

# UNIPIID

FINNISH UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP  
FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## *FOSTERING GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY AND GLOBAL SOUTH PERSPECTIVES*

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# What is UniPID?



Åbo Akademi



Aalto University



Turun yliopisto  
University of Turku



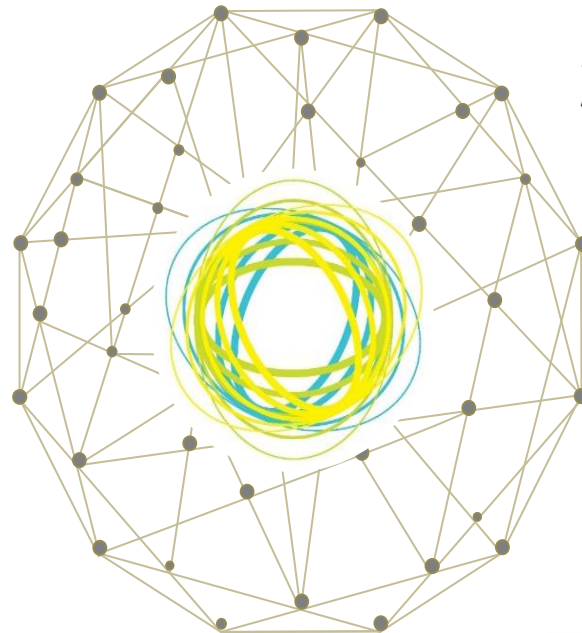
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OF OULU



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LAPIN YLIOPISTO



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NATIONAL UNION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN FINLAND  
FINLANDS STUDENTKÄRERS FORBUND



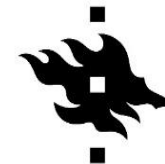
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Tampere  
University



UNIVERSITY OF  
EASTERN FINLAND



UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI



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Network of Finnish universities to advance universities' global responsibility

# UniPID Mission

The Finnish University Partnership for International Development (UniPID) supports higher education institutions in bringing global responsibility and Global South perspectives into their education, research, and societal impact activities, thus promoting international partnerships in support of sustainable development pathways.

# Pillars of higher education



- **Education**: students can access high-quality courses on sustainable development in collaborative initiatives.
- **Research**: collaborative projects involving partners and stakeholders in the Global South.
- **Societal impact**: Universities – alongside other research organizations – take part in policy dialogues on sustainable development pathways.

# Education: virtual Studies

- 10-20 online courses on global development, Global South and sustainable development
- Open and free of charge for member university students
- All courses are in English and worth 5 ECTS
- Course selection varies from year to year
- Each course is offered at least three times
- Students can also compile a study module, *Sustainability in Development*, of at least 5 courses (25 ECTS)



20.3.2023 – 15.5.2023

## Ecosystem Restoration in the Tropics and Climate Change



The course investigates the degradation of tropical ecosystems and options for their restoration, including related governance and international mechanisms as well as the limits of restoration.

[Info](#)

15.3.2023 – 30.6.2023

## Globalisation and Corporate Responsibility



After the course students will be familiar with globalization and corporate (social) responsibility, as well as the Millennium and the Sustainable Development Goals (MDGs and SDGs) of UN. Students will understand their contents and the kind of possibilities and challenges they set for companies.

[Info](#)

14.3.2023 – 31.5.2023

## Gender, Conflict, and Development in the Global South



Please note that the course dates will be confirmed in due time! This course examines the relationship among gender, conflict and development and introduces theories related to them. Thoughts, approaches, and practices related to conflict transformation are also issues the course addresses.

[Info](#)

# Education: MOOC course

## *Essentials in Development Studies.*

- Initiative from UniPID in connection with the University of Helsinki and the University of Jyväskylä.
- Objective: to provide students with fundamentals to the multidisciplinary discipline of development studies and motivate students to further their knowledge in the field.
- Online course on the Digicampus platform. In English.
- Main target: Master's level students from our MU. However, it will be open for all interested participants.
- Piloting in autumn 2023. **If you are interested, please contact Ana Tarazona ([ana.tarazonagalvis@helsinki.fi](mailto:ana.tarazonagalvis@helsinki.fi))**

# Research: UniPID DocNet

- A network established in 2016 with the goal of supporting **interdisciplinary training and networking of development research and doctoral researchers** based in the UniPID member universities
- Aims to bring together both doctoral researchers and interested supervisors to facilitate **peer support** and relevant **academic contacts**, and to **exchange information and experiences.**



# UniPID DocNet Membership

- Membership is requested through Infobank-website: <https://www.unipid.fi/infobank/docnet/>
- Eligibility criteria:
  - Enrolled and active doctoral researcher in a UniPID member university
  - Dissertation relates to development research, global development and/or Global South

The most important criteria is that the doctoral researcher finds the network useful!

# Societal impact: ethical guidelines for working with the Global South



## Context:

- Finland's national initiatives for academic collaboration with the Global South have increased
  - Aim at reciprocal partnerships vs. prevailing Eurocentric discourses and practices, and framework for collaboration
  - Inclusion of academics from the Finnish HEIs, who may not have previous experience cooperating with partners from and in the context of the Global South
- Challenges in the international order and geopolitics:
  - Uncertainties related to academic collaboration with partners from countries with political restrictions and with sanctions

# Societal impact: ethical guidelines for working with the Global South



- In Finland, the research community is committed to guidelines by the Finnish National Board on Research Integrity (TENK)
  - In line with international codes of conduct
- Ethics of Global South related research and collaboration not considered as a whole in Finland
- UniPID's initiative to develop complementary guidelines for Global South related academic partnerships, supported by an international steering group
- Two step approach
  - Micro level focus: address everyday challenges and good practices
  - Macro level focus: policy-relevant recommendations for structural change

# More information:

- Detangling development podcast:  
<https://www.unipid.fi/unipid20years/>
- Website: [www.unipid.fi](http://www.unipid.fi)
- UniPID Infobank: <http://www.unipid.fi/infobank/>
  - Multidisciplinary expert and project database
  - Utilized also for DocNet and DPS purposes
- Mailing list and monthly Newsletter
  - Instructions for subscribing here:  
<https://www.unipid.fi/unipid/newsletters/>
- Social media
  - Twitter: @unipidfinland
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Thank you!

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