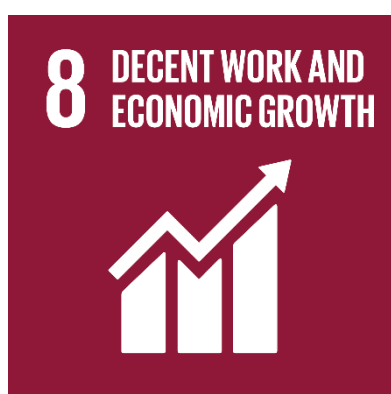


Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network Seminar Series

From 2018–2020, the [Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network](#) Seminar Series will address each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each seminar focuses on an individual Goal, offering an opportunity to explore the intent of the Goal, its targets, and some of the initiatives being undertaken to deliver on them. Each seminar will be accompanied a [Policy Brief](#).



SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Tuesday, 24 September 2019, 12:30pm – 2pm
RMIT City Campus
Council Chamber, Level 2R, RMIT Building 1
124 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1976) considers ‘inherent dignity of the human person’ as a primary precondition for ‘freedom, justice and peace in the world’ (UNHR, 2019). SDG 8, which aims at ensuring decent work and human dignity in a sustained, inclusive and sustainable manner, reflects this statement. In this regard, decent work refers to multitude of issues such as workplace safety, living wages, right to union, freedom of expression, non-discrimination between genders and races, non-exploitation of workers including children and women and social protection for the family (ILO, 2019). However, the provision of decent work and its contributions to sustainable economic growth and prosperity have long been an issue of debate while it has been proven to be a mammoth task to ensure them globally.

This is a free event. Registration is essential: please click [here](#).

Panellists

Associate Professor Sharif as-Saber

Director, Master of International Business Program, School of Management, RMIT University

Sharif developed the first-ever sustainability-focused postgraduate international business program in Australia. He earned his PhD in international and comparative management from the University of Tasmania. His current research interests include decent work, governance; anti-corruption, black (illegal) international business, geopolitics and health care management. He has published six books, extensively contributed to refereed journals and presented in leading

international conferences. He is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Administration & Governance and has been the recipient of several competitive grants. He is the Honorary International Advisor Bangladesh Garment Manufacturer and Exporter Association (BGMEA). In 2018, the Government of Victoria appointed him onto the South Asian Communities Ministerial Advisory Council. In 2016, he was presented with the “Serendib Multicultural Personality of the Year” award for his longstanding contributions to the multicultural community in Australia.

Kyla Raby

National Program Coordinator – Support for Trafficked People Program / Lead – Trafficking, Forced Labour and Forced Marriage, Australian Red Cross

Kyla Raby is the lead for Human Trafficking, Forced Labour and Forced Marriage at the Australian Red Cross and in this role she manages the Support for Trafficked People Program, a service that supports people impacted by modern slavery, including forced labour, funded by the Australian Government. Kyla has over 12 years’ experience working with communities around the world on human rights issues, primarily in relation to migration, protection, gender and inclusion. She has held leadership positions within civil society which have included designing anti-slavery programming with the British Red Cross in the United Kingdom and deploying to Greece in response to mass population movements, as well as with government and start-ups. Kyla holds a Master of Public and International Law from the University of Melbourne and is the founder of a social change incubator program [Change Shapers](#).

Daisy Gardener

Advocacy and Campaigns Manager, Oxfam Australia

Daisy is the Advocacy and Campaigns Manager with Oxfam Australia. Over the past decade she has led labour rights programs in Indonesia, Myanmar and Australia with a focus on policy, advocacy and campaigning in solidarity with workers and unions. She has published widely on women's rights and business accountability. She holds a Masters of International Development from RMIT University.

Professor Bruce Wilson

Director, EU Centre, RMIT University

In his role as Director of the EU Centre, Bruce provides insights to and leads research and debate on EU-Australian relations, encouraging mobility for staff and students, and for building partnerships between Australian universities and organisations and their European counterparts. He leads all of the EU Centre’s major projects. He has had long experience in working with all levels of government on organisational and social change, and is committed to linking researchers and policy makers with city and regional governments in policy formation related to social and economic policy, innovation, lifelong learning and environment. He was a founding Co-Director of Pascal International Observatory.

Accessibility Information

An accessibility/mobility access map is available to download [here](#) (please scroll to the end of the webpage). RMIT’s Building 1 can be accessed via the adjacent Building 21. Gender neutral bathrooms are available at the venue. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further information.

About the Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network

The [Jean Monnet SDG Network](#) formalises relationships amongst researchers, policy think tanks and Non-Government Organisations who share a primary interest in enhancing the effective contribution of the EU to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Asia Pacific. By strengthening collaboration amongst researchers and policy makers, the Network promotes a more effective evidence-base for EU institutions to engage with nations in the region to implement the SDGs. Its core question is: how can European Union integration be more effective in supporting the implementation of the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific than would be possible for individual Member States? How can this role be developed further?

For more information, or to be added to our mailing list, contact emma.shortis@rmit.edu.au

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