

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network

Graduate Student and Early Career Workshop Sustainable Development Goals Research: Linking Your Research with the United Nations' Global Agenda for Transformation

9.30am-2.00pm, Thursday 27 February 2020

Objectives: Through this workshop, participants will gain a better understanding of how their individual research activities can be linked to the United Nations' agenda for global transformation, as articulated through the SDGs.

Call for Participants

In September 2015, the United Nations unanimously adopted the [2030 Agenda](#) and, as its cornerstone, 17 [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) to shape international efforts to promote a sustainable, peaceful and equitable world. Implementation of the SDGs requires action on an immense scale, involving not only government and business, but also civil society, particularly universities. This workshop aims to explore the specific opportunities and challenges arising out of this agenda for researchers working in universities.

Universities themselves are increasingly focused on the SDGs. In 2018, the Times Higher Education World University Rankings introduced a new measurement based on the Goals, aiming to rank global universities' success in delivering on SDG targets. Institutions across the world—including RMIT—are looking to the SDGs as a framework for teaching, research, engagement and impact.

Building on its program in 2019, the [Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network](#) is offering a further series of workshops for RMIT graduate students and early career researchers (broadly defined) who want to discover and/or understand how their research can contribute to achieving the SDGs as a tool for global transformation. The first workshop will be held on **Thursday, 27 February 2020, from 9.30-2pm**. Researchers interested in making the SDGs more central to their work are particularly encouraged to apply.

The February Workshop will examine the ways in which the United Nations' global agenda is articulated across the framework of 17 Goals, and how UN Agenda offers a policy and action context for individual research activities.



It will address the following issues:

- **Context:** how can 17 SDGs be understood as part of a transformational agenda? How does a focus on place help to contextualise the UN agenda?
- **Methods:** what methodologies/methods are appropriate and relevant, given the current emphasis within the SDGs on ‘measurable outcomes’? Is there an alternative? How else can we ‘measure’?
- **Content:** How and where do the SDGS connect and/or overlap? which SDGs are best linked to individuals’ research agendas? How does this link to the more comprehensive notion of a ‘global agenda’?
- **Institutional:** how and with whom can researchers work and engage (at RMIT or more broadly)?

Interested research students/early career researchers should [register for the workshop](#) by **Friday, 14 February 2019**. If you are new to the Network’s activities, please send a 100-word summary of your research and a 100-word bio to maren.klein@rmit.edu.au, so that we can ensure that we are alert to your interests.

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