



Welcome

We are delighted to invite you to the University of Bradford’s Future Changemakers webinar series, designed and delivered, by our Peace Studies and International Development academics. This programme is a fantastic opportunity to explore a wide range of interesting and topical subject areas, develop your knowledge of regional and global issues and responses, as well as find out more about how you can continue to discover more about peace studies and international relations at university.

The programme will start on **Thursday 19 November** (17:30-18:30) and consists of a weekly session each Thursday, for 4 weeks, concluding on Thursday 10 December. Each session will cover a different topical area, from crises to revolutions and much more. There are no subject specific requirements to take part, making this an excellent opportunity for anyone who is interested in either exploring new topics, or developing their existing knowledge, through insights from university academics.

Below is a short description of each session:

Session	Title	What will the session cover?
<b>1</b> 19 November (5:30-6:30 pm)	<b>Covid-19, the global food crisis and political repercussions in the Middle East</b> – Dr. Afshin Shahi	The world stands on the brink of a food crisis worse than any seen for at least 50 years. Both drought and food insecurity are important issues which are directly linked to political stability. This webinar looks at the ways in which the global pandemic is putting even more pressure on developing regions such as the Middle East, which heavily depends on food imports.
<b>2</b> 26 November ( 5:30-6:30 pm)	<b>International, National and Local responses to the Ebola Crisis in comparison to Covid-19</b> – Dr. David Harris	This session will examine the international, national, and local responses to the Ebola Crisis in West Africa, 2014-16, focusing on Sierra Leone. By the time the last case was recorded in Sierra Leone in Jan 2016, over 14,000 had contracted the disease and nearly 4,000 had died. Schools, farms, and businesses had been closed or under-used, and the economy had shrunk by over 20% in 2015. This will sound all too familiar to us in the current Covid-19 pandemic and the webinar will look at the comparisons in responses thus far.
<b>3</b> 3 December (5:30-6:30 pm)	<b>Revolutions and Uprising</b> – Professor Munro Price	Revolutions form some of the most dramatic aspects of history, international relations, and political science, but, oddly, their comparative study is a relatively new, and small, field. This webinar will examine some of the main theories of comparative revolution and test them against the historical facts, concentrating on their origins, course, and outcomes. Its scope will be the era of modern revolutions and uprisings, from the French Revolution to the Arab Spring.

<p><b>4</b> 10 December (5:30-6:30 pm)</p>	<p><b>Far-right Ideologies, Nationalism, and a Pandemic</b> – Dr. Fiona Macaulay</p>	<p>This session will examine the responses to the Covid-19 pandemic of Presidents Donald Trump in the USA, President Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil, and Prime Minister Viktor Orban in Hungary. All three are far-right nationalist leaders, but what are the similarities or differences in their approach to the pandemic. In this comparative perspective, we will look at factors such as religiosity, science denial, and structures of government.</p>
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This programme will offer an insight into university teaching style and with all sessions being interactive, there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions to the academics and explore the session content; as well as find out more about studying with our Peace Studies and International Development faculty.

The University of Bradford has always placed student support at the heart of what we do, and we are constantly looking to create new pathways to support students on their journey into Higher Education. **The University has therefore, decided to assist applicants with their future studies and offer an P FC8S point reduction** for any student who attends every session and applies to study with our Peace Studies and International Development faculty at the University of Bradford.

If you are a current Year 13 student or Year 2 college student, considering starting university in September 2021 and wish to be part of this unique offering, please [register by clicking HERE](#)

Once you have registered, a few days before each session, you will receive an email with a link to join the upcoming session, as well as a reminder email on the day.

If you have any questions regarding the Future Changemakers programme, please do feel free to email me. We look forward to engaging with you on this exciting and enriching programme.

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