Participants of the MGG Academy 2019
The MGG Academy brings together young professionals from rising powers and Europe to collectively address global challenges. In their home countries, the participants work in government institutions, think tanks and research institutions, civil society and the private sector.

The main objective of the Academy is to support and prepare future change-makers for a professional and personal life dedicated to sustainable development at home and in the world. Building trust, exchanging perspectives and developing a mutual understanding belong to the core assets of the Academy.

The MGG Academy is based on the premise that profound knowledge, leadership qualities as well as visionary action are of core importance for transformative change. The four-month course thus blends academic modules, modules on leadership development and applied project work. It thereby combines a broad range of interactive working methods, including practical experience and participatory approaches, lectures, study trips, peer coaching and personal reflection.

In the MGG Academy 2019, participants analyse and reflect upon current challenges such as transformation towards sustainability or polarisation of societies.
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"I hope to contribute to a narrative where development is measured not only in terms of economic progress, but also by the yardsticks of sustainability, inclusivity and justice."
Chávez Becker, Carlos Gabriel

Mexico

Institution
Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana

Expertise
Governance studies
Promotion of civil society

"Change can be achieved by creating more and better structures of governance, as well as networks in which heterogeneous stakeholders collaboratively contribute to face our global problems."
"Global cooperation is the recognition that all nations are economically, socially and environmentally connected. We can achieve sustainability only by joining efforts"
Faria Calembo Marra, Karla C.

Brazil

Institution
Ministry of the Economy

Expertise
Employment public policies
International cooperation

"I believe global cooperation is a powerful cost-efficient tool towards development. Learning from other countries' experiences increases our chances of implementing successful solutions."
"Closing gaps through strengthening global cooperation is vital to achieve sustainable development goals. Joint efforts and action-oriented cooperation are needed to build a shared future for us all."
"I want to support the design of digital policies that narrow the digital divide. If we want the global agenda for development to advance, digitalisation should leave no one behind."
"I want to encourage and advocate for an understanding of development that focusses on human capital and empowerment, and thereby shifts the responsibility of transformative change to ordinary individuals."
"In the face of rising populism and anti-globalisation movements in some parts of the world, I believe that global cooperation becomes more essential than ever in addressing and solving unprecedented challenges."
LIU, Ailan

China

Institution
Zhejiang Normal University

Expertise
International development cooperation
Sino-Africa trade
China’s direct investment to Africa

"I am excited to meet young and passionate experts on global cooperation. Exchanging views will allow me to understand global cooperation as a whole, as well as give me new approaches to solve common challenges. "

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"Habitats, societies, and markets are heavily interdependent across borders. I am convinced that global cooperation enables us to coexist within these interdependencies in a more conscious and positive way."
"I believe that global cooperation promotes innovation, maximisation of resources and capacity building among partners, to address global challenges and achieve sustainable development in all countries."
Pécchio Gimenis, Thiago

Brazil

Institution
Getulio Vargas Foundation

Expertise
Public accountability
Performance of systems of justice
Comparative institutional analysis

"Participating in a programme on global cooperation means to me being open and committed to the solution of common problems, rather than acting on personal convictions based on national interests."
"The world as a whole faces climate change and its solutions lie in resolving the international energy issues through well-meaning global cooperation."
Pooe, Kagiso

South Africa

Institution
North West University

Expertise
Public policy or local economic development
Scenario planning and failure analysis
Institutional planning for policy

"I want to bring Africa to the fore by being an active stakeholder who produces economic development solutions. For that purpose, I want to learn how professionals coming from other developing states are handling complex public policy making challenges."
"Decades ago, we realised that many of the most pressing problems can only be solved through global cooperation - yet we have failed to truly follow that recognition in our actions. The MGG Academy is one important part in the mosaic that makes global cooperation a reality."
Prakash, Apoorva Sara

India

Institution
Quality Council of India

Expertise
Impact evaluation
Optimisation modelling
Team building

"Through the power of mathematical modelling, I want to make an authentic attempt to build sustainable practices to solve the problems that beset us today."
Robles Larios, Andrea Ernestina

Mexico

Institution
Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation

Expertise
International development cooperation
Gender equality
Children development

"I aspire to influence policymakers, first in Mexico and then on a global scale, to include a gender perspective in every single policy designed and implemented by them."
"Global cooperation is fundamental to create a win-win global solution; ensuring that no one is left behind while pursuing the achievement of common goals."
Sengupta, Sreerupa

India

Institution
Administrative Staff College of India

Expertise
Gender and governance
Gender and education
Health, sexuality and human rights

"I joined the MGG Adacemy because I would like to reflect and debate on current global challenges with peers from across the globe, learn and share ideas in a multi-cultural environment and explore possibilities for trans-border alliances in action research and advocacy."

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"For me global cooperation is a mean to overcome zero-sum games among countries, as well as a tactic to reduce the probabilities of conflict and war. "
Sibisi, Mandisa Pamela

South Africa

Institution
National Department of Environmental Affairs

Expertise
Environmental management
Environmental impact assessment
Climate change

"I see global cooperation as the act and ability of the world’s community to work together, with the aim of finding a path to overcome current challenges and to accomplish transnational goals."
"I believe it is of utmost importance to develop cooperation links and to strengthen common understanding among actors from diverse cultural and professional backgrounds, in order to face the global challenges of our times."

Sosa Núñez, Gustavo Sadot
Mexico
Institution
Instituto Dr José María Luis Mora
Expertise
Political ecology
International environmental cooperation
Climate change, air quality and ocean policies
"Nations need to establish global cooperation mechanisms in order to fulfill their necessities in a sufficient way. However, this cooperation is bounded by legal, cultural, political and environmental factors. As a civil servant who deals with the formulation of policies, I want to acquire useful knowledge that allows me to promote global cooperation."
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