



CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University

The professional development certificate in peace and development studies is an interdisciplinary one-year program that balances theoretical learning with practical skills-building by capitalizing on the dynamic experiences of expert lecturers and global field practitioners. The ideal candidate has substantial work experience and is currently involved in a field directly or closely related to peacebuilding and/or development. Participants can immediately begin applying what they learn through the program to their work.

“The experience of being a Rotary Peace Fellow at Chula was amazing and enriching. It helped me take a step back from my work and evaluate it from a very structured lens. It also brought me in close contact with diverse people who were working on different aspects of conflict resolution and peacebuilding. I learned a lot from the professors, facilitators, and my course mates. It was a learning experience to live and study with people from different cultures.” — Elsa Marie D’Silva (2016)

Program overview

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

Specialization: Post-Graduate Diploma in Peace and Development Studies

Program: Fellows will systematically analyze and build practical capacities to respond constructively and pragmatically to transforming negative to positive peace and development. They will learn through online coursework and in-person residential sessions using focus group discussions, model-building technics, case studies, role-plays, brainstorming, problem-solving, and the nonviolent practices of dialogue, mediation, and negotiation. They will be mentored to directly apply their new skills through a participant-designed social change initiative.

Curriculum modules: Peace, Development, Conflict and Inclusion Analysis; Conflict Transformation and Development (e.g., early warning and response, mediation, negotiation, reconciliation, social change movements, etc.); Methods and Mechanisms; Social Change Leadership; and, a mentored individual social change initiative that includes a design and implementation plan

Field study: Two weeks of field studies per session (one domestic and one international)

Language of instruction: English

Lecturers: 20-30 per session

Previous lecturers: Houda Abadi, Chaiwat Satha-Anand, Mitzi Austero, Elsa Marie D’Silva, Kishu Daswani, Michael Fryer, Miki Jacevic, Kai Frithjof Brand-Jacobsen, Alfredo Ferrariz Lubang, Erik Melander, Paivi Nikander, Norbert Ropers, Irene Santiago, Janjira Sombatpoonsiri, Sean Southey, Jan Sunoo, Bernardo Venturi, Tom Woodhouse, Enda Young

Fellows: Up to 20 per cohort

Length: The one-year program includes a two-week online preliminary course, a 10-week on-site residential course with field studies, a nine-month implementation period to advance an impact focused social change initiative (with interactive online sessions), and an on-site capstone seminar.

Alumni network: Since 2005, the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn has trained 593 certificate students who come from 94 countries. Seventy-five percent of alumni currently work for nongovernmental organizations, UN and government agencies, or in academia and research. Other fields include diplomacy, law, law enforcement, and journalism.

Career paths of recent graduates:

- Deputy team leader for governance at the UN Development Programme in Yemen
- Professor at Sardar Patel University of Police, Security, and Criminal Justice in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India
- Program officer at the South Sudan Mission
- Inspector of police for the Kenyan National Police Service Commission
- Technical adviser for gender-based violence and protection at Muslim Aid in the UK
- Senior protection coordinator for Oxfam in South Sudan
- Executive director of the Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding
- Child protection officer at UNICEF
- Journalist at the BBC

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