Voices from UPEACE - February 2021

UPEACE News

7 December 2020, UPEACE Campus, San Jose, Costa Rica - On 7 December 2020, during its 31st Session, the Council of the University for Peace officially welcomed its two newest members. Ms. Gabriela Ramos - UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences - and Mr. Carlos Alvarado Quesada - President of Costa Rica. Ms. Ramos will assume the position as Representative to the UNESCO Director-General, and Mr. Alvarado will assume the position as Representative of the Costa Rican Government. Read more [here](#).

President of Costa Rica, Carlos Alvarado Quesada, visited the UPEACE Campus

7 December 2020, UPEACE Campus, San Jose, Costa Rica - President of Costa Rica, Carlos Alvarado Quesada, visited the UPEACE Campus on the occasion of the celebration of the 31st Session of the UPEACE Council and the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the University for Peace. During his visit, he met with UPEACE department heads, faculty, staff, and students, making for a very special moment for our entire community. Welcome to the Council, Mr. President!

6th Training on "Operationalizing the Right to Development in Implementing the SDGs"

From 21 October to 17 November 2020, in partnership with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and UNU-IIGH, UPEACE conducted the sixth round of online training on "Operationalizing the Right to Development in Implementing the SDGs". The training was led by Dr. Mihir Kanade from UPEACE along with Dr. Obijiofor Agiama representing UNU-IIGH and was attended by 113 participants comprising UN staff, diplomats, government officials, members of national human rights institutions, NGOs, and academia.
University for Peace Celebrates the Celebration of the 13th Cohort of the APS Programme

17 December 2020, Manila, Philippines - On 17 December 2020, due to the current pandemic context, the UPEACE Asian Peacebuilders Scholarship Programme (APS) held its first-ever virtual commencement ceremony for its 14th Cohort, broadcast from our partner university, Ateneo de Manila University (AdMU). The virtual event focused on celebrating the arduous effort of the twenty-six students representing eight Southeast Asian countries. Read more [here](#).

UPEACE Professor Appointed to the International Criminal Court

21 December 2020, San Jose, Costa Rica - We celebrate the appointment of UPEACE Visiting Professor Sergio Ugalde to the International Criminal Court! In a competitive and complex race with 18 candidates for six seats for judges of the International Criminal Court, the Costa Rican candidate obtained a resounding 87 votes in the fourth round. This endorsement, apart from being the largest for a Latin American candidate, is a vote of confidence in Costa Rica in its commitment to international law, in the fight against impunity for the worst crimes and the recognition of victims’ rights.

UPEACE Introduces its new Chair on “Countering and Prevention of Illicit Trade and Transnational Organized Crime”

1 January 2021, San Jose, Costa Rica - The University for Peace (UPEACE) is pleased to present its new Chair on: “Countering and Prevention of Illicit Trade and Transnational Organized Crime”, coordinated by Dr. Mauricio Vieira on the main UPEACE campus in San Jose, Costa Rica. Read more [here](#).
New Japanese Ambassador to Costa Rica, Shinjiro Komatsu, Visits UPEACE

On 19 January 2021, the newly-appointed Ambassador of Japan in Costa Rica, Mr. Shinjiro Komatsu, visited UPEACE on the occasion of the official delivery of approximately 50 academic and animation books, donated by The Nippon Foundation through the Japanese Embassy. The donation was made with the objective of contributing to the academic studies and generation of knowledge of our students. Ambassador Komatsu shared a conversation with our current Japanese students to learn about their interests and areas of study. He also participated in an exchange of ideas with our Rector, Dr. Francisco Rojas Aravena, and our Dean, Dr. Juan Carlos Sainz-Borgo, on education in the context of the pandemic, peace, environment and human rights.

UPEACERS in the spotlight

When one UPEACER rises, we all rise! UPEACE Alumna Kate Childs Graham (Gender and Peacebuilding, 2007) was appointed Director of Speechwriting for the Office of the Vice President of the United States of America, Kamala Harris. Ms. Graham, who graduated from our University in 2007, most recently served as Director of the speechwriting and strategy firm West Wing Writers and led the speechwriting team for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. She is also the editor of the book “Why I Run: 35 Progressive Candidates Who Are Changing Politics” (2019). We have no doubt that she will perform her new role with the same level of excellence and professionalism with which she has approached the many prestigious roles she has held over the past decade.
NEW M.A. Programmes at UPEACE!

M.A International Law and Diplomacy

MODALITY: Hybrid or Online
START DAY: 5 July, 2021
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 30 April, 2021

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MAESTRÍA EN LIDERAZGO Y GERENCIA DE CONFLICTOS

MODALIDAD: En línea
FECHA DE MOD: 4 de febrero, 2021
FECHA LÍMITE INSCRIPCIÓN: 30 de enero, 2021

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M.A Programme in Indigenous Science and Peace

MODALITY: On-site
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Promoting peace, human rights and dialogue among civilizations

National and global actions in the struggle against the COVID 19: the Saudi’s contribution to this goal as Chairman of the Group of Twenty (G-20)

Skidwakpa Bribri de Costa Rica ena Jakun de Malaysia y’pa niwe:
Historias de los pueblos natívicos: Bríbri y Jakun de Costa Rica y Malasia
Stories from the People: Narratives from the Bríbri and Jakun Indigenous people of Costa Rica and Malaysia

Earth Charter, Education and the Sustainable Development Goal 4.7
Research, Experiences and Reflections
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