workshop students will:

1. Understand health inequities in a global context.
2. Identify the difference between equity and equality in relation to health and wellbeing
3. Describe the impact of inequitable governing structures on health and well-being

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Workshop 3

'Inequality in the wealthy world: labor market institutions and low-wage jobs'

Speaker: Dr Ferran Mañé Vernet, Associate Professor, Rovira i Virgili University

Workshop 4 – Wednesday 11th August

Description to follow

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Workshop 4

‘Reducing inequities for sustainable development. The role of intersectorality in health.’

Speaker: Larisa Carrera, Dean-Professor, School of Medical Sciences
Universidad Nacional del Litoral

Worldwide, many people die from preventable causes or live complex situations related to their health, due to lack of access to adequate care. The shortage and inadequate distribution of the health workforce constitutes a major obstacle to achieving universal access and universal health coverage. The health situation in the Region of the Americas highlights the lack of equity that fundamentally translates into a lack of access to health that is detected in the region, and the lack of health professionals constitutes one of the most urgent problems. In recent years, the Region of the Americas has adopted policies to address the social determinants of health and promote human development with different results in different countries. However, Latin America remains the most unequal region in the world.

The 2030 agenda includes health and well-being within the proposed goals for sustainable development but, in addition, the health of populations is related to the other goals and it is necessary to include them in all policies implemented in a country in order to achieve the well-being of populations considering the social determinants of health. The pandemic has revealed the complex health situation in the region and its impact on the countries was very important, deepening inequities even more. Intersectoral work and the inclusion of health in all policies are necessary. It is proposed for this workshop to describe the health situation in the region, highlight the importance of intersectoral work and promote interaction and reflection on the importance of access and health care to guarantee the reduction of inequities.