

**United Nations University launches new interdisciplinary journal:  
*Peace and Progress – The UNU Graduate Student Journal***

**Tokyo, Japan, March 4, 2013** – The United Nations University (UNU) today announced the launch of *Peace and Progress – The UNU Graduate Student Journal (UPP)*.

*UPP* is a peer-reviewed journal published and edited by graduate students of the Tokyo-based United Nations University Institute of Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP) and Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS).

The Journal will publish interdisciplinary insights from emerging UNU scholars on global issues from the five UNU thematic clusters: 1) Peace, Security, and Human Rights; 2) Development and Governance; 3) Population and Health; 4) Global Change and Sustainable Development; and 5) Science, Technology and Society.

Developing collaborative, holistic solutions to these global issues remains a core challenge of 21<sup>st</sup> century academia. Since 1972, the UNU has uniquely positioned itself beyond the strictures of conventional university disciplines to address this challenge. *UPP* furthers the UNU's commitment to problem-based innovation by publishing original research undertaken by its network of graduate students and alumni.

*UPP* draws its inspiration from Secretary-General U Thant's 1969 proposal for a UN academic institution that was "truly international and devoted to the Charter objectives of peace and progress." Now over 40 years old, the UNU's 15 programmes and institutes across 13 countries combine the methodological rigour of natural and physical sciences with insights from social sciences and humanities.

Emerging scholars from the UNU's international community are the focus of the Journal, publishing integrated, problem-based research and commentary relevant to the role and work of the UN. *UPP* prioritizes submissions from the University's graduate degree and non-degree students and alumni, but welcomes submissions by graduate students of other institutions that reflect the Journal's objectives.

Dr. Vesselin Popovski, Senior Academic Programme Officer at UNU-ISP and advisor to the *UPP* Editorial Board commended 'Peace and Progress' as "an excellent and entirely student-led initiative for serious academic debate," and added: "Every issue of the Journal will be on my reading list."

Mr. Soohyun Lee, Editor-in-Chief of *UPP* and current Master of Science candidate at UNU-ISP, said: "Often, the most revolutionary thoughts are found in the notebooks of curious minds. *UPP* presents these exploratory innovations for active discussion, criticism, development, and application."

The *UPP* is published free online every academic semester corresponding to the University's academic calendar, with the inaugural issue expected June this year. Special issues surrounding a particular theme may also be released.

For further information on the Journal or submissions guidelines, please contact the editorial board at [journal.upp@unu.edu](mailto:journal.upp@unu.edu), or visit the website at: [http://isp.unu.edu/publications/journal/peace\\_and\\_progress.html](http://isp.unu.edu/publications/journal/peace_and_progress.html).