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Courtney Lawrence is a Southeast Asia based founding CEO and curator of Designing for Social Innovation and Leadership (DSIL) Course- a global endeavour that unites international multi-stage entrepreneurs with a constellation of tools, networks and field immersions with local innovation communities to accelerate major impact in their own context. Today, she now co-runs DSIL Global, a social innovation company that includes consulting with an international development focus with two her co-founding team.

Currently Courtney serves as Adjunct Faculty Thammasat University, School of Global Studies and Social Entrepreneurship (GSSE), teaching leadership and Human-Centered Design for Social Innovation. She is also on the faculty roster for the THINK School of Creative Leadership in Amsterdam for in-company programs. Her academic research focuses on the intersection of sustainable economic development, social enterprise and design thinking, you can learn more about her research in the 2014 Design Management Review issue dedicated to Social Innovation.

Since 2012 she has taught Global Studies at Japan based Hiroshima Jogakuin University where she also initiated and scaled the foundation funded 'HJU Global Studies, Peace and Leadership Summer Seminar'; a program that has included fieldwork with participants from more than 40 countries to India, Thailand, Cambodia and the Philippines.

From 2006-2014 she served on the Executive Committee of the of the Swiss-based NGO, World Alliance of YMCAs. Previous to co-founding a US social enterprise, Green Loop Nashville, dedicated to restructuring an old ironworks factory into a hub for closed loop systems and green sustainability entrepreneurs in 2011, she worked with Ashoka's Full Economic Citizenship initiative in the Washington, D.C. area.

She has facilitated multiple trainings across Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, North and South America. She holds a Master's in Sustainable Economic Development and Responsible Management from UPEACE, the UN Mandated Graduate School of Peace and Conflict Studies and has lived, worked and traveled across more than 60 countries. In her spare time she is on a quest to explore the unknown, travel and have an amazing time in general with her husband JB.



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