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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

INU INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SEMINAR FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND PEACE 2026 @ HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

Dear students,

We are currently accepting applications for the annual International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship & Peace 2026. This year's theme is:

The UN SDGs and sustainable economic development

The International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace is a unique immersion program which is hosted by Hiroshima University in Japan. Since 2006, the seminar welcomes students from around the world from INU member universities and is structured around the August 6th commemoration of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

The 10-day program includes lectures, case studies and small group discussions. The program also offers field trips to local attractions and cultural learning experiences, and culminates in a United Nations role play where groups of students represent different countries, and negotiate to pass a draft resolution. The program also includes attendance of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony on 6th August.

Seminar theme 2026: The UN SDGs and sustainable economic development

The purpose of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the UN General Assembly as a part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is to create a vision for achieving a sustainable future for all. UN Member States agreed to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature. The SDGs were designed to provide a basis to end poverty, eradicate hunger, protect the planet, and improve the quality of life in the world. It is intended to create a sense of accountability that allows positive progression toward sustainable development. The SDGs target developing or less developed states by urging richer states to support programmes in the less deprived or developed regions.

Sustainable economic development seeks to balance economic growth with social equity and environment protection. The principles of sustainable economic development include intergenerational equity, sustainable consumption and production, environmental stewardship, social justice and equity. Sustainable economic development is applied across many sectors which opens a wide range of topics for workshop speakers in different fields.

The seminar will consider the role of international organisations, especially the United Nations, in the field of sustainable economic development and examine how effective and influential international organisations can be in achieving this purpose. The aims of this year's seminar are to explore the three

dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental and to discuss the possible ways to establish a balance between them

Participants will receive the Viadrina INU scholarship of approximately ~800€

Practical Information:

When: 4. – 12. August 2026

Where: Hiroshima University, Japan

Eligibility: Enrolled Bachelor and Master Students at Viadrina

Application: Please send an e-mail to casiano@europa-uni.de including the following documents, **in a single PDF**, referring to Ms. Claudia Casiano:

- Letter of Intent; Please mention the relevance of the topic, in connection with personal and academic background, as well as the expectations for the seminar.
- CV
- English Proficiency Language Certificate; min. of B2
- Transcript of Records; a min. of 2,5 GPA is required
- Enrollment Certificate at Viadrina

Deadline: 8th March 2026, 23:59

Note: All applications are to be submitted in English.
Applications received past deadline will **not** be considered.

For any inquiries regarding the program, please contact Ms. Claudia Casiano; +4933555342863 or casiano@europa-uni.de