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Peace one day

On the 21st of September 2006, the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance will organize a seminar within the theme of Peace One Day, an initiative supported by the United Nations. The Peace One Day (POD) film project began as the vision of one man, British filmmaker, Jeremy Gilley. Launched in September 1999, POD gained active support from all sectors of society, from governments through to individuals. In September 2001, POD achieved its primary objective. A United Nations General Assembly resolution (A/Res/55/282), put forward by the UK and Costa Rican governments, was unanimously adopted by all UN member states, formally establishing an annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence on the UN International Day of Peace, fixed in the global calendar on 21 September - Peace Day. All sectors of society are being asked to honour and celebrate the Day on 21 September. The School will organize several lectures around the theme of the cessation of violent conflict and there will be a viewing of the film 'Peace One Day'. We will also encourage our alumni to organize a similar event in their home country and we plan to show the lectures of the Peace One Day seminar online.

Programme overview:

09.30	Reception speakers and participants
10.00	Movie Peace one Day
10.30	Lecture
11.00	Lecture (Timor El-Dardiry on "natural resources and internal armed conflict")
11.30	Break
11.45	Lecture (Human Rights and Peacebuilding Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands)
12.15	Discussion
12.45	Lunch

All who are interested are invited to participate and can subscribe and receive more information via Charlotte.Groven@governance.unimaas.nl



UNICEF staff in Maastricht, summer 2006

In April the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance launched the UNICEF learning programme on public policy, advocacy and partnerships for children's rights. This tailor-made learning programme focuses on key concepts in public policy analysis, evidence-based advocacy and partnerships for achieving the Millennium Development Goals. It combines e-learning and face-to-face sessions engaging UNICEF staff working in over 128 different countries in a dynamic exchange with leading scholars, policy makers, economists and development practitioners. After completing the first phase of the training programme via distance learning and e-learning activities (about 8 weeks), around 270 participants came to Maastricht for face-to-face lectures, discussions and exercises during 8 days. They were divided in 3 groups. The first group of participants arrived on June 28 in Maastricht and the last group left on July 14. They came from all over the world and had so many stories and experiences to tell. The groups were welcomed by our University, the City of Maastricht and of course by our team here at the School! Lecturers came from all over the world to speak to the group and all participants were divided into small groups to work on tasks in PBL tutorials. In the programme there were also some group lunches and dinners which was beneficial for all people involved (UM staff and participants) in the programme to get to know each other and to listen to each others interesting experiences. When all groups left Maastricht phase 3 of the learning programme started: all participants now work in small teams to write on a paper that focuses on one of the Millenium Development Goals for the region that the participants are currently working, and that will be presented in a Conference in February 2007 in Maastricht.



On the trail of Jane Austen

A report by Mirtha Muñoz Castillo in Bath, England

As a PhD student of the MGSOG, I had the possibility to stay for a visit research period at the University of Bath, one of our partner universities. The University of Bath hosts an interdisciplinary research group on Wellbeing in Developing Countries (WeD), which was quite interesting to me for two reasons: its research topics (wellbeing, human needs, autonomy) and its country cases (Peru, my home country, is one). For a bit more than 2 months, between May and July, I enjoyed of the beauty of Bath. During my stay, I visited tourist attractions in the city centre (a must-go, the Roman Baths) and countryside surroundings. Merely walking the streets in the centre feels so nice. Bath has, like Maastricht, a lot to offer though the weather is not always so collaborative for last-minute trips... My timing was perfect as I left at the beginning of summer when tourism reached its peak. My academic visit to WeD was auspicious. I participated in the weekly seminars where researchers discuss their progress and PhD students present their work. Ideas flow naturally and it is quite interesting to see how diverse professional backgrounds enrich the discussion directly oriented towards practical work. On several diverse occasions, my research work also received enthusiastic comments! I got to know nice and warm human beings with whom I shared not only academic interests but also pleasant moments. I am very grateful.

**Nice to meet you... Cleo Heyen
(project coordinator UNICEF)**

My name is Cleo Heyen, 34 years old, and since April this year I am working at the MGSOG as a Project Coordinator for the UNICEF Learning Programme on public policy, advocacy and partnerships for children's rights. This is a training programme for UNICEF staff working all over the globe! All participants have been in Maastricht over the summer and it was very nice to meet with them in person after working on the e-learning programme with them for 2 months. At this moment they are all working on their final assignment papers that will be presented in a conference in Maastricht in February 2007. I studied International Relations at Universiteit Utrecht and decided to move back to my hometown Maastricht after my graduation in 1996. I worked for 1 year at the European Journalism Center and after that for 7 years at the Center for European Studies at Universiteit Maastricht where I organised study programmes for non-European students. I love nature, gardening, animals and hiking and therefore I am very happy that I will be moving to Schinnen later this year together with my boyfriend Marco, where we bought a house in the country side with a huge garden! At the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance I feel very much at home, it is especially the dynamic and international environment that I love most!



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