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Global Shifts: Climate Action, Advocacy and Justice in a VUCA World.

In an era defined by volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity (VUCA), the fight against climate change has become more urgent than ever. The world is witnessing unprecedented environmental disruptions—rising global temperatures, extreme weather events, and biodiversity loss—all of which threaten the stability of ecosystems and societies. At the same time, the socio-political landscape is shifting, with climate advocacy and justice emerging as powerful forces for change. As nations grapple with economic uncertainties, technological advancements, and geopolitical tensions, climate action must remain at the forefront of global priorities. Advocacy efforts, led by civil society, Indigenous communities, and youth movements, continue to challenge traditional power structures, pushing for policies that ensure a just and equitable transition to a sustainable future. However, in this unpredictable world, achieving climate justice requires resilience, innovation, and collaboration.

This theme—"Global Shifts: Climate Action, Advocacy, and Justice in a VUCA World"—highlights the dynamic interplay between environmental challenges and the evolving global landscape. It calls for bold leadership, strategic policymaking, and inclusive solutions that empower vulnerable populations while accelerating progress toward a carbon-neutral world. In the face of uncertainty, only decisive, inclusive, and justice-driven climate action can create a sustainable future for all.

Building on our successful participation at COP29 and looking ahead by drawing on context from COP30, the School of Management at the University of Bradford brings you the 11th iteration of its flagship student learning experience, the International Master's Summer School (IMSS) for Sustainability in Business. Offering a unique opportunity to come together with a range of international students from a diverse set of backgrounds and experiences, IMSS provides an opportunity to explore, develop, and apply sustainability ideas and thinking in the application of circular economy concepts and principles to our world. Running over one-week IMSS will be facilitated and supported by an exciting line-up of academic and industry speakers

Our Summer School welcome's international Master's-level students from around the world to:

- Develop awareness of challenges and opportunities for sustainability, climate change and the circular economy in business globally.
- Challenge understanding of conventional linear business models.
- Be inspired by innovative ideas and thinking from practitioners.
- Contribute to a critical thinking forum on sustainability.
- Engage in team-based sustainability discussion and challenges through individual and shared learning.
- Take part in experiential learning and social-cultural experiences

"Making peace with nature is the defining task of the 21st century. It must be the top, top priority for everyone, everywhere."

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres

Topics Covered

IMSS will focus on topic areas such as:

- Climate Justice
- Climate finance: local, national or transnational financing
- Gender & Climate Change: a crucial connection
- New Business Models and the future of entrepreneurship in a sustainable world
- Population growth and Waste Management
- Inclusion in Climate Policy Decisions
- The Role of Indigenous Communities in Climate Action
- Food Systems and Climate Change
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience
- Climate change and biodiversity

Event Highlights

Some of the key aspects of IMSS include the following:

- Face to Face sessions facilitated discussion and a collaborative challenge to provide you with provoking and innovative thinking.
- Lectures invited Industry and academics speakers on key topics in Sustainability, Circular Economy and related topics.
- Field trips: visits local sustainability sites, business and heritage sites in West Yorkshire
- A focus on sustainability and circularity in business with team and self-analysis sessions.
- Challenging your knowledge of sustainability using the SULITEST tool.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the IMSS, student participants will have or be able to:

- Enhanced knowledge on sustainability issues relating to international business.
- Critically evaluate conventional business concepts through a sustainable perspective.
- Greater knowledge on innovative solutions and ideas toward sustainability.

- Analyse conflicting interests, in a dynamic international context.
- Effectively communicate, negotiate, and present work with others in culturally diverse settings

What you will achieve

The IMSS offers a unique opportunity to not only learn about current topics, but also provides student participants these outcomes:

- Certificate of Completion / Attendance: received by all students upon successful engagement and attendance with all sessions.
- Receive 10 credits towards your Master's degree (optional): for those that have registered to do so and who pass the requirements of the module (further details in this pack):
- 100% weighting for graded written assessment.
- Chance to win one of three IMSS prizes (optional): upon successful attendance, scoring a high mark in the SULITEST and being part of a team video challenge submission (further details in this pack).
- An opportunity to network and collaborate with sustainability students and facilitators from diverse international contexts

Guest Speakers

IMSS 2025 will be delivered by a series of experts from International Organisations such as the United Nations Development Programme, World Health Organisation, World Wildlife Fund, Green Climate Fund, and leading Professors from Europe, North America, South Asia, and Africa.

To register your interest, please reach out to: FoMLSS-GE on:

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For details on our previous Summer School's please visit the IMSS website:

<https://www.bradford.ac.uk/management/international-masters-summer-school/>