Call for Visiting Professors: Religion, Culture, and Peace Studies MA Program at the University for Peace (2023-24)

The University for Peace, established by the General Assembly of the United Nations, located in San Jose, Costa Rica is seeking a Visiting Professor to teach an online course within the MA in Religion, Culture, and Peace Studies programme of the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies for the academic year 2023-2024. The description and dates for this course are shared below.

Religion, Culture, and Ecology (3 credits)

Monday 30 October 2023, Friday 17 November 2023, 8:45 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Central Standard Time

The course on Religion, Culture, and Ecology facilitates students to engage with the major religions and cultural traditions of the world and the symbolic, ritualistic, and philosophical connections that exist in the nexus of religion, culture, and ecology. The course explores how religious and cultural understandings can contribute meaningfully to addressing ecological concerns. How is climate change conceptualized within the frameworks of the major religions of the world? How are the relationships between humans and their environment shaped considering the influences of religious thought on these processes? What are the intersections of environmental issues and indigenous ways of engaging with the world? How can religious and cultural traditions be considered in responding to current ecological needs? These questions will be considered through the work of scholars within the areas of religion, culture, and ecology.

Details of the Application Process

Applicants are requested to kindly make sure that they are available to teach the course on the dates shared here before applying as dates of the course are non-negotiable and re-scheduling is not possible. The courses offered at UPEACE are intensive, and typically, final assignments by the students are due within the course period or shortly thereafter. The appointment for this position will be on the basis of a short-term, full-time contract for the duration of the course. This three-credit course consists of five three-hour sessions per week over a three-week period (15 sessions total). The honorarium for this 3 credits course will be US$3,000.00. The course will be taught online through live Zoom sessions. Interested applicants are requested to review the course description and apply based on their relevant academic
expertise, professional experience, and availability. The application will be emailed to the following persons:

Dr. Adriana Salcedo  
Chair, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies  
asalcedo@upeace.org

Dr. Uzma Rashid  
Academic Coordinator, Religion, Culture, and Peace Studies  
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Emailed applications must include 1) a detailed curriculum vitae (Max. 5 Pages) and 2) a cover letter describing briefly how their relevant experience and expertise in this area makes them a suitable candidate (Max. 2 Pages). 3) a teaching statement that clearly states examples of pedagogy as they might be used in the course (Max. 2 pages). Please include the words ‘UPEACE RCPS Visiting Professor’ in the subject line of the email. Successful applicants will demonstrate exceptional research and pedagogic expertise in the topic area of the relevant course and/or up-to-date outstanding practical and training experience in the intersectional area of Religion, Culture, and Peace Studies. Emailed applications must reach by 11:59 PM Central Standard Time, August 31, 2023. Due to the number of applications received, only shortlisted candidates will be requested for an online interview.

About the Department: The Department of Peace and Conflict Studies of the University for Peace offers MA programs in the areas of International Peace Studies; Gender and Peacebuilding; Gender and Development; Peace Education; International Peace Studies with specialization in Media, Peace, and Conflict Studies; and Religion, Culture, and Peace Studies. Gender mainstreaming is an important component of all of our courses. Peace pedagogy is embraced and encouraged across all programs. For more information see www.upeace.org.

About the University: The University for Peace is renowned for its globally inclusive research and pedagogy in the broad area of Peace and Conflict. Home to the departments of Peace and Conflict Studies, Environment and Development, and International Law, it attracts a global body of students drawn from every continent of the earth every year. The University was established as a Treaty Organization of the United Nations with its own Charter in an International Agreement adopted by the General Assembly in Resolution 35/55 in December 1980. Its mission is "to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace and with the aim of promoting, among all human beings, the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, to stimulate cooperation among peoples and to help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace and progress, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations". For more information see www.upeace.org.