

EUniWell Summer School 2024

Global Peace, Democratic Governance & Well-Being

Introduction

More than a quarter-century ago scholars in the social sciences proclaimed a global wave of democratisation. Then, common values such as global peace, justice and sustainable democracy appeared to expand universally. Within the United Nations (UN), democracy was perceived as good governance. Democracy spread in poor and undeveloped countries, in countries with authoritarian legacies and military rule as well as across regions and countries with different traditions and religions. In 2016, the UN declared the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) where democracy was stated to be extremely important for justice, sustainability and well-being within the political, economic, social and environmental sector. Furthermore, the SDGs (particularly SDG 16) emphasised democracy, peace and justice inextricably linked to the promotion of sustainable societies and individual well-being.

Today, changing geopolitical constellations and regional and local conflicts have reinforced challenges to global peace and democracy. The previous global democratic upsurge has halted with worrying tendencies in authoritarianism, nationalism and interstate as well as intra-state tension and war. In addition, the international order of multilateralism, international and European law and integration has become challenged. It is too early to define the extent of worldwide autocratisation, but it is obvious that counter-norms to multilateralism and the liberal democratic order have taken root and are challenging global peace, justice and well-being.

This summer-course focuses on contemporary challenges to global peace, democratic governance and well-being. In the summer of 2024, such an addressed challenge is the rising trend of autocratisation and the questioned liberal democratic order and its impact on peace, multilateral cooperation and European Law. Study visits in Brussel will focus on global and regional approaches to promoting and protecting global peace, sustainable democracy and well-being for citizens and the possible erosion of multilateralism and democratic peace in the international and European system. Each following summer will address other contemporary challenges to global peace, democratic governance and

well-being; i.e. climate change, socio economic recession and poverty, migration, north-south divide or terrorism etc.

This course addresses students in the social sciences with an interest in global peace, justice, sustainable democracy and well-being. This could for example include students in political science, peace and development, sociology, international law, social studies, history or teacher education etc.

Objectives

The current challenges to global peace, justice and sustainable democratic governance and well-being around the world call for improved knowledge of how to promote and protect democratic governance and rethink sustainable paths towards the maintenance of global peace and well-being.

Upon completion of the course, students shall be able to:

- independently define and analyse a research problem within the field of global peace, justice and sustainable democracy and governance in a scientific study
- critically discuss their own study as well as that of other students

The students shall conduct a “study” within the field of Global Peace, Justice, Sustainable Democracy and Governance. The form of such study is decided by the main instructor at the EUniWell partner university in consultation with the student and the work is conducted under the supervision of a teacher. The exam could be to develop a paper, create a blog post or a clip/video etc.

Schedule

3 June

15:00 - 17:00 CEST / 14:00 - 16:00 BST; LNU K2043/Zoom
Introduction & Presentation of EUniWell Partners

Global Governance & UNSDG - Peace, Democracy & Well-Being

4 June

15:00 - 17:00 CEST / 14:00 - 16:00 BST; LNU K2043/Zoom
Challenges to Multilateralism, a Liberal Democratic Order and European Law

Challenges to Global Peace, Justice & Well-Being

10 June

09:00 - 12:00 CEST; GGI-Brussels/Zoom

EU/NATO & Regional Approaches to the Promotion of Democratic Governance and European Law

EU/NATO & Regional Approaches to the Promotion of Positive Peace, Justice & Well-Being

13:00 - 17:00 CEST; Brussels

Study Visit 1 & 2

11 June

09:00 - 12:00 CEST; GGI-Brussels/Zoom

Global Approaches to the Promotion of Democratic Governance

Global Approaches to the Promotion of Positive Peace, Justice & Well-Being

13:00 - 17:00 CEST; Brussels

Study Visit 3 & 4

12 June

09:00 - 12:00 CEST; GGI-Brussels/Zoom

UN Approaches to the Promotion of Human Security, Justice & Well-Being

Regional Approaches to the Promotion of Human Security, Justice & Well-Being

13:00 - 16:00 CEST; GGI-Brussels/Zoom

Study Visit 5 & 6

13 June

09:00 - 12:00 CEST; GGI-Brussels/Zoom

European-African Challenges to UNSDG on Peace, Democracy & Well-Being

1-4pm, GGI-Brussels

Study Visit 7 & 8

14 June

09:00 - 12:00 CEST; Brussels/Zoom

Concluding Discussion

5 July; Online/Email

Final Exam