



e-learning course

Countering Hate Speech

Through the Promotion of IRD and Cooperation for Peace

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This short, self-paced e-learning course was developed by The International Dialogue Centre-KAICIID and UPEACE. It looks at the disturbing rise of xenophobia, racism and intolerance from the perspective of the United Nations. In this sense, violence committed 'in the name of religion' can lead to massive violations of human rights, including freedom of religion or belief. Mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of the dialogue among civilizations and of the culture of peace in order to tackle the disturbing rise of hate speech.

The course provides methodology and policy recommendations on how to identify and counter hate speech through the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace with potential partners at all levels.

All course components are available now and can be completed at a time that is convenient for you (within a one-month period). Please note that this course is not facilitated by a course team leader. Any specific questions can be emailed to the KAICIID E-Learning Unit at elearning@kaiciid.org.

TARGET AUDIENCE AND FOCUS

This course is specifically designed for religious leaders, faith-based organizations, civil society and non-governmental organizations, UN agencies and other multilateral institutions, government officials, policy and decision-makers and individuals interested in this field.



ABOUT KAICIID'S SERIES OF SDGs SHORT COURSES

The practice of using interreligious dialogue (IRD) for engaging faith actors to support and promote the UN SDGs is rapidly emerging as a necessary tool for the twenty-first century education toolbox.

KAICIID's e-learning courses build the capacities of global leaders to address a number of today's most pressing challenges by developing knowledge, networks and skills.

The courses are part of an ongoing collaboration between KAICIID, UNEP, UPEACE, LWC, NMCL and ISCREB.



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- The theme of the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace and its linkage with the protection of human rights, including the prohibition of hate speech and good practices of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (IDRC)
- The rights-based approach to intercultural and interreligious dialogue in countering hate speech
- The areas of action to counter hate speech through the interreligious and intercultural dialogue in light of the UN practice



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE (UPEACE)

The University for Peace (UPEACE) was established through an International Agreement adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations through its Resolution 35/55 of 5 December 1980. As a result, it possesses a unique global legal authorization to inter alia grant Master's and Doctoral degrees.

The mission of the University is "to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace 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 as well as fair education, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations."

The headquarters of the University for Peace are located in San Jose, Costa Rica.



Francisco Rojas Aravena Francisco Rojas Aravena was elected as the 8th Rector of the University for Peace (UPEACE) in 2013. He was elected for a second term in 2018. Dr. Rojas-Aravena has a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Utrecht (Netherlands) and a M.S. in Political Science from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), and specializes in international relations, human security, integration, Latin American political systems, negotiations – theory and practice – and international security and defence. He served as the Secretary-General of FLACSO (2004-2012) and Director of FLACSO Chile (1996-2004). Dr. Rojas-Aravena also served Professor at the School of International Relations of the National University of Costa Rica (UNA) (1980-1990), Professor at Stanford University's campus in Chile, Visiting Professor at the Andres Bello Diplomatic Academy (Chile) and a Fulbright Professor at the Latin American and Caribbean Centre (LACC) at Florida International University (USA). He is currently on the Editorial Board of several academic journals, including the Spanish edition of Foreign Affairs magazine (Mexico), Pensamiento Iberoamericano magazine (Spain) and Ciencia Política magazine (National University of Colombia). Dr. Rojas-Aravena is a prolific author and editor and has published a large number of books, as well as contributed with book chapters, both within and outside of Latin America, many of which have been translated into other languages. In 2016 Dr. Rojas-Aravena received the Malinalli Prize from the Universidad Autonoma de Juarez (Mexico), for his contributions to the Latin American region. In 2012, he was honoured by the governments of Costa Rica, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic for his contributions to the integration between Latin America and the Caribbean. Throughout his professional career, he has also conducted advisory and consulting work for various international agencies and governments in the region.



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COURSE DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

This interactive digital course is specifically designed for busy professionals who do not have time to take the longer, moderated six-module course on 'Engaging Faith Actors to Support the Implementation Process of the SDGs'. They can now select the relevant thematic topics and modules and learn on the go. Administered through a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform, this short course takes around two hours to complete and can be taken anywhere, anytime, at a pace that suits and from a phone or a computer.



CERTIFICATION

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive Certificate of Completion.



HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Modern and updated browsers.

COURSE LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
FEES: FREE OF CHARGE

DURATION: 1 WEEK
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