

# Erasmus+ Research Placements in *Peace Studies and International Development*

## 2021/2022

**(October – December 2021)**

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<b>Project number</b>	PSID-001
<b>Project Title</b>	Nuclear weapons and global security – the risks proliferation and the challenge of disarmament
<b>Project outline</b>	This project considers the role of nuclear weapons capabilities in global security, with particular reference to relations between the Great Powers (China, Russia, United States), the risk of the spread of such capabilities to conflict regions and the efforts to eliminate the risk of nuclear war
<b>Activities involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A guided reading course, on international security studies, library research on contemporary nuclear weapons policies and proliferation, a presentation on the key issues of the project</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables</b>	5000 word essay
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills in library research and essay writing in English at University level</li> </ul>
<b>Level:</b>	Undergraduate and Postgraduate
<b>Recognition</b>	The participant will receive a certificate of participation at the end
<b>Places available</b>	2
<b>Funding</b>	Selected students will receive an Erasmus+ Grant

<b>Project number</b>	PSID-002
<b>Project Title</b>	China's territorial ambitions in the South China Sea
<b>Project outline</b>	The project concerns China's political strategy to claim territories in the South China sea, the use of the Chinese navy and air force to support this claims and countermeasures by the US navy
<b>Activities involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A guided reading course, on international security studies, library research the history of the South China sea, China's territorial claims and its impact on relations wit the US, a presentation on the key issues of the project</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5000 word essay</li> </ul>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills in library research and essay writing in English at University level</li> </ul>
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<b>Project number</b>	PSID-003
<b>Project Title</b>	The Korean Peninsula and regional security in Northeast Asia
<b>Project outline</b>	This project concerns contemporary regional security in Northeast Asia focussing on the risks of major war on the Korean peninsula and the relations of the major powers involved
<b>Activities involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A guided reading course, on international security studies, library research the history of the Korean peninsula with particular reference to the issue of Korean unification and the North Korean nuclear weapons programme , the role of China and the United States and the impact on regional security</li> </ul>

<b>Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5000 word essay</li> </ul>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills in library research and essay writing in English at University level</li> </ul>
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<b>Project number</b>	PSID-004
<b>Project Title</b>	From water scarcity to SDG6
<b>Project outline</b>	This project aims to critically examine the challenges of water scarcity and in particular the implications for achieving SDG6 in selected countries. It will aim to explore innovative solutions including the work of local NGOs in developing sustainable solutions and also the role of digital technologies where this is appropriate.
<b>Activities involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills in library research and writing in English; familiarity with data analysis</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5000 word essay or research project and a presentation</li> </ul>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills in library research and essay writing in English at University level.</li> </ul>
<b>Level:</b>	Undergraduate and Postgraduate
<b>Recognition</b>	The participant will receive a certificate of participation at the end
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<b>Project number</b>	PSID-005
<b>Project Title</b>	The challenges of green economy and financing for SDGs
<b>Project outline</b>	This project aims to critically examine the challenges of water scarcity and in particular the implications for achieving SDG6 in selected countries. It will aim to explore innovative solutions including the work of local NGOs in developing sustainable solutions and also the role of digital technologies where this is appropriate.
<b>Activities involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills in library research and writing in English; familiarity with data analysis</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5000 word essay or research project and a presentation</li> </ul>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills in library research and essay writing in English at University level.</li> </ul>
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<b>Project number</b>	PSID-006
<b>Project Title</b>	Using visual arts in processes of conflict transformation

<b>Project outline</b>	This project aims to explore how visual arts such as photography, filming and video dairies can be used in conflict transformation.
<b>Activities involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills in library research and writing in English; familiarity with data analysis</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5000 word essay or research project and a presentation</li> </ul>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills in library research and essay writing in English at University level.</li> </ul>
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<b>Project number</b>	PSID-007
<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Gender, conflict and development</b>
<b>Project outline</b>	This project aims to explore structural, political and policy challenges to achieving gender equality, reducing gender-based violence and moving from conflict to sustainable development.
<b>Activities involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills in library research and writing in English; familiarity with data analysis</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5000 word essay or research project and a presentation</li> </ul>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills in library research and essay writing in English at University level.</li> </ul>
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<b>Project number</b>	PSID-008
<b>Project Title</b>	Examining Climate Change Negotiations for UNFCCC Glasgow COP 26
<b>Project outline</b>	Research and examine an aspect of the negotiations to further develop commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, in the preparations for and during the UNFCCC Conference of States Parties taking place in Glasgow in autumn 2021.
<b>Activities involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selection of specific aspect of the negotiations to be examined (to be agreed with successful candidates); information collection; desk analysis; participation in some COP26 events.</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5,000 word report</li> </ul>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
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<b>Project number</b>	PSID-009
<b>Project Title</b>	Examining challenges concerning refugee and displaced communities in MENA region
<b>Project outline</b>	The conflicts in Syria, Iraq and Libya have increased the already-existing challenges relating to refugee and displaced communities in countries in the MENA region. This project is to examine an aspect of these challenges in relation to one MENA country (of your choice), and the issues and priorities for responding to these challenges.
<b>Activities involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select country and issue area; collect and analyse relevant information; critically examine on-going and proposed programmatic responses to one of the identified priority challenges.</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5,000 word report</li> </ul>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
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<b>Project number</b>	PSID-010
<b>Project Title</b>	Fintech and inclusive development finance
<b>Project outline</b>	This project aims to explore the challenges for fintech in making financial services inclusive.
<b>Activities involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desk based and web based research and analysis under the guidance of supervisors.</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5,000 word report</li> </ul>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
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