

Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network

EUROPE, THE ASIA PACIFIC AND THE GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION AGENDA

PROGRAM

The United Nations Global Transformation Agenda was endorsed unanimously by 193 nations in 2015. It outlines a remarkable challenge to governments, business, education and researchers and civil society to address critical issues that threaten not only the living circumstances of contemporary populations but also the very future of the planet.

After 5 years of action towards 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the concluding conference of the Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network offers an opportunity to explore a range of issues that have arisen already. It brings together a range of themes from researchers and others who have been involved in various aspects of the Network over the past three years.

It is organised in two parts. The first day, 24 March 2021, offers an opportunity for Early Career Researchers to share their work. An experienced researcher will comment on the ECR presentations and lead the discussion.

The other two days bring together members of the Jean Monnet Network with other researchers to share their thinking about future prospects for the Global Agenda.

This conference is offered both in person and online. All presenters have been encouraged to share their key thoughts in writing, so that actual presentations can be limited to 10 minutes, maximising the time for discussion. Written materials are available [here](#). There will be a 10-minute break between each session.

Wednesday 24 March 2021 Early Career Researcher Workshop

9.30 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Outline of Program
Dr Emma Shortis, Research Fellow, European Union Centre of Excellence, RMIT University

9.45 Health and Education in Difficult Settings

Alice Singo	More Under-Five Children Dying Outside the Hospital Setting in Malawi
Amani Al Amad	Fate of Education in Gaza: Learning in Times of Conflict and the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic
Expert Commentary:	Professor Bruce Wilson

11.00 SDGs and Education Outcomes

Mir Shah	Postcolonial Pakistan and the Promise of Quality and Inclusive Education for All: The Aga Khan Schools and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
Anumoni Joshi	International Higher Education and Progressive German Policy Strategies for International Students from Asia Pacific Regions
Sher Rahmat Khan	Why Can't Over 22.8 Million Pakistani Young People Get Access to Quality Education? The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their Relevance to the Discourse of Access to Quality Education in Postcolonial Pakistan
Expert Commentary:	Associate Professor Roberto Guevara

12.30 Lunch Break

1.15 Climate and Globalisation

Ashleigh Stokes	Action on Climate Change and the SDGs: Transformation or Transition?
Brad Davison	Nationalism, Neoliberal Globalisation and, Sustainable Development; How Surging Nationalism and Neoliberalism Thwart the Global Agenda for Transformation
Nelly Natii Wendot	Exploring African Migrants Social and Solidarity Economic Activities - Case Study of Asia Pacific
Expert Commentary:	Professor Chris Duke

3.00 Urban Transformation

Zhaowei Wang	Tangshan in Transition: From Heavy Industry to a Sustainable City
Md Badrul Hyder	Transforming Urban Greenspace in Dhaka City, Bangladesh
Expert Commentary:	Professor Usha Iyer-Raniga

4.00 Closing Remarks: Professor Bruce Wilson

4.15 Close

Thursday, 25 March 2021 Main Conference

9.30 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Outline of Program
Professor Bruce Wilson, Director, EU Centre of Excellence, RMIT University

9.45 The European Union and the Sustainable Development Goals

Serena Kelly & Mat Doidge	EU-Pacific Engagement Post Covid-19 and Post-Brexit: What Impact on the SDGs?
Matthew Coote	The European Union and the Sustainable Development Goals: A Lead Role for the European Parliament?
Damian Privitera & Maren Klein	The European Union and Sustainable Development Goal 17: Maintaining, Nurturing and Establishing Partnerships in Uncertain Times
Chair:	Dr Emma Shortis

11.00 Climate Crisis

Elizabeth G Boulton	Hyperthreats and an Entangled Security Approach: Insights for the 2030 Global Transformation Agenda?
Emma Shortis	Lessons from Kyoto: How Australia's Relationship with the United States Undermines Global Action on Climate
Chloe Ward	Kim Stanley Robinson's <i>The Ministry of the Future</i> : Beyond the Global Transformation Agenda
Chris Duke	Cataclysmic Opportunity Revisited
Chair:	Professor Ben Cashore

12.30 Lunch Break

1.30 Panel: Emergent Partnering and SDG 4 as Transformation: Curriculum GlobALE in Laos

Joanne Binns	
Freyja Dixon	
Robbie Guevara	
Chair:	Professor Bruce Wilson

2.45 Panel: Transformations

Maren Klein	
Rachel England	
Robbie Guevara	
Mary Johnson	
Chairs:	Dr Maren Klein and Dr Emma Shortis

4.15 Break

5.00pm Contradiction or Transformation?

Bruce Wilson	Transforming the World of Work, Economy and Innovation
Jerry Courvisanos	United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals and Innovation: Alternative Economic Development Model
Chair:	Dr Chloe Ward

Friday, 26 March 2021

Main Conference (continued)

9.00 Collaborative Action for Change

Jac Torres-Gomez & Diane Tabbagh	Empathy Partnership Lens for Greater Impact
Jordan Panayotov	Policies for Achieving SDGs: Good Intentions Are Not Enough for Success
Kyla Raby	The Role of the Consumer in Legislative Efforts to Reduce Modern Slavery
Chair:	Professor Chris Duke

10.15 Globalising Trade Relations

Gabriele Suder	Freer Trade and Investment Opportunities: Australia's Case for the Expansion of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and EU Relations
Muhammad Ishtiaq Ishaq	A Sustainable Development Approach to Investigate Core Competencies and Performance in Hospitality Industries: A Cross-Cultural Study
Chair:	Associate Professor Sharif As-Saber

11.30 Panel: The Effects of Institutional and Organisational Factors on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Reporting

Donna O'Neill	
Nina Greig-Towers	
Prof Nava Subramanian	
Robyn Leeson	
Gustavo Loiola	
Dr. Raghu Raman	
Chair:	Dr Renzo Mori, Jr

1.00 Lunch Break

1.30 Case Studies of and for Change

Nasrin Rahman	Domestic Violence against women in Bangladesh and the SDGs
Amanda Lawrence	Research Publishing, Access to Information and the SDGs: Towards a Public Policy Knowledge Commons
Ottavio Quirico	Ocean Governance and Climate Change
Chair:	Dr Maren Klein

2.30 Panel: Integrating Music and Sound into Efforts to Advance the SDGs in the Asia-Pacific

Catherine Grant (Chair)	
Brydie-Leigh Bartleet	
Sandy Sur	
Joseph Lamont	
Leah Barclay	

3.30 Final Remarks and Close

Dr Emma Shortis and Professor Bruce Wilson