

On Friday 25th September at 15:00 (3PM CEST) – 17:00 the Chair / Lectorate of UN studies in Peace and Justice is hosting an online UN75 dialogue which will focus on the future of the UN we would like to see. In the meantime, fill out the [UN75 one minute survey](#) and have your say.



About the Event

As we approach the 75th anniversary of the United Nations it has become apparent that we need to revisit important questions about the UN and change the way we act as a global community. One of the main criticisms of the organization is that it is based on an outdated power-structure that has perpetuated a global order from 1945 which is no longer valid or desirable. Imagining the world of tomorrow, the UN75 activities are forward-looking and we encourage attendees to think about what the world should look like in 25 years, the role of the UN in achieving our visions for 2045, and what needs to be done now to achieve the targets, goals, and visions we have set for our collective futures.

The UN75 dialogues organised by the [Chair / Lectorate of UN studies](#) emphasize the role of young people, their dreams, criticisms, and visions for the future of the UN. For this event we will bring together academics, practitioners, school and university students, policymakers, and UN representatives who will discuss how we can improve the UN going forward. The dialogue is structured around questions and topics outlined in the [UN75 toolkit](#) provided by the UN Secretariat. While [Goal 16](#) is the guiding theme for our dialogue, we will go beyond its targets to look at how the four interdependent yet separate issues and their impact on achieving the goal.

- [A New Era of Conflict and Violence](#)
- [The Climate Crisis – A Race We can Win](#)
- [Women and Girls – Closing the Gender Gap](#)
- [Inequality – Bridging the Divide](#)

For each topic, an expert researcher and/or policymaker from our partner institutions will facilitate a group discussion. During the event, the students will be challenged to come up with creative and plausible ideas to improve the current international efforts around these issues. We will use the questions outlined by the UN75 toolkit as a starting point and each thematic subgroup lead will adapt these to make the discussion more concrete.

Facilitators

[Mr. David den Dunnen – The Hague University of Applied sciences](#)

David den Dunnen has been a lecturer in International Law and Legal Skills at The Hague University of Applied Sciences since 2010.

[Ms. Leonie van der Stijl – Climate team at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)

Leonie van der Stijl is the Senior Policy Office of Climate and Renewable Energy. She has occupied this position and been part of the Climate team since August 2018.

[Ms. Christine Tremblay – The Hague University of Applied Sciences](#)

Christine M. G. Tremblay is Lecturer of International Law at The Hague University of Applied Sciences and an external PhD candidate at Leiden University

Professor Neil Foster-McGregor, Deputy-Director, United Nations University - MERIT – UNU-MERIT

Professor Foster-McGregor joined UNU-MERIT in July 2014 and has been Deputy Director of the institute since November 2016. Neil's research interests include economic growth and development, international trade and globalisation, innovation and technology transfer, and applied econometrics.

Professor Alanna O'Malley – Chair / Lector of UN Studies in Peace and Justice – moderator/host

Professor O'Malley is the Chair / Lector of United Nations Studies in Peace and Justice, a newly created position at Leiden University and The Hague University of Applied Sciences. This position was created in honor of the former Dutch Foreign Minister and Mayor of The Hague Jozias Van Aartsen. She is a historian focusing on the United Nations, decolonization, Congo and the Cold War. Her current research focuses on recovering the invisible histories of the UN, investigating the role of the Global South challenging the liberal world order from 1945-1981.

Program

The event will last two hours and will be done virtually. The exact platform and registration process is TBC.

1. Welcome and introduction - Alanna O'Malley (5 minutes)
2. Introductory remarks by the facilitators (5 minutes each)
3. Breakout sessions (moderated by facilitators) (80 minutes hour)
4. Presentation of key findings (25 minutes)
5. Closing remarks – Alanna O'Malley (5 minutes)

More information about UN75 Celebrations in The Hague

The UN75 celebration in The Hague will take place in two parts. The first is an interactive dialogue between youth representatives, civil society actors, field workers, government representatives, and academic experts. The second will be a moderated discussion on United Nations Day (October 24th) at the Peace Palace.

The events are part of the UN75 global dialogue series in the Netherlands being organized by the Chair / Lectorate of UN Studies in Peace and Justice with the support of Leiden University, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, the United Nations University - MERIT, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nederlandse Vereniging voor de Verenigde Naties, and United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe (UNRIC) and the Just Peace Festival in The Hague. The interactive dialogues will be structured around questions which arise from the UN75 toolbox provided by the UN Secretariat. It will also utilize the priorities from the UN Global Youth Strategy, in particular:

1. How to amplify youth voices at the UN?
2. Developing the role of youth in human rights - especially civic engagement at the city level.
3. Young people as catalysts for peace.

The UN75 dialogues aim to inspire action, bring together actors working on similar issues, and increase the visibility and relevance of the UN. The plan is to provide a lasting and substantive contribution from The Hague UN community directly to the UN.