MSC IN HUMAN SECURITY*

CHALLENGING CONVENTIONAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF SECURITY

Human Security is a unique interdisciplinary Master’s programme and the first of its kind in Europe. Over your two years of study you will learn several approaches to human security and you will achieve a deep understanding of conflicts and ecosystems all over the world. You will learn to analyse and you will learn how to intervene in settings comprising complex and interwoven social, environmental, economic, and political factors. At the same time you will develop the ability to carry out an informed and critical analytical assessment of human and environmental safety by combining scientific theories with real-life experiences.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO SECURITY

During recent years, the concept of “human security” has become a rallying point for understanding and working with processes of human development in unstable environments. Growing challenges posed by global environmental change threaten to trigger a rapid escalation in conflicts throughout the world. Intensified competition for scarce resources, dwindling supplies of essential commodities, and a continued increase in global population rates are just some of these challenges. While human security is about the absence of physical violence, it is also more than this: human security is about freedom from fear, which is also freedom from want, and being able to live a life with dignity.

AN INSPIRING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The programme is the fruit of a collaboration between the School of Culture and Society and the Faculty of Science and Technology and is taught at the historic Moesgaard Campus. The programme lecturers come from a variety of departments and backgrounds including Anthropology and Bioscience, supplemented by visiting lecturers from around the globe. The programme is interdisciplinary both in academic content and in its student body: our students have come from all over the world and from very different academic backgrounds – the humanities, social science, natural science – which enriches and enlivens the learning atmosphere.

CAREERS

Graduating with a Master’s in Human Security will open up job opportunities across many different sectors. Depending on your interest, you will be able to work for NGOs, international organisations, governmental agencies, private companies, or consultancies dealing with issues and topics that involve human security. The programme’s monthly Human Security Profiles contain concrete career examples – see www.humansecurity.dk/Profiles.

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I am currently working with DanChurchAid, a Danish international NGO, in a roving position as Global Humanitarian Adviser where I travel for about fifty per cent of my time supporting our country offices and partner organisations. I specialise in cash transfers and markets-based programming in humanitarian settings, so most of my time is spent training, setting up, and monitoring programmes for emergency food security and livelihoods. My studies gave me the practical and theoretical background to work in this field and I use my methodological background in both anthropology and human security on a daily basis – in focus-group discussions at field level or in analysing complex crisis settings and supporting programme development. On a professional level, I work with concepts of individual, community, economic, and food security, which are highly relevant in the humanitarian sector to ensure high-impact programming in my work with cash-and markets-based programmes, gender-based violence, and community-led protection.”

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DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
The Department of Anthropology, in which the Human Security programme is based, is among the strongest academic environments in Europe. The department attracts guest researchers, PhD students and students from all over the world. Our teaching is deeply anchored in our research, with particular specialisations within globalisation and development, innovation and design, and medical as well as visual anthropology.

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