IPB’s and UOC’s Disarmament for Development programme focuses on a set of issues often overlooked by those working on poverty or peacemaking. This course offers an introduction both to the issues and to ways of campaigning.

The world spends $1.5 trillion each year on the military. Even a fraction of this sum could go a long way in tackling mass poverty and adjusting to climate change. Meanwhile weapons of all kinds undermine development and do unacceptable harm to civilians. How can we work to change this situation?

Topics:
- Military spending at a time of global economic crisis
- Links between investment in the military and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- The impacts of weapons on sustainable development
- Justifications and doctrines underpinning support for and investment in military solutions

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