Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Global Challenges, Local Action, Achieved Outcomes

Module Leader
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Biography
Adam teaches Sustainable Development as a global and interdisciplinary topic, using real examples (outside the classroom) for ISS students to compare with the situation in their own countries, cities and campuses.

Credits
15 Credits (7.5 ECTS)

Module Description
This module explores ‘grand’ challenges that are impacting the 21st century, such as environmental degradation, economic shocks and community resilience. The current COVID-19 pandemic and other recent global crises have rapidly brought all of this to greater public attention. As such, there is now growing consensus that these complex challenges plus their consequences are interlinked. Local action and changed behaviour is therefore required to make a positive difference.

The UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a valuable framework to address social, environmental and economic issues of today and the future in an integrated way, which this module explains in detail. Further learning about the influences and outcomes of global ‘grand’ challenges are explored through real examples.

Together the content of this module equips the learner to be confident and competent in contributing to a better world.
Module Aims
To provide students with a fuller appreciation of the topic of sustainable development across contexts and scales, from global to local perspectives.

To develop confidence in understanding and communicating complex ideas in written and/or spoken language.

To develop skills in research and collaborative learning.

Reading List
Liverpool City Council (2015) Mayor of Liverpool’s Commission on Environmental Sustainability


United Nations – UN Sustainable Goals 2030

Wikipedia – Sustainable Development Goals

Assessment
Written essay/reflection or other written piece comprising 1000–1500 words (50%)
15-minute group presentation or 5-10-minute individual presentation/Q&A session. This may occur live, via audio or video (50%)

Learning Outcomes
Understand and communicate complex ideas in written and spoken language.

Complete a relevant piece of research and formally present findings in an academically suitable style, including relevant source material and referencing system.

Students will be able to appreciate the specific topic of the module, noting its global/universal nature and need for local/personal actions as a consequence.