



Universities and Conflict: The role of higher education in peacebuilding and resistance

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In addition to their core roles of teaching and research universities are often said to have a social purpose, responding to the needs of their localities and the critical questions of their times. But what role do or should universities play when the environment they are in is involved in conflict or subject to an oppressive regime? How might academics, as researchers or as experts in so many different disciplines, offer practical help to communities in crises, or students as emerging citizens have a say in the development of a democracy?

This seminar will share the findings from a series of case studies looking at how universities around the world have played an active role in peace building and resistance and open discussion about the ways in which we, as teachers, students or administrators might respond.

Juliet Millican worked for many years as academic director of a community university partnership programme in Brighton in the UK. As part of this she ran an international help desk supporting other universities to develop community or social engagement activities in response to the needs of their own localities. This seminar presents findings from her new book on Universities and Conflict, published by Routledge in October 2017. She is currently working for the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University and for the Lemon Tree Trust, an organisation involved in urban agriculture projects within refugee camps.