

Seminar Invitation



School of Public Health and Community Medicine

Football United Myanmar

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Seminar abstract

Sport for Development and Peace (SDP) has gained substantial global interest in recent years among researchers, governmental and intergovernmental organizations, development workers, corporations, not-for-profits and community-based organizations, and activists. The rise of this field has drawn criticism from scholars who are concerned about the rigor of program assessment methods and the potential for neo-colonial paternalism, among other issues. While these complaints are valid and to a large degree accurate, the potential for SDP as a development tool is great and should be considered worthy of further exploration by researchers and practitioners. Tun-Aung Shwe's PhD thesis study focuses to examine impact of football for social cohesion project in Myanmar. The study considered on social inclusion and cohesion among the conflict-affected community in the project area, positive youth development outcomes among the participating university students and their contribution to grassroots peacebuilding process in their community. This study explored in detail the vital football and peace initiative in Myanmar, evidence of the effects of the project model on key domains of positive youth development and sport for grassroots peace and social change.

About Dr Tun Shwe

I had a varied professional career which started in Myanmar where I worked in the health care industry as a medical officer and general practitioner until early 2002, then moved into the public health field and worked with international and local NGOs for disease prevention, health promotion and organisational development projects and programs. My time in Myanmar introduced me to community and organisation developments which pursued me to study for Development Studies (MDevS) at the Institute of Economics, Yangon from 2003 – 05. In the three year period, 2005 to 2008, I worked in the field of organisational development (OD) for Myanmar Red Cross and Southeast Asia Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies' OD network. I came to UNSW in 2008 with the distinguished career in both medicine and practical development experience which assisted me to complete the Master of Public Health (MPH) and Master of Health Management (MHM) at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine (SPHCM) at UNSW in 2009. The experience in Myanmar and study at SPHCM enabled me to work with SPHCM for the Football United program in 2009. Through 8 years in progressive development in the field of Sport for Development and Peace (S4DP), I am now directing Football United's international program in Myanmar in collaboration with 19 Myanmar universities, and several local NGOS, and related government departments. Currently I am also completing my PhD research in the area of football for social cohesion, grassroots peacebuilding and reconciliation.

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