



Benefits

Students, researchers, teachers, practitioners and other UN experts will benefit from:

- A unique learning and collaboration experience, using techniques of social networking
- Easy access to resources and like-minded people
- Applying new principles such as sharing, “peering” (working with peers), openness and transparency
- Virtual collaborative workspaces, which are shared across disciplines, professions and distance

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Who are we?

The UN Studies Association (UNSA) is an emerging **international community of UN practitioners and academics** committed to advance research and teaching about the UN.

What do we do?

- Developing a concept of UN Studies as well as specific contents, features, methods and tools of UN research and teaching; advancing theory-building.
- Planning and realizing joint projects such as seminars, curricula, textbooks, and other publications.
- Facilitating networking; providing means of communication and collaboration via online portal, journals and conferences.
- Building a knowledge base on UN research and teaching.

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What do we want?

Our vision is to promote the formation of an **interdisciplinary, UN-focused field of studies**

and to build a strong UN Studies community that takes UN research and teaching to the next level – **“the next generation of UN Studies”**.

Our strategies:

- creating the **intellectual framework**, by developing a concept of UN Studies including key contents, features, methods and tools.
- initiating a **process of institutionalization** of the next generation of UN Studies, by providing structures for collaboration, communication and knowledge-sharing as well as by realizing concrete projects.

Who can participate?

The Association is **open to all interested parties** who seek to enter into a dialogue with like-minded UN researchers and practitioners across disciplines, fields and professions; as well as to all those who wish to engage actively in the community, contributing with ideas, information or projects.

With the help of **new web technologies**, members can share expertise, best practices, information and knowledge within the group.

How to participate

- You can contribute to our wiki-portal
- You can become a member (please contact us via email)
- You can subscribe to our newsletter
- You can contribute to our projects and participate in our seminars and conferences

What are our current projects?

- Workshop Seminar “Past, present and future views and perspectives on the United Nations - Creating new content for innovative UN research and teaching” in Bonn, Germany, on June 4, 2008
- Panel workshop at 2008 ACUNS Annual Meeting in Bonn, Germany on June 7, 2008: “Institutionalizing UN Studies - Progress report ”
- Planning and launch of the Journal of International Organization Studies
- Follow-up conference of “2007 Wels International Colloquium on UN and New Media”