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The Global Partnership Network – GPN

The GPN is a collaboration of higher education institutions and civil society groups for research, teaching and training around the SDG 17: "Global Partnership for Sustainable Development". The GPN calls attention to the shortcomings, limitations, and problematic aspects of international partnerships that have historically been shaped by colonial relations between North and South and sometimes continue to reflect them. Redressing this historical dynamic requires reconstructing the concept towards a partnership based on mutual recognition and solidarity, adequate to the multi-polar and postcolonial 21st century.

The Global Network

Global Partnership Graduate School – Thomas Sankara Scholarships

The GPN grants 12 scholarships exclusively to PhD students from the Global South in order to back Southern higher education knowledge production. Additionally, the Global Partnership Graduate School is open for applications to become GPN associate by PhD students with external funding. We offer a graduate program in which our PhD students are co-supervised by professors from two GPN partner universities.

International Master's Programme

The GPN will collaboratively develop MA modules in the field of development studies with an explicit focus on partnership. For this, it will draw on the expertise of the university and civil society partners. The modules will be used in the teaching at the partner universities and made available as an open source resource. The GPN also provides MA fellowships at the GPN partner universities.



Research on Global Partnerships for Sustainable Development

The network will enable and fund research cooperations between partner universities working on global partnerships in:

- development cooperation

 (concerning access, accountability, and deep participation)
- global partnership in the global economy (in the fields of agriculture, finance, and energy),
- knowledge production
 (Eurocentrism and alternative knowledge).

Knowledge Transfer through Workshops

The GPN partners offer workshops to a broad audience on the various issues of development and global partnership. The workshops can be academic, policy oriented, provide training or focus on the empowerment of local communities. The majority of these workshops will be carried out by civil society organisations who form an integral part in the GPN.

Online Educational Resources

The GPN will develop a multitude of Online Educational Resources (OERs) in the different thematic fields of the GPN and for a variety of audiences and educational applications. The OERs will be provided as open access resources.

Wangari Maathai Visiting Professor Program

Every semester the GPN selects an outstanding senior researcher in the field of development and global partnerships as the Wangari Maathai Visiting Professor hosted at the University of Kassel.

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