Rector Rojas Aravena Participates in the UN High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace

10 September 2020 - Dr. Francisco Rojas Aravena, Rector of the University for Peace, was invited to participate in the United Nations High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace. This year's Forum was intended as an opportunity to exchange views on possible ways to further promote the Culture of Peace, as the world grapples to respond to the global pandemic while striving to recover and address other pressing issues affecting the lives of millions around the globe. The theme for the 2020 High-Level Forum was "The Culture of Peace: Change our world for the better in the age of COVID-19." Read more here.

Emirates Diplomatic Academy and UPEACE Sign MoU to Enhance Future Collaboration

4 September 2020 - In partnership with the Permanent Mission of the UAE to the United Nations in Geneva, the Emirates Diplomatic Academy (EDA) signed an MoU with the University for Peace (UPEACE) to set up a shared platform in order to launch several projects aimed at strengthening research and academic collaboration between both entities, and to support EDA's efforts to train and empower future Emirati diplomats.

Newly-Appointed UN Resident Coordinator to Costa Rica visits UPEACE

16 September 2020 - Newly-appointed UN RCO to Costa Rica, Ms. Allegra Baiocchi, visited the University for Peace's Rodrigo Carazo Campus shortly after arriving in Costa Rica. During her meeting with the UPEACE Rector and Dean, the Coordinator was updated on UPEACE's global activities and received a detailed description of the steps being taken in preparation for the launch of the upcoming academic year. Following this tour, Ms. Baiocchi met with UPEACE Academic Department Heads, Directors and Resident Faculty members to discuss the academic offer and how this year will be conducted under the new, hybrid modality. Read more here.
The University for Peace has recently begun its search for an Assistant Professor and Head of the newly-created Academic Chair on “Countering and Prevention of Illicit Trade and Transnational Organized Crime,” who will work together with other staff in the University to lead, develop and coordinate a Chair on Countering and Prevention of Illicit Trade and Transnational Organized Crime, with structured educational courses and a research line in the field of countering and preventing illicit trade and transnational organized crime.

On 31 October 2019, the University for Peace signed an MoU with the Pontifical Lateran University with the presence of Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See. In light of this MoU, the Pontifical Lateran University, the Caritas in Veritate Foundation, and the University for Peace, have launched a research process on the importance of Peace and Dialogue in the construction of multilateralism within international organizations since the creation of the League of Nations. World-renowned professors and relevant experts will take stock on those elements aimed at strengthening peace and multilateralism. Read more here.

On 8 August 2020, the HBMS and the University for Peace signed an MoU. Presidents of the two universities gave opening remarks, followed by congratulatory speeches by the Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture, Mr. Hidehiko Yuzaki, and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Costa Rica, Mr. Yoshiaki Ito, who were the guests of honour. Lastly, under the theme of “Peace and Sustainable Management in the Corona Era”, HBMS and UPEACE talked about what “Values”, “Resources”, and “Policies” are for future educational programmes from the HBMS and UPEACE sides, respectively.
UPEACE Continues Webinar Series that Tackles the Pandemic from Different Perspectives

In order to expand the reach of the University for Peace and in an effort to contribute to the global dialogue on the pandemic from different perspectives - in this case, perspectives related to the study of Peace - the academic departments at UPEACE launched a webinar series that covers a wide gamut of viewpoints on this matter. The last 3 webinars, held in Spanish, dealt with topics such as new global threats and preventive measures and the Sustainable Development Goals within the context of the pandemic.

Additionally, our academic staff participated in a large number of webinars organized by other institutions on a wide range of topics related to our mission.
UPEACE Prepares to Welcome the Class of 2021

Amidst the chaos generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, UPEACE has spent the past 6 months reinventing itself and rethinking its pedagogical models, in order to be able to continue providing the high-quality, multi-cultural and multi-sectorial education students have come to expect from UPEACE programmes. On 1 October 2020, UPEACE will welcome the Class of 2021 under a new, hybrid model that will allow students who can travel to begin their studies face-to-face, to be joined by the rest of their cohort as international travel restrictions begin to ease. We are delighted and hopeful for an excellent, albeit different, academic year, the products of which - our Alumni - are sure to have an immediate impact on shaping the post-COVID world.

UPEACE Africa Centre Hosted its First Doctoral Thesis Defence

Our UPEACE Africa Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, was host to the first Doctoral Thesis Defence to take place at the regional centre. Candidate Mohamed Farah defended his thesis on the topic "The Political Economy of Regional Integration in the Horn of Africa: The Role of IGAD (1986-2019)" via Zoom. This Doctorate Degree in Peace, Governance and Development offers a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary examination of governance, power, authority, conflict, peace and development in the global and African contexts. This programme is offered exclusively at our UPEACE Africa Centre.
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