Växjö, June 12, 2025

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| Welcome to Linnaeus University!  I would like to welcome you to Linnaeus University and the Peace and development Programme. This letter contains important information about the programme and your first semester with us, so please read it carefully.  **Programme start**  The introductory meeting, and thus the programme start will take place on Monday, September 2, 2013 in lecture room K1046, in Växjö, at 10.00. This meeting is obligatory if you want to keep your place in the programme. We will start the day with some presentations and provide an overview of your coming studies and the layout of the programme. We will spend the whole day together to get to know each other and to discuss what expectations we have of each other concerning these coming three years. During the day you will also be provided with the timetable for the whole semester and a detailed description of the content and working procedures. The following day, Tuesday, September 3, we will meet again in room Wicksell at 10.00 am for a two-hour session on registration, Moodle and other formalities you need to know to manage your student life with us. You will also be able to meet other students who will joint us for the first semester. Your regular classes will start on Wednesday, September 4.  **Course plan and literature**  The required reading for the first module consists of one book and complementary texts, mostly available as pdf-files on the course website. The book is Robert Marks: *The Origins of the Modern Worl*d (also available in Swedish as *Den moderna världens ursprung*). So if you are curious and have some spare time it is a good idea to start with Robert Marks’ book. For more information please see the course plan on our website <http://lnu.se/utbildning/kurser/1FU120>  **Student account and learning platform**  As a new student at LNU you will need to create a student account in order to be registered in the programme and access the course information. You can obtain your student account from [Lnu.se](http://lnu.se/?l=en) by following the ‘**New student**’ link. Preliminary from **week 33**, you will be able to obtain your student account.If you have any problems with this, contact student support: Tel begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting0480-44 60 70, end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting [studentsupport@lnu.se](mailto:studentsupport@lnu.se)  Throughout your studies with us you will be using the learning platform Moodle in “My Moodle”. You can find the link to these pages in the top right corner of [Lnu.se](http://www.lnu.se/) and you use your student account details to log in.  If you for any reason cannot participate in the introduction on September 2, please send an e-mail in order for you to be registered as soon as possible. Also, if anything is unclear or you would like more information about something, please do not hesitate to contact Manuela Nilsson, your program coordinator, at [Manuela.nilsson@lnu.se](mailto:Manuela.nilsson@lnu.se).  Have a great summer and we are looking forward to meeting you in September!  Manuela, Anders, Gunilla and Jonas  Kalmar/Växjö 2013-07-12 |  |

You have applied and have been accepted to our **Peace and Development Program** (SGFRU) at the Faculty of Social Sciences. Congratulations! This letter contains important information about the program and your first semester with us, so please read it carefully.

**Program start**

The introductory meeting, and thus the program start will take place on **Monday, September 1, 2025, in lecture room K3041** on the Växjö Campus, at **10:15**. That room is located in the K building, third floor. If you enter the university through the front entrance, you are in the H building. Pass the information desk (on your right) and go through the glass corridor into the adjoining K building and climb the stairs to the third floor. Your room is in one of the side corridors to your right. Do ask at the front desk for instructions if you have trouble finding the room, or check the map at : <https://lnu.se/mot-linneuniversitetet/kontakta-och-besoka/karta/>. This meeting is obligatory if you want to keep your place in the program. Should you for some reason not be able to attend, please contact me beforehand and let me know. We will start the day with some presentations and provide an overview of your coming studies and the layout of the program. We will spend the whole day together (until around 16:00), get to know each other and discuss what expectations we have of each other concerning these coming three years. You will also meet the Peace and Development teachers and some of our current students, become familiar with the timetable for the whole semester and learn more about the content and working procedures.

On **Tuesday, September 2**, we will meet again, this time in room **Myrdal (also the K building) at 10:15**, for a two-hour session on registration, our mymoodle learning platform and other formalities you need to know to manage your student life with us and options you have to make your student life easier and more enjoyable. You will also be able to meet fellow students who will join us for the first semester. From then on you follow your regular class schedule. A detailed schedule with reading assignments, class sessions and information on examinations will be uploaded on our mymoodle course website 1FU123 in early August.

**Course plan and literature**

The first module introduces you to the field of peace and development and familiarizes you with many different topics and debates. Apart from a number of articles, there are two textbooks assigned. The first one, Ramsbotham, O., Tom Woodhouse & Miall, Hugh, (latest edition). *Contemporary Conflict Resolution*. (Cambridge: Polity Press) is a book that you will also use in later courses, so it would be one of those you want to buy and have for the rest of your studies with us (and hopefully for your professional life afterwards as well). The second one, Robert Marks, *The Origins of the Modern World* is a rather short book and perfect summer vacation lecture. As you know, this is an international program and English is the working language with us. All class instruction, all examinations and all literature will be in English – so you might as well get used to that – but don’t worry, you will, all our students do, and it is a great advantage when you look for jobs later. Both textbooks are also available in the library, and the Marks book is even available as an e-book, so you can read it from your own computer anywhere you want. All articles will be made available to you over the course website or over the internet at no cost. So, if you are curious and have some spare time over the summer it is a good idea to start reading. Check out our program website at <https://lnu.se/en/programme/peace-and-development-programme/vaxjo-international-autumn/>. You find additional information, for example the program plan, the course plan for the entire fall semester, on the faculty’s welcome site where you also encountered this letter. Do contact me if you have specific questions (see my mail below).

**What you need to do as a new student**

As a new student at LNU, you need to create a student account to be registered in the program and access the course information. You can obtain your student account from [Lnu.se](http://lnu.se/?l=en) by following the ‘**New student**’ link ([www.lnu.se/nystudent](http://www.lnu.se/nystudent)). Preliminary from **August onwards,** you will be able to obtain your student account.If you have any problems with this, contact student support: Tel begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting0480-44 60 70, end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting [studentsupport@lnu.se](mailto:studentsupport@lnu.se).If you need to reach the university information center, pleased dial 0772-28 80 00.

Throughout your studies with us you will be using the learning platform **My Moodle**. You can find the link to these pages in the top right corner of [Lnu.se](http://www.lnu.se/) and you use your student account details to log in. You program room will be available for access around mid-August. Please visit: <https://lnu.se/en/education/Before-your-studies/> as soon as possible so that you are well prepared for your studies with us.

Please let us know if you accept or reject your placement as soon as possible. You can either contact me, Manuela, at [manuela.nilsson@lnu.se](mailto:manuela.nilsson@lnu.se), or our administrator Valentina at [valentina.vasicheva@lnu.se](mailto:valentina.vasicheva@lnu.se)

Have a great summer and we are looking forward to meeting you in September!

***Your Peace and Development Team,***

***Manuela, Heiko, Susanne, Chris and Jonas***