

DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Online Programme



Arms or Farms ... ?

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Sudan: Two men guarding their cattle against raiders

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Organised by the Open University of Catalonia (UOC) in partnership with the International Peace Bureau (IPB)

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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?

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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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Introduction

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Objectives

The Disarmament for Development program is intended to enable students:

- To gain theoretical perspectives on a multi-disciplinary topic of considerable scope.
- To access information and knowledge relevant to the theme and to the politics and economics surrounding the military choices that impact development.
- To acquire skills of analysis and practical planning of actions to impact decision makers.
- To develop techniques and strategies for building campaigns, projects and interventions in the political arena.
- To learn ways to inspire, to lead and to facilitate the participation of others in programs in this field.
- To develop new ways to communicate with a variety of interlocutors: governments, civil society actors, academics, media, the general public.

Contents

- Disarmament for development
- Military spending
- Military tools
- Military bases
- Developing campaigns

These contents are based on:

- Books and other materials on this topic published or collected by the IPB.
- The experience of IPB and its members/partners in this field since 2005.

Language: English

Dates: 27 March - 27 July 2012

Credits: 6 credits (150 h)

Course details and registration:

Cost and Registration and Enrolment fees: €300

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