













Re-shaping our Futures: Global Citizenship for Dignity

Join the Opening Program 2025!



2025 Theme: Diversity and Inclusivity-Actions for Sustainability

June 2, 2025

08:00 - 10:30 Online Bangkok Time (UTC+7)





Welcome address



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Keynote Panel Session

Prof. Dr. Adrian LittlePro Vice Chancellor (International),
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Mr. Phinith Chanthalangsy
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Workshop: Partnership for SDGs

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Dignity serves as the foundation and the guiding principle of the United Nations. Since 1945, this concept governs our multilateral system, as it also projects the neverattainable horizon of our action towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

80 years down the line, how does this concept still inform or question our discourse and actions today? Similarly, how should we question related concepts such as "Global Citizenship" coined in the SDG4, in light of the fundamental concept of "Human Dignity"? In view of the complexity, uncertainty, inequality, fragility and risks we witness today in the world, what should be our immediate responsibility in seeking ways to mitigate such risks and in create enabling conditions for the operationalization of such concepts? How should be our methods and approaches in addressing the most pressing challenges threatening human dignity and global citizenship?

Supporting youth and fostering continuous questioning of the status quo of our world is essential in re-shaping our futures for lasting peace and a better planet. The Keynote Panel "Re-shaping our Futures: Global Citizenship for Dignity," invites experts from across the Asia-Pacific region who have been working tirelessly to safeguard and promote dignity for all to engage with students. The panelists will engage with students on how we could re-shape our futures grounded on the principle of human dignity. They will share their perspectives and questionings through their ongoing efforts, initiatives, and roles in education, research, and policy engagement. It is hoped that as dynamic agents of change, youth can initiate different paths toward a more just and sustainable futures.

Panelists

"Theorising Sustainable Development after the SDG"

Prof. Dr. Adrian Little

Pro Vice Chancellor (International), University of Melbourne; Professor of Political Theory

"Desperately Seeking Dignity in Hyper-Consumer Society: Enabling Global Citizenship & Social Responsibility Amidst Increasing Individualism & Nationalism"

Prof. Dr. Leonora C. Angeles

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"Cultivating Global Citizenship in Practice: Challenges and Opportunities from the Experiences of Southeast Asia"

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