



International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace 2025

‘Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation’ Applications Open!

International Network of Universities (INU) is delighted to announce the theme for the [International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace 2025](#), ‘Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation’ hosted by Hiroshima University Japan from 1-10 August 2025.

Students from any discipline/subject area at INU member universities are invited to apply for the chance to participate. Each member university manages their own selection process.

About INU’s International Student Seminar

The International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace is a unique immersion program which is hosted by Hiroshima University in Japan. The seminar welcomes students from around the world from [INU member universities](#) and is structured around the 6th August commemoration of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, which in 2025 marks the 80th anniversary.

The 10-day program, with a different theme each year, includes lectures, case studies and small group discussions. The program also offers the chance to visit local attractions and engage in intercultural learning experiences, and culminates in a United Nations role play where groups of students represent different countries and negotiate to pass a UN draft resolution related to the seminar theme.

The INU Student Seminar features:

- Lectures and workshops with academic experts and guest speakers from around the world;
- Cultural activities, visits to local sights in Hiroshima
- Being in Hiroshima to mark 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing
- Interactive workshops that encourage stimulating discussion and learning;
- A role-play of a session of the United Nations General Assembly;
- A truly international student body and experience

For further information, please visit: <https://www.inunis.net/studentseminar/>

Seminar theme 2025: ‘Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation’

The year 2025 will mark the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. These bombings killed hundreds of thousands of people, most of whom were civilians, and remain the only use of nuclear weapons in an armed conflict. The long-term consequences of their use are catastrophic for humans and nature. Therefore, their use should be banned.

In response to growing international concern toward nuclear weapons the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was created in 1957 as an autonomous organization within the United

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Nations system. The IAEA serves as an intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical cooperation on the peaceful use of nuclear technology and nuclear power worldwide.

To ban nuclear weapons the international community has agreed on international treaties, especially the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) of 1970 and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) of 2021. Whereby the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons seeks to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, to promote peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to move towards nuclear disarmament, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons aims to their total elimination. But not all states are legally bound by these treaties.

Complex global and regional geopolitics make it more challenging to achieve peace in the world. Ongoing conflicts require that states communicate and coordinate to promote a common understanding that nuclear disarmament is necessary for global peace. It is above all the responsibility of the nuclear powers to disarm and avoid the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons worldwide.

The seminar will consider the role of international organisations, especially the United Nations, in the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and examine how effective and influential international organisations can be in achieving this purpose.

The aims of this year's seminar are to explore the causes, effects and consequences of the proliferation of nuclear technology on various areas and to discuss the peaceful use of nuclear technology and power as the only form of use that should be allowed.

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