Introduction

The MGG Academy brings together young professionals from government institutions, think tanks and research institutions, civil society and the private sector in rising powers and Europe. Its main objective 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.

As a completely digital format, the MGG Academy 2020 will prepare participants for the future of virtual cooperation in diverse and transnational contexts, combining various forms of synchronous and asynchronous work. Learning, dialogue and project development will be supported by interactive working methods, participatory approaches, peer coaching and personal reflection. At the core of the MGG Academy, participants will focus on the opportunities and challenges of global cooperation and transformation to sustainability in times of disruptive crisis.
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Indonesia

Institution
Universitas Gadjah Mada

Expertise
Environmental regulation
Voluntary sustainability standards
Corporate social responsibility

“Global cooperation is a seat belt which saves our productivity, environment and enhances inclusion in the current crisis. I will actively collaborate with governments and civil societies to create an innovative framework to support the sustainability commitment of businesses.”
Cain, Khwezi

South Africa

Institution
South Africa Local Government Association (SALGA)

Expertise
Gender equality
Governance and intergovernmental relations
Community development

“Global governance and global cooperation is a special way towards the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals.”
South Africa

Institution
Department of Science and Innovation

Expertise
Science diplomacy
Science, technology and innovation
International relations

“No country has the ability to tackle societal challenges in isolation, the future lies in the ability of countries uniting and strengthening networks for the advancement of global agendas.”
Engelmann, Daniel

Brazil

Institution
Central Bank of Brazil

Expertise
Financial supervision
Environmental responsibility

“There is no country that can deal with climate change challenges alone. Therefore, I believe there is a bright future for global cooperation and global governance.”
"Global cooperation and global governance will face tremendous challenges in the future, from virus pandemics to economic crisis, thus all global actors and governments should work hard as well as strengthen their ties to overcome the problems."
Fiselier, Evelien

The Netherlands

Institution
Bonn Alliance for Sustainability Research

Expertise
Sustainable behaviour change
Sustainable tourism
Education for sustainable development

“I want to make sustainability accessible to all who want to get engaged and contribute to a sustainable future; be it through recycling, growing your own food or becoming a sustainability leader.”
Gala, Toral

India

Institution
United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office (UNRCO)

Expertise
Localising Sustainable Development Goals
Poverty alleviation
Policy research and advocacy

“For global cooperation and global governance to be meaningful, it requires nations to not only have shared goals or targets but also share the values that define them.”
“After a crisis, there are two views on humanity: people are selfish, or people are supportive. Two world wars have taught us that the second view is the best strategy to deal with global systemic risk. Therefore, I envision a future with stronger global cooperation in the aftermath of this COVID crisis.”
Gomes Ferraz, Thalyta

Brazil

Institution
BRICS Policy Center

Expertise
International cooperation for development
Cultural identity policy studies

"Protectionist governance models currently challenge global governance and international cooperation. Their future depends on facing the false premise that the promotion of global public goods is subject to losses in the exercise of national sovereignty."
Govender, Serusha

South Africa

Institution
Dispatch Obscura Media
Admissions Africa

Expertise
Race and gender equality
Global health access and ethics
Climate change and clean energy/water access

“Effective communication is a fulcrum in fostering trust and global cooperation in cross-border initiatives. Undermining science and expertise intensifies dangerous uncertainty – we need to focus on ensuring that projects are bolstered with strong communication tools so they can operate with integrity from the grassroots level upwards.”
Gumede, Linda

South Africa

Institution
National School of Government

Expertise
Science diplomacy
Science, technology and innovation
International relations

“I am passionate about contributing to the creation of knowledge that is inclusive, innovative, builds and benefits society.”
China

Institution
China Institute of International Studies

Expertise
Conflict mediation
Peace process in Afghanistan
Peace process in the Korean Peninsula

“Countries must harness low-carbon investment opportunities to reboot economies. It means fostering resilience to future shocks like disease outbreaks and the impacts of climate change.”
Oliveira, Renata

Brazil

Institution
University of Pará State

Expertise
Sustainable production and consumption
Multicriteria decision analysis

“I hope my contribution to the world transformation occurs through the education of new generations of decision-makers; so that they deliver public policies more oriented towards the 2030 Agenda.”
Ordoñez Balanzario, Miriam

Mexico

Institution
Mora Research Institute

Expertise
International development cooperation
Monitoring and evaluation
Governance

“Global governance and cooperation is relevant now more than ever to face the challenges derived from the current international system: fragmentation of multilateralism, human inequalities and the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.”
“The current crisis is a full demonstration that to be safe we have to guarantee that other human beings and nature are also safe. We are facing a unique opportunity for change that makes sustainability the pillar for the world’s development.”
Rinelli, Frauke

Germany

Institution
Engagement Global

Expertise
Sustainability
Development policy
Education for sustainable development

“I would like to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by participating in an international policy dialogue and becoming a change agent and multiplier in my environment.”
Roy, Trina

India

Institution
Intellecap Advisory Services

Expertise
Gender equality
Circular economy
Financial inclusion

“Collaboration and partnership will be the cornerstone of global cooperation and governance in the future. Alliances going beyond boundaries are instrumental to drive the momentum, exchange learnings, build common understanding that shapes a sustainable world.”
Saleh, Muhamad Nawir

Indonesia

Institution
Ministry of State Secretariat

Expertise
Public policy and management
Public communication
Office management

“Being a part of this valuable academy will enrich my knowledge and transform my professional perspective to become a visionary change maker, particularly in the sustainable development programme.”
Singh, Balbir

India

Institution
Administrative Staff College of India

Expertise
Health innovations and leadership
Skill development
Monitoring and evaluation

“The current pandemic has exposed national level vulnerability in terms of available health infrastructure, public health delivery and governance. There is a need to strengthen multilateralism, shift towards global cooperation, coordinated response, learning from experience of others and developing sustainable approaches in order to better address future crises.”
China

**Institution**
Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (International Development Cooperation Academy)

**Expertise**
Global value chain
International development
Trade and investment

“The COVID-19 crisis provides the signals that the exciting governance system has not kept pace with the scale and complexity of global challenges. Actions of developing countries to the current crisis demonstrate the potential of an innovative modality of coordinated response.”
Toledo Zurita, Ericka

Mexico

Institution
Municipality of Arteaga, Coahuila

Expertise
Smart, sustainable cities & urban innovation
Design thinking for public policy & capacity building
International cooperation for sustainability & climate change

“International cooperation just changed! The #postcorona world will rely on blended formats of collaboration with the help of virtual tools and enhanced digital skills, aiming at unleashing local leadership.”
"Unsuitable practices of industrial agriculture have led to a crisis and so, if we are to build a prosperous future for all, then the need for transformation to a sustainable production system is urgent."
China

Institution
Institute of European Studies
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Expertise
International development cooperation
Environmental governance
China-EU relations

“I would like to contribute to a more coordinated development policy among different development actors, including China, to join hands to fight common challenges facing all nations.”
Zhang, Yanzhu

China

Institution
Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center
Ministry of Ecology and Environment, China

Expertise
Global climate governance
Industrial ecology
Scenario development and transition analysis

“Both transnational and catalytic cooperation are increasingly conducive to global sustainability while multilateralism remains the key pillar for global governance. Integrative approaches should be adopted in development strategies to harness the synergies among SDGs.”
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