In a world of global challenges and crises, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a framework and platform from which solutions and changes can be developed. This two week course will introduce and discuss the SDGs in theory and practice from an interdisciplinary, research-based and critical perspective.

The course will investigate the SDG framework as a driver for change, social innovation and sustainability. We will critically examine how the goals can be worked with locally, nationally and globally, and explore the SDGs' concept of partnerships with stakeholders such as policy makers, private businesses, municipalities and civil society. This course includes lectures, debate sessions, workshops as well as field visits to investigate the application of the UN SDG frame in a local and regional context. Guest lectures from University of the Andes (Colombia) and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (India) and high-level experts from different sectors are joining the course developed in collaboration with the Critical Edge Alliance.

The course is available for master and PhD students and open to other participants with a bachelor’s degree and the required language skills.