

Lecture as part of the Teaching Assistantship Programme 2021

## **Higher Education for Sustainable Development – A Way to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals**

### **Organizational details**

Instructor: Bich-Ngoc Nguyen

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, from 14:00 to 16:00

Location: Online via WebEx (link will be sent in advance to the lecture)

### **Content**

Sustainability is a complex concept and need to be understood by an interdisciplinary approach. To achieve sustainability, we need the contribution of all individuals and from different fields. In this context, education is considered as a powerful tool to achieve a sustainable future through change agents (students with sustainably knowledge and skills). As a function of supplying knowledge and educating students who will be the leaders of our future, Higher Education plays an important role on the way to achieve a better future for all.

This lecture will provide a basic concept about sustainability and the role of higher education in achieving sustainable development goals. Because sustainability is related to all the disciplines, the participants can easily link it to themselves and develop their own idea about the sustainable life and potential contribution.

During the lecture, some interaction activities will be employed to let the participants engage more deeply in the topic as well as connect to their own situation. It is also a better way to help participants to absorb the provided knowledge.

The lecture will cover the following topics (within the time frame)

- 15 minutes: Sustainability and Sustainable Development Goals (*including interaction activity*)
- 15 minutes: Role of Higher Education for Sustainable Development
- 15 minutes: Implementing Higher Education for Sustainable Development - Opportunities and Challenges
- 20 minutes: Integration of Sustainable Development in Higher Education and Good Practice Examples (*including interaction activity*)
- 15 minutes: Key Competences for Sustainable Development (*including interaction activity*)
- 10 minutes: question & answer, feedback

Key words: sustainable development, sustainability, higher education, higher education for sustainable development, sustainability competencies, sustainability integration

### **Learning Targets**

- Gaining knowledge about sustainability (from different perspectives) and the relationship between higher education and sustainable development;
- Understanding the implementation of Sustainability in Higher Education Institutions;
- Understanding the necessary competences for sustainability;
- Getting ideas how to integrate sustainability into teaching.

### **Target group**

Students, Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs of all Faculties

### **Course language**

English

### **Registration**

Please register **by 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021** via e-mail at [info@ggs.uni-giessen.de](mailto:info@ggs.uni-giessen.de).