

# Master's Programme in Global Development, Crisis and Change

## **Introduction seminar**

**21-25 August 2023**

University of Agder

Dear students,

Welcome to the introductory seminar for the master's programme in Global Development, Crisis and Change. We look forward to meeting you all in Kristiansand this August.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide you with the information you need to start your studies in a good way, and to start building a good learning environment. This will be an important resource for you throughout the programme. You will get to know each other, as well as the tutors, instructors and student advisors in our department.

The venue of the seminar is the University of Agder's Kristiansand Campus. Please see the programme below for the room assigned each day.

Prior to the seminar, you will be invited to a digital attendance meeting on 14 August, organised by student advisor Tonje Kløkstad. Here, all students are expected to register their participation in the master's programme.

The introductory seminar is in-person and obligatory for all students. The programme includes two obligatory group assignments, which are graded pass/fail. The purpose of these assignments is to introduce you to the programme's teaching philosophy, and for the groups to get to know each other in person before starting their online collaboration.

We look forward to welcoming you to the masters' programme, and hope we will share an inspiring week in Kristiansand in August.

Kind regards,

The Global Development, Crisis and Change staff

<b>Monday 21 August</b> <b>Room 48 103</b>		
10:15	10:30	Welcome – Head of Department, Morgan Storm Scoville-Simonds
10:30	11:00	Introduction to the programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- History of the specialisation</li> <li>- Teaching philosophy</li> </ul>
11:00	11:15	Break
11:15	11:45	Staff & tutors introduce themselves & research at the department
11:45	12:30	Students introduce themselves
12:30	13:30	Lunch break Students & staff
13:30	14:20	Working together online: opportunities, challenges and guidelines for constructive interactions
14:20	14:30	Break
14:30	15:00	Working together offline: introduction of first group assignment
15:00	15:30	Student Welfare Organisation in Agder and mental health – SiA
15:30	15:45	Roles and responsibilities
15:45		Registration
Afternoon & evening		Observation assignment - the groups work on their own

<b>Tuesday 22 August</b> <b>Room 13 114</b>		
09:30	10:30	Presentation of observation assignment
10:30	10:45	Break
10:45	11:15	Our development sector partners: Strømme Foundation
11:15	11:45	Panel conversation on crisis with Strømme Foundation
11:45	12:45	Lunch break
12:45	13:30	Introduction of second group assignment (case assignment)
13:30	14:00	Field course: insights from Sri Lanka
14:00	14:15	Break
14:15	14:35	Job prospects and employability
14:35	15:00	Exchange possibilities & partner universities
15:00	15:15	Student representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- their role</li> <li>- information about election of student reps</li> </ul>
15:15	15:30	Break
15:30	16:00	How to succeed as a master student & inter-cultural experience – Panel of former & current students
		Dinner (students & staff)

<b>Wednesday 23 August</b> <b>Room 48 013</b>		
09:30	12:00	Working on group assignment
12:00	13:00	Lunch break
13:00	16:00	Introduction to online learning with Canvas. Health breaks as needed.

<b>Thursday 24 August</b> <b>Room 13 114</b>		
09:30	10:30	Working on group assignment
10:30	10:45	Break
10:45	12:30	Introduction to the University Library and academic writing: referencing. Health breaks as needed
12:30	13:30	Lunch break
13:30	15:30	How to avoid plagiarism and basic writing skills. Health breaks as needed.
<b>Friday 25 August</b> <b>Room D3 014</b>		
09:30	12:00	Presentation of case assignment. Health breaks as needed.
12:00	12:30	Presentation of the GENDIG project and possible topics for master's theses
12:30		Lunch