



## Tentative course programme:

### **Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution (ECCR)**

**Dates:** August 8-12, 2022

**Venue:** University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu campus

#### **Description of the course:**

The course aims to understand environmental collaboration concepts and conflict resolution strategies. The course introduces theoretical and analytical frameworks of environmental collaboration and conflicts in the field of natural resource management, land use and nature conservation. The course includes the examination of real-world conflict cases, exercises and the development of collaboration, mediation and consensus-building skills. The course takes place as an in-person event. Classwork is complemented by a field excursion. Completion of the course results in 5 ECTS credits. Information on pre-course learning materials and assignments will be sent later.

**Responsible teacher:** *Irmeli Mustalahti*, University of Eastern Finland

**Course coordinator:** *Denis Dobrynin*, University of Finland ([denis.dobrynin@uef.fi](mailto:denis.dobrynin@uef.fi))

#### **Teachers:**

*Lasse Peltonen*, University of Eastern Finland

*Christopher Nsoh*, Pan African University, University of Yaounde 2, Cameroon

*Laurel Singer*, Portland State University, USA

*Stephen Greenwood*, Portland State University, USA

*Jonna Kangasoja*, Akordi, Finland

*Vilma Lehtovaara*, ELY-Centre North Karelia, Finland

## Monday, 08.08

### Introduction to the course content

- 8.30 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 9:30 Opening speech by *Kenneth Matengu*, Pan African University  
A short introduction to the ECCR course series by *Irmeli Mustalahti*
- 9:30 – 10:30 Introduction of the participants and networking  
Interests and expectations of the participants  
Practical information, the course coordinator *Denis Dobrynin*
- 10:30 – 11:00 Concept of environmental collaboration in Finland and globally, *Irmeli Mustalahti* (pre-course video material available in Digicampus)
- 11:00 – 11:30 Conflict elements and conflict analysis, *Lasse Peltonen*
- 11:30 – 12:00 The conflict analysis from African perspectives by *Christopher Nsoh* (pre-course video material available in Digicampus)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break, self covered
- 13:00 – 14:30 Conventional and Alternative approaches to conflict, *Lasse Peltonen*
- 14:30 – 16:00 Reflections on pre-course video material in small groups (pre-course video material available in Digicampus), *Irmeli Mustalahti*
- 17:00 Events organised by UEF Summer School 2022

## Tuesday, 09.08

### Introduction to a collaborative approach and collaborative governance

- 9:00 – 10:00 Characteristics of a Collaborative Approach, *Stephen Greenwood & Laurel Singer*
- 10:00 – 12:00 Interest-based negotiation and role of neutral third party, *Jonna Kangasoja*
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break, self covered
- 14:00 – 16:00 Collaboration in Complex Multiparty settings:  
- Concepts and illustrative exercises  
- Oregon case study (video material available in Digicampus)  
- Assessing if conditions are right  
*Stephen Greenwood, Laurel Singer & Jonna Kangasoja*
- 16:00 – 17:00 Tasks for the field excursion: applying the context, concepts and framework to the excursion on Wednesday *Lasse Peltonen, Stephen Greenwood & Irmeli Mustalahti*

- 17:00 – 17:30 Walking/cycling trip from the campus to Vainoniemi Villa
- 17:30 – 22:00 Dinner and option for sauna, Vainoniemi Villa (Vainoniemi 3, Joensuu)

## Wednesday, 10.08

### Field excursion

- 8:30 Bus trip to the Pamilo hydroelectric power plant.  
Bus leaves next to Aura restaurant/Aurora building (Yliopistokatu 2)
- 9:00 - 10:30 The introduction of the collaborative platform related water catchment area and hydropower production established by ELY-Centre North Karelia and Vattenvall water power company, *Teppo Linjama & Teemu Sarnola*
- 10:30 - 11:30 Bus trip the Pamilo – Uimaharju – Kivilahti village
- 11:30 - 12:30 Introduction to the Kivilahti village and lunch at the village hall, hosted by *Tiina Turunen*
- 12:30 - 13:00 Presentation of the North Karelia Biosphere Reserve and its role in environmental collaboration, *Vilma Lehtovaara*
- 13:00 - 15:00 Panel discussion with local actors from North Karelia Biosphere Reserve, facilitated by *Irmeli Mustalahti*
- 15:00 – 18:00 Visit to Koitere lake and water catchment area of the hydropower plant and traveling back to Joensuu.

## Thursday, 11.08

### From conflicts toward collaboration

- 9:00 – 11:00 Reflections on the excursion, demonstration of the conflict clinic method  
*By students and facilitated Vilma Lehtovaara, Irmeli Mustalahti & Lasse Peltonen*
- 11:00 – 12:00 From conflicts toward collaboration, designing interventions  
*Stephen Greenwood & Laurel Singer*
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 – 15:00 From conflicts toward collaboration cont'd  
- project-based vs. permanent collaborative platforms  
- collaborative governance  
*Stephen Greenwood & Laurel Singer*

15:00 – 16:00 Reflection: Institutional underpinnings of collaborative interventions  
*Lasse Peltonen & Irmeli Mustalahti*

## Friday, 12.08

### What have we learned?

9:00 – 9:30 Reflections on the previous day, facilitated by *Lasse Peltonen*

10:00 – 10:00 Personal tools for working across divides, *Stephen Greenwood*

10:00 – 12:00 Building Social Capital and Community, *Laurel Singer*

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 15:15 Applicability of collaborative approaches in varying settings:  
Environmental Peace Building, *Christopher Nsoh*  
UN resolution Youth, peace and security, *Irmeli Mustalahti*  
Reflection/ Discussions

15:15 – 16:00 Take-home messages and joint evaluation/ round of feedback of the  
course, *Denis Dobrynin*

16:00 – 19:00 ECCR course series' alumni and network meeting.  
Available for those who would like to join the network. All alumni  
participants and teachers from previous courses are invited. We will share  
more about the coming events and courses. Snacks and drinks are available.  
Also, the possibility for online participation.