



WORLD PEACE CONGRESS

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**PROGRAMME
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MESSAGE FROM IPB

Five years after our 2016 Berlin Congress, “Disarm! For a Climate of Peace”, the International Peace Bureau is proud to host the **Second IPB World Peace Congress, “(Re) Imagine our World: Action for Peace and Justice”** in the Mediterranean city of Barcelona. Our goal is to bring together vast swaths of civil society – from peace and disarmament advocates to feminist and LGBTQIA+ campaigners, ecologists and climate activists, antiracists and indigenous peoples, human rights defenders and trade unionists – to generate a unified response to the anxiety of our times.

We have a planetary crisis: a world in which confrontational policies have replaced international cooperation on issues ranging from arms control and common security to the climate emergency, threats to democratic institutions, and health crises – most notably the Covid-19 pandemic. Only by coming together can we address these interlinked and overlapping problems that threaten us all and (re) imagine a world in which peace is prioritized over war and intersectional strategies and policy solutions drive our actions for a better future.

At the center of these policy proposals comes the idea of a just recovery. The Covid-19 crisis has made clearer than ever the costs of returning to the status quo and the necessity to create a better system – one that promotes equality, addresses the existential threat of climate change, and understands the need for true security, not the faux security of yearly increases in military spending at the cost of social services. We firmly believe that the only way to truly do so is to put peace at the center of the ‘new normal’.

Climate change, growing inequality, the decline of democracy, and health crises all pose the threat of increasing global tensions and creating a more violent world. Nuclear weapons and great power conflicts risk the complete destruction of our planet. The Coronavirus pandemic poses another problem to peace: lockdowns and restrictions deprive activists of the resources and public platforms to conduct our activities and events for peace.

We are at a pivotal moment in history. We can remain on our current path of greater confrontation, nationalism, environmental degradation, and ruin – or we can together imagine a better and more just future. We are calling for the alternative to confrontation, for a politics of common security.

The Second IPB World Peace Congress is our call to action to decision-makers and activists at the global, regional, national, and local levels: we can continue on the current track, and endanger all life on Earth, or we can take unified action for peace and justice. Thus, we gather, listening to civil society and grassroots organizations and developing a united plan of action. We invite you to join us in the creation of this vision and to work together for its implementation.

Friday 15.10.2021

11:00-16:00

Venue: Espai Fontana

IPB Youth Network (IPBYN) & Local Youth Gathering

17:00-17:45

Venue: Plaça Joan Coromines

ICIP Expo: "Cara a Cara con la Violencia: Historias de Resiliencia en América Central" guided tour

17:00-18:00

Venue: CCCB (Hall + Pati de les Dones)

Check-In

18:00-18:30

Venue: CCCB (Hall + Pati de les Dones)

IPB in Action: Six Examples of Activities for Peace & Disarmament

18:30-20:30

OPENING PLENARY: THREATS TO PEACE AND SECURITY

Chaired by **Chloé Meulewaeter**, *IPB Council*.; & **Reiner Braun**, *IPB Executive Director*

- **Welcome**

Jordi Calvo, *IPB Barcelona*

Lisa Clark, *IPB Co-President*

Kristian Herbolzheimer, *ICIP*

Barcelona City Council Representative

Catalan government representative

- **Music and cultural presentations**

- **Video Greetings**

António Guterres, *UN General Secretary (to be confirmed)*

Duarte Pacheco, *President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union*

Guy Ryder, *Director-General of the International Labour Organization*

Kazumi Matsui & Tomihisa Taue, *Mayors of Hiroshima & Nagasaki*

- **Great Power Conflicts and the (New) Cold War**

Jody Williams, *political activist and Nobel Peace Laureate*

- **Threats of Nuclear Weapons: Reflecting and Looking Forward**

Wada Masako, *Nihon Hidankyo (Japan Confederation of A- and H- Bomb Sufferers Organizations) (by video)*

- **The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the Future**

Beatrice Fihn, *Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)*

- **Environmental and Climate Protection and Disarmament**

Vandana Shiva, *environmental and social activist (by video)*

- **Global Justice and Peace**

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, *Former President of Brazil (by video)*

- **Threats to the Future of Humankind**

Jeremy Corbyn, *Member of Parliament of the United Kingdom*

20:30-22:00

Music and cultural performance

Public event and peace vigil

Pati de les dones CCCB

Saturday 16.10.2021

LESSONS FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS

9:30-11:30

SATURDAY PLENARY: INTERSECTIONAL SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Venue: CCCB (Hall + Pati de les Dones)

Chaired by **Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan**, *Chair of Blue Banner and former Mongolian diplomat;*
& **Emily Rubino**, *Executive Director of Peace Action New York State*

● **Nonviolent Future: Changing the Agenda**

Amani Aruri, *UN Women Global Task Force on Beijing 25+*

● **Common Security for a New World Order**

Aleksey Gromyko, *Director of the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences*

● **Regional Peace and Security**

Zhao Tong, *Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy (by video)*

● **Disarmament for Development**

Vanda Proskova, *Co-Convener of Youth Fusion – Abolition 2000 Youth Network*

● **The Global South, Inequality, Human Rights, and Violence**

Cyrille Roland Bechon, *Nouveaux Droits de l'Homme Cameroun*
(*New Human Rights Cameroon*)

● **Patriarchy and Gender-Based Violence**

Binalakshmi Neptram, *Fellow at Harvard University and IPB Board Member*

[short break]

● **Racism, Migration, and Peace**

Helena Maleno, *Caminando Fronteras*

● **Transforming the Economy for Peace and Justice**

Sharan Burrow, *General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)*

● **Militarism and Colonialism**

Lisa Linda Natividad, *Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice*

● **Peace Education**

A-Young Moon, *Peace MOMO*

● **Regional Peace: Peacebuilding in the Mediterranean**

Blanca Garcés, *CIDOB*

11:30-12:00

Coffee break and networking

12:00-13:30

FIRST WORKSHOP SESSION

Venue: Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull

● **The Arctic as a Space for Peace**

Coordinated by *Marine Arctic Peace Sanctuary (MAPS) & the Arctic Free Campaign*

● **Common Security: A Blueprint for Global and Regional Relations**

Coordinated by **Eskil Grav**, *IPB Council Member*

● **Creating a Peace Economy (Conversion)**

Coordinated by **Jeroen Beirnaert**, *ITUC*

● **The Digitization of Warfare**

Coordinated by **Dave Webb**, *CND*

● **The Foundations of Peace: Nuclear Abolition and International Law (including TPNW)**

Coordinated by **Lucas Wirl**, *IALANA*

● **The Increasing US Militarization of Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region**

Coordinated by the *Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)*

● **Peace & Disarmament: Strengthening Alliances and Daring to Imagine An Alternate World**

Coordinated by **Binalakshmi Nepram**, *Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network*

● **The Impact of Nuclear Testing and Climate Change on Frontline Communities**

Coordinated by *Marshallese Educational Initiative*

● **The Intersections of Peace and Gender**

Coordinated by *Escola de Cultura de Pau & Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)*

● **Migration, Small Arms Trafficking and Grassroots Violence Under the Auspices of Big Power Politics**

Coordinated by **Leo Gabriel**, *Prague Spring 2 Network*

● **Nonviolent Journalism**

Coordinated by **Tony Robinson**, *Pressenza*

● **Peace Education**

Coordinated by **Alain Rouy**, *Mouvement de la Paix*

● **Peace, Racism and Migration**

Coordinated by **Katerina Anastasiou**, *Transform! Europe*

● **Tracking Corruption in the Arms Trade**

Coordinated by **Julia Auf dem Brinke** & **Ruth Rohde**, *Corruption Tracker*

● **Women in Diaspora Building Peace**

Coordinated by *ICIP*

13:30-15:00

Lunch break and networking

15:00-17:15

SECOND WORKSHOP SESSION

Venue: Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull

● **Advancing towards a Middle East Free of Weapons of Mass Destruction**

Coordinated by the *Middle East Treaty Organization (METO)*

● **Archives as a Tool to Promote Truth, Memory, and Justice**

Coordinated by *Generalitat de Catalunya* and *Swisspeace*

● **Black Lives Matter: Global Reparations and Making A Just Peace**

Coordinated by *Black Lives Matter*

● **Climate Change, the Environment, and Peace**

Coordinated by **Emma Pritchard**, *peace activist* and *IPB Youth Network Coordinator*

● **Common Security Approaches to 21st Century Conflicts, Peace, Justice & Security**

Coordinated by **Joseph Gerson**, *CPDCS*

● **Defund the Military - Defend People and the Planet**

Coordinated by **Jordi Calvo Rufanges** & **Quique Sánchez**, *GCOMS*

● **Environmental Protection Against War, Conflict and the Military:
The Cases of Nuclear and of Uranium Weapons**

Coordinated by **Manfred Mohr**, *ICBUW*

● **Measuring Peace, Measuring Conflict - Introducing and Applying the Heidelberg Approach**

Coordinated by *Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (HIIK)*

● **Nuclear Weapons Free Zones (NWFZs): Strengths and Gaps**

Coordinated by **Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan**, *Blue Banner Mongolia*

● **Peace, Democracy, and Participation**

Coordinated by **Corazon Fabros**, *Stop the War Coalition Philippines*

● **Peace Policy in the Face of New Geopolitical Challenges**

Coordinated by **Heinz Bierbaum**, *European Left*

● **Peace, Religion and Sanctuary**

Coordinated by **Susan Smith**, *FOR-USA*

● **Stronger Together for Peace: Building Campaigns
and Alliances**

Coordinated by **Steven Staples**, *PeaceQuest Leadership and Education Initiative*

● **Voices for Peace & Nonviolence from Afghanistan**

Coordinated by *Community Development, Rehabilitation and Educational Organization (CDREO)*

17:30

Peace Party, cultural and mobilizing activities (i.e. music, theatre)

Venue: Pati de les dones CCCB

19:30

Seán MacBride Prize Ceremony for Black Lives Matter;
Exhibitions, Presentations and Other Events

Venue: Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull

Sunday 17.10.2021

VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE: PRACTICAL STEPS FOR REACHING THE SOLUTIONS

9:30–10:30

INTRODUCTION ROUND TABLE: VISIONS FOR PEACE CONFLICTS AND TENSIONS FOR TOMORROW

Venue: CCCB (Hall + Pati de les Dones)

Chaired by **Federico Mayor Zaragoza**, former Director General of UNESCO and Chair of the Foundation for a Culture of Peace; & TBD

- **Dialogue, Cooperation, and Understanding**

Liv Tørres, *Pathfinders*

- **Video Greetings**

Noam Chomsky, *scientist and activist, University of Arizona*

Pope Francis (*to be confirmed*)

Hemantha Withanage, *Chair of Friends of the Earth International*

Christy Hoffman, *General Secretary of UNI Global Union*

- **Round Table Discussion**

Featuring **Reiner Braun**, *IPB Executive Director*

Veronica Krashennikova, *Chamber of Civil Society Russia*

Victor Ochen, *African Youth Initiative Network (AYINET)*

Josep Mayoral i Antigas, *Mayor of Granollers*

Joy Onyesoh, *WILPF International President*

Srishty Aware, *Indian Institute for Peace, Disarmament & Environmental Protection*

10:45–12:45

FINAL WORKSHOP SESSION: STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE

Venue: Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull

- **20 Years of Peace in the Basque Country: the Role of Civil Society**

Coordinated by *Foro Social Permanente* and *ICIP*

- **Arms Trade and Military Business**

Coordinated by **Wendela de Vries**, *Stop Wapenhandel* and *ENAAT*

- **A Culture of Peace**

Coordinated by **Ingeborg Breines**, *Senior Advisor to the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates*

- **Democracy, Elections & Peacebuilding**

Coordinated by **Tyson Smith Berry Jr.**, *4Kids International*

- **Digital Activism in the Covid-19/Post-Covid-19 Era**

Coordinated by **Sara Medi Jones**, *CND*

- **Feminist Peace**

Coordinated by *Young WILPF*

- **Human Rights Defenders and Peace**

Coordinated by *Ciutats Defensores*

- **How People Power and Nonviolent Action is Changing the World**

Coordinated by **Angelo Cardona**, *President of Ibero-American Alliance for Peace*; and **Diego Checa Hidalgo**, *IPAZ*

- **Mediterranean: Tense Horizons. How Civil Society Can Contribute to Transform Conflicts**

Coordinated by *Novact*

- **Northeast Asia Peace, Disarmament, and Denuclearization**

Coordinated by *Peace Boat/PSPD*

- **Pacific Peace Network: Demilitarization and Decolonization of the Pacific**

Coordinated by *Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)*

- **The Role of Peace Economics and Peace Science in the Peace Movement**

Manas Chatterji, *Binghamton University*

- **Strategies and Actions for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World**

Coordinated by **Arielle Denis**, *ICAN*; and **Rieko Asato**, *Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo)*

- **Youth Activism and the Climate Emergency**

Tord Björk, *Friends of the Earth*

12:45-14:00

FINAL PLENARY: STRONGER TOGETHER FOR PEACE. A CALL TO ACTION

Venue: CCCB (Hall + Pati de les Dones)

Chaired by **Reiner Braun**, *IPB Executive Director*

- Closing remarks by Black Lives Matter
- Solidarity Action with Repressed People Fighting for Peace and Freedom
- Presentation of the Declaration/Appeal "(Re)Imagine Our World: Action for Peace, Justice, and the Climate"
- Feminist/Intersectional Peace Work Statement
- Presentation of Regional Action Plans/Mediterranean Forum Plan
- Presentation of the IPB Youth Network Action Plan
- Closing Remarks

Philip Jennings, *IPB Co-President*

Note: This is the third programme draft and some details of the congress remain subject to changes and adjustments. All titles for plenary and workshop sessions are working titles and may be changed.

The final decision on the programme will be made by the programme committee in connection with the local committee. You may contact us with inquiries at info@ipb-office.berlin.

Organized by the INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU

Regional Co-Organizer: Institut Català Internacional per la Pau (ICIP)

The Workshop will be moderated by **Dave Webb** (U.K.) and invited speakers are:
Bruce Gagnon, coordinator of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, to speak on the militarization of space and hypersonic weapons
Joaquin Rodriguez, from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, and member of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC)
Anne-Marie Buzatu, Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, ICT4Peace Foundation

● THE FOUNDATIONS OF PEACE: NUCLEAR ABOLITION AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (INCLUDING TPNW)

While the world faces several crises including the COVID-19 pandemic, it still faces the threat of annihilation of all life on our planet by the most dangerous weapon created by man: nuclear weapons. Political and military actors of the nuclear weapons and their partner states follow their own rules on nuclear weapons – e.g. in terms of modernization, nuclear sharing, (threat of) first use of nuclear weapons. Meanwhile existing and developing law provides clear rules and regulations on the illegality of nuclear weapons as well as for nuclear abolition. And law provides multiple sets of tools towards a path of nuclear abolition, highlighting responsibilities towards human beings and environment.

In this workshop we would like to give insights into international, human rights and environmental law and present and discuss the legal framework of nuclear abolition and disarmament as well as possibilities to use and advance human and environmental rights for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

● THE INCREASING US MILITARIZATION OF AUSTRALIA AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Facilitator:

Matilda Byrne

Presenters:

Kellie Tranter

Vince Scappatura

Students from Macquarie University

Notes:

Matilda Byrne based in Melbourne at Australian NGO SafeGround, is National Coordinator of Australia Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. Matilda also works across SafeGround's other disarmament efforts including nuclear weapons, explosive remnants of war and landmines. Matilda has a Masters in International Relations specialising in international security. She is also currently undertaking a PhD in atrocity crime prevention and R2P in the field of global governance through the Social and Global Studies Centre at RMIT University. She is driven by humanitarian approaches to security issues and the promotion of peace in foreign and defence policy.

Kellie Tranter is a lawyer and human rights activist who stood as an Independent candidate for the NSW Parliament. Kellie regularly contributes political and social commentary to public affairs websites like ABC's The Drum, Independent Australia, National Times and Online Opinion and has written for New Matilda and the Australia Institute. She is Chairperson of the National People's Inquiry into the Costs and Consequences of the Australia-US Alliance

Dr Vince Scappatura teaches Politics and International Relations at Macquarie University. His latest book is The US Lobby and Australian Defence Policy.

Students at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia are researching a project into the harm caused by Australian exports of weapons in collaboration with the Medical Association for the Prevention of War

● **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MOVEMENT FOR PEACE & DISARMAMENT: STRENGTHENING ALLIANCES AND DARING TO IMAGINE AN ALTERNATE WORLD**

Currently there are 21 known conflicts in world and 378 forgotten world's conflicts, many on indigenous territories. Over 68 million people, millions who are indigenous, have been displaced due to these conflicts. One person in world is displaced every two seconds in today's world. 80 percent of the conflicts happen in bio-diversity hotspots where indigenous peoples live. 476 million indigenous people spread across 90 countries and territories worldwide. They constitute 6.2 percent of world's population and 15 percent of the world's poor.

Many places where indigenous peoples live, historic and archaeological sites are militarized, landmines laid and weaponized and martial law imposed on their territories. Dams are built, lands are mined and used as drug production centers and nuclear wastes dumped affecting land, lives and futures of many indigenous communities.

Several indigenous organisations around the world have started work to mitigate this crisis. Global alliances have started to be built around the issues of disarmament, peace and security. This workshop will bring together an array of strong Indigenous women thinkers, scholars, policy makers and activists from around the world to strengthen alliances and daring to dream of an alternate world which is free from wars and conflicts. It will look at the global disarmament movements such as gun violence reduction efforts, United Nations Program on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Mine Ban and Cluster Munitions Treaty etc and share lessons learnt and forge linkages of hope in various indigenous communities around the world.

The workshop will be coordinated by **Binalakshmi Nepram**, Founder-Director, Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network and the Global Alliance of Indigenous Peoples, Gender Justice and Peace. She can be reached at Binalakshmi@gmail.com

● **THE IMPACT OF NUCLEAR TESTING AND CLIMATE CHANGE ON FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES**

Between 1946 and 1958, the United States tested 67 nuclear weapons in the Marshall Islands. These nuclear tests, which were conducted on Bikini and Enewetak Atolls, caused severe humanitarian and environmental problems for Marshallese and forced many to evacuate from their traditional lands. On Enewetak Atoll, the U.S. gathered contaminated soil and placed it in a cement dome on Runit. The structural integrity of the dome has been eroding since it was constructed in the late 1970s, and now, due to rising sea levels and climate change, the Marshallese population fears its ultimate collapse and further contamination of Enewetak lands, lagoon, and the Pacific Ocean.

Simultaneously, rising sea levels have been weakening the seawalls in the Marshall Islands. Consequently, saltwater has inundated local crops and fresh water reserves, and along with sustained drought in the northern atolls, have led to severe crop failures. Further, frequent flooding has increasingly forced Marshallese residents from their homes and there are serious concerns that these low-lying atolls will soon become uninhabitable.

As the Marshallese community faces ongoing threats due to nuclear contamination and climate change, both the Marshallese Educational Initiative and Reverse the Trend believe that it is crucial for Marshallese youth to educate the public about the horrors of the aforementioned existential threats and express their concerns about U.S. attitudes towards the plight of the Marshallese.

Speakers

The speakers will be **Benetick Kabua Maddison**, Project Specialist, Youth, Climate and Nuclear Issues at Marshallese Educational Initiative (MEI); **Marcina Langrine**, a Program Coordinator at MEI; **Dr. April L. Brown**, President and Co-Founder at MEI; **Lovely Umayam**, Coordinator of Reverse the Trend, Founder and Chief Creative Producer for Bombshelltoe Policy x Art Collective; **Danielle Samler**,

Coordinator of Reverse the Trend, and Research Officer of the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy; and **Christian N. Ciobanu**, Coordinator of Reverse the Trend, and the Policy and Advocacy Coordinator of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

Structure

The event will begin with an audio-video presentation of the *Journey Home*, a community poem by Marshallese youth, including Maddison and Langrine, and directed by Umayam, and a brief overview of U.S. nuclear testing, the impact of climate change, and the Marshallese diaspora in Arkansas, including systemic inequities that Marshallese face. Following the presentation, the team will lead an interactive discussion about the impacts of nuclear weapons, climate change, and systemic racism, and encourage audience members to identify commonalities in experiences.

Following the discussion, panelists will present an online curriculum and a toolkit that addresses the twin existential threats of nuclear weapons and climate change, and will conclude their presentation by urging international youth to support the Marshallese community in their demand for social justice.

This workshop will be held in-person.

● THE INTERSECTIONS OF PEACE AND GENDER

Feminist peace activism has a long history despite its invisibilization. Throughout the last decades, feminist peace activism has provided reflection and action to some of the most important global challenges, by contesting wars, violence, arms race and militarism. Feminists have been at the forefront of the peace movement challenging patriarchal discourses and practices that have normalized and sustained the use of violence. At the same time, feminist peace researchers have built alliances and worked on alternatives based on feminist human security.

This workshop will gather a diverse group of women coming from different backgrounds and pertaining to different generations. The participants will engage in a conversation around some of the main current challenges and threats to peace both globally and locally. Some of the issues that will be addressed at this session will be **the advancement of the far-right and the proliferation of hate-speech, threats to women peacebuilders and human rights defenders, and militarism**, among other issues. Participants will be invited to address these issues from an intersectional perspective, pointing out root causes and highlighting alternatives being currently developed by the feminist movement.

The conversation will be moderated by the Escola de Cultura de Pau and WILPF.

● MIGRATION, SMALL ARMS TRAFFICKING AND GRASSROOTS VIOLENCE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF BIG POWER POLITICS

After 20 years of facilitating the encounters of social movements, NGOs and CBOs (Community based Organizations) the World Social Forum has decided to promote the convergence of social-, ecological and peace-movements from the entire world, in order to build an action-oriented agenda for global mobilizations.

Based on the testimonies of millions of refugees and hundreds of thousands of victims of daily violence, activists and experts from Latin America, the US and Europe are going to reveal the sources of small and medium sized arms which are produced in countries like Germany, France and the USA and describe how they finally end up in the hands of organized crime.

● NONVIOLENT JOURNALISM

There is no such thing as objective journalism! Every individual, and thus every organization in which individuals work, has been formed in a society, in an education system, in a culture that has a point of view, a set of beliefs, and a set of values. These intangibles affect everything that we do as communicators and most of the time we aren't even aware of it.

In order to develop a style of journalism that promotes peace and nonviolence, it is essential to look at the world we live in, the culture of the place we live, the beliefs and values we have, and then question all of it. Which beliefs and values did we choose and which were imposed on us? How does this affect the way that we communicate?

This workshop hosted by Pressenza International Press Agency will pose these questions and then look at the principles and tools of communication used by Pressenza to develop a style of journalism that opens the path towards peaceful resolution of conflicts, towards dialogue and towards reconciliation. It will help communicators think more about what they write and how they do so, allowing for a more active role for journalists in the construction of a culture of peace and nonviolence.

Workshop presenters:

Tony Robinson, Pressenza International Press Agency (Confirmed)

Juana Perez, Pressenza International Press Agency (Confirmed)

TBC

● PEACE EDUCATION

Peace education is one of the fundamental tasks of peace movements around the world.

The United Nations resolution A/53/243 of 6 October 1999 (Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace <https://undocs.org/A/RES/53/243>) gave a definition of a culture of peace and established a programme of action for peace and non-violence education. Since the 1990s, numerous UNESCO documents and publications, as well as the information disseminated by the Culture of Peace News Network (CPNN | Culture of Peace News Network (cpnn-world.org)) have documented the many initiatives taken by States, but above all by civil society, to develop education for peace, the first of the eight fields of action of the culture of peace.

There are many networks at the local, national or international level that carry out concrete peace education activities. The question that arises for a network such as the International Peace Bureau is how to relay concrete experiences of peace education so that as many interested organisations and associations as possible can benefit from them, and what type of campaign a network such as the IPB could carry out in order to be useful to the greatest number.

The proposed workshop aims to reflect on this question based on several concrete experiences. After a presentation of their actions, the speakers will be invited to make proposals and recommendations to the IPB on the campaigns to be conducted in favour of peace education.

In the conditions of the Covid pandemic, the workshop will take place in the form of 10-minute presentations (in the presence of the speakers or on video), followed by recommendations to the IPB.

The workshop will be coordinated by **Alain Rouy**, Board member of IPB.

The workshop will be held in English, with the help of local participants for translation into French, and possibly other languages.

● PEACE, RACISM AND MIGRATION

Description to come.

● TRACKING CORRUPTION IN THE ARMS TRADE

The Corruption Tracker Project ("Tracker", "CT") aims to create an up-to-date, online tracker of all cases and robust allegations of corruption in the global arms trade.

The project aims to expose and oppose the systemic ways in which the global arms business poisons the well of politics worldwide. As the most corrupt business sector globally, the arms trade undermines good governance, drains resources from the people, and drives conflicts across the world.

The workshop will introduce participants to the presence of corruption in the arms trade & its negative impact on states military expenditure. Break-out sessions will follow and attendees will apply their new knowledge to 2-3 cases from the Corruption Tracker website.

The goal is to provide attendees with a general understanding why corruption in the arms trade is so present, dangerous & inherent. Furthermore, outlining how individuals can trace, track & document corrupt patterns through investigative techniques.

● WOMEN IN DIASPORA BUILDING PEACE

The role of the diaspora as an active actor in peace processes may be a significant element in the transformation of conflicts and contribute to the reconciliation efforts in their country of origin. The diaspora can support establishing a transitional justice system and enhance its findings with its own experience and narratives. It can also contribute to the effective implementation of peace agreements and participate in strategies for coexistence and reconciliation.

This workshop will debate the key elements of ICIP's report "Women and peacebuilding from the diaspora and exile in Europe", which goes through the contributions that have been made in the last 20 years in this field from a gender perspective. It assesses theoretical documentation, but it also collects concrete experiences of women and LGBTI+ people that fled from conflict, violence and persecution, organizing themselves in the hosting country to contribute to peace and democracy processes in their country of origin.

Representatives of women organizations belonging to different diaspora groups in Europe will explain how they work for peace in their respective countries.

Panelists:

Nora Miralles, author of ICIP's report "Women and peacebuilding from the diaspora and exile in Europe."

Women from different diaspora groups (names TBC)

Conducted by ICIP

Modality:

hybrid

Languages:

Spanish and English. A translation service will be provided for the audience and speakers who may need it.

Organizer:

ICIP

SECOND WORKSHOP SESSION

SATURDAY, 16 OCTOBER | 15:00-17:15

Venue: Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull

● ADVANCING TOWARDS A MIDDLE EAST FREE OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

This workshop, hosted by the Middle East Treaty Organization (METO) will focus on the latest developments in the Middle East, by diplomats, states and civil society in relation to the long-yearned-for goal of a Weapons of Mass Destruction Free Zone.

The workshop also aims to break down stereotypes of the Middle East and the way Western affected media and activism are affected by them. Moreover, the objective is to arm activists with updated information on the zone and some useful talking points when dealing with the zone in their own states/ activities or when talking to their own governments and media.

Finally, the workshop will offer ways for activists to engage with and support the work of regional activists.

Speakers:

Sharon Dolev, Middle East Treaty Organization

Emad Kiyaei, Middle East Treaty Organization

Moderator:

Tony Robinson, Middle East Treaty Organization

● ARCHIVES AS A TOOL TO PROMOTE TRUTH, MEMORY, AND JUSTICE

In the aftermath of war, authoritarian regimes, gross human rights violations and breaches of international humanitarian law, different initiatives are undertaken to deal with this legacy. Research and practice suggest that there is a relationship between the ability to address this legacy in a comprehensive and inclusive manner and the potential to develop sustainable peace. When designing such initiatives, the importance of preserving archives and records concerning human rights violations is often underestimated and forgotten. However, recent experiences and good practices have allowed diverse actors throughout the world to recognize the contribution of this documentary legacy to the promotion of human rights and sustainable peace. Given the importance of the topic for a variety of conflict and post-conflict contexts, such as Syria, Nagorny-Karabakh, Ethiopia and Guatemala, it is crucial to offer a space for cross-regional dialogue and exchange of lessons learned in order to strengthen the capacities on the subject matter, and thus contributing to the professionalization of the field. One of the most emblematic experiences is that of the preservation of the Historical Archive of the National Police of Guatemala (AHPN). This archive, despite facing various technical, economic, and political challenges, became an international point of reference on the subject matter.

This panel brings together practitioners and experts to exchange and discuss about the current challenges to protect archives as important legacy for societies and to reflect upon the efforts made by civil society actors, governmental and international actors to use these archives as a tool to promote human rights and sustainable peace. In particular, the panellists will be sharing their perspectives on questions like:

- Why are archives relevant for human rights and sustainable peace?
- What challenges do societies face when using archives as a tool to deal with a violent legacy?
- What are the lessons learned from Guatemala and what can other actors in other contexts learn from them?

This panel is organized to celebrate the launch of the book *The Historical Archive of the National Police*

of Guatemala (2015-2017) in Spanish and English, which compiles the experience of safeguarding this archive, as well as its challenges, achievements, and contributions to dealing with the past in Guatemala. Subsequently to this exchange, there will be time to reflect on questions and comments from the audience.

The following persons will be part of the panel:

José Rodolfo Kepfer, former collaborator of the Historical Archive of the National Police of Guatemala

Trudy Huskamp Peterson, Certified archivist and independent consultant

Adam Moneim, Sudanese Archives

Ariadna Selva Solé, Archivist, National Archive of Catalonia

Moderation:

Dr. Lisa Ott, Head Dealing with the Past Program, swisspeace

● **BLACK LIVES MATTER: GLOBAL REPARATIONS AND MAKING A JUST PEACE**

Since the very first calls for the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, peoples of African descent making calls for reparations has been central to the cause of emancipation and justice. At the turn of the twentieth century, Caribbean nations pushed for reparations for the injustice of slavery to be put on the agenda of the 2000 UNESCO World Conference Against Racism held in Durban, South Africa. Though this did not find wide support, the tide began to shift by the 2010s and moving into the 2020s as reparations discourse for the gross injustices of slavery, colonialism, imperialism, and the continued subjugation of Black people has increased in mass culture, in political spaces, and in international law. In 2013, the British government agreed to pay out £20 million in reparations to a group of more than 5,000 survivors of the Mau Mau uprising. The next year, the intergovernmental Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries' made multi-state demands for European states to pay reparations to the descendants of enslavement. Having successfully petitioned Germany to return several skulls of the Herero and Nama massacred in the twentieth century's first holocaust in 2018, Namibia continues its demands for reparations from its former colonizer.

Following the tragic lynching of George Floyd, scholars, advocates, politicians and activists are increasingly contributing to public discussions regarding remedies owed to people of African descent across the globe. Worldwide calls for justice for Black people underpins these discussions culminating in 2020's global Black Lives Matter protests—what some are calling the largest uprising the world has ever seen. As reparations discourse becomes more mainstream, the idea of what constitutes reparations has broadened—in at times disturbing ways. This workshop will underscore the need for a global approach to reparations work. In doing so, it will also show how neoliberal approaches to reparations ultimately further entrench systemic anti-Black racism and white supremacy.

● **CLIMATE CHANGE, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND PEACE**

Aim:

to build narratives around the human impacts of climate change that promote action towards a more peaceful and sustainable world.

Summary:

The workshop will consist of series of inputs from frontline defenders working to combat the effects of climate change around the world. They will tell their story of work and success through a five-minute video each (pre-recorded). These will provide the foundation for a workshop looking at how we talk about climate change, with general discussion and small group exercises. These will prompt participants to consider how we talk about these topics and how we can ensure that we are constructing narratives around climate change that will have impact and promote peace.

Structure:

Opening: introduction to the workshop and workshop structure, icebreaker activity

Stories: three, 5-minute pre-filmed stories from climate activists around the world, bringing the impacts of climate change to life. This will be contrasted with a topical piece from 'the other side' of the debate, such as a piece of advertising from a large oil company.

Discussion: In small groups participants will work through a series of exercises looking at how narratives are constructed, what the general barriers for work to combat climate change are and how we can address them (e.g. jobs and economic impacts of changing fossil fuel industries). Through these exercises they will be encouraged to come up with an example from one of their own experiences and construct an effective narrative.

Presentation: Each group will have an opportunity to present if they wish on their discussion and story.

- **COMMON SECURITY APPROACHES TO 21ST CENTURY CONFLICTS, PEACE, JUSTICE & SECURITY**

Featured Speakers: Reiner Braun (IPB - Germany), Sharran Burrow (ITUC President - Australia), Alexey Gromyko (Russian Academy of Science), Anna Sondstrom (Palme Foundation - Sweden), Zhiqun Zhu (Bucknell University, USA).

At the height of the Cold War, the Common Security Report, initiated by Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme, provided the paradigm and foundation for the 1987 INF Treaty, which functionally ended the Cold War before the fall of the Berlin Wall. It taught that security can only be created in common with those adversaries, that "States can no longer seek security at each other's expense; it can be obtained only through cooperative undertakings".

Forty years later we face new and increasingly dangerous geostrategic tensions: the escalating U.S.-China cold war and U.S./NATO – Russian military confrontations; as well as the existential climate, nuclear and pandemic threats; nuclear, cyber and high-tech arms races; and massive and deadly structural inequalities.

This workshop will reengage the wisdom and legacies of the original Common Security Report. It will explore alternative Common Security policies – bilateral, regional and global - that governments and civil society should be pursuing to prevent war and reduce military tensions, address existential threats, and ensure justice. It will also introduce the current Palme Foundation's/IPB's/ITUC's development of a 21st century Common Security Report.

- **DEFUND THE MILITARY · DEFEND PEOPLE AND THE PLANET**

The world spent \$1.98 trillion on the military in 2020, the highest figure since the end of the Cold War. Our governments' ever-growing military capacities, in the name of national security, have proved themselves completely useless to defend people from the COVID-19 pandemic, nor can they keep us safe in the face of other global emergencies such as climate change.

This workshop will draw attention to how current levels of military spending not only fail to provide true security, but they actually stand in the way of just and comprehensive solutions to the problems urgently demanding our attention. Panelists will make the case for major reductions of military expenditures across the world, especially in those countries accounting for the largest shares of the world's total spending, as well as for a reset of our priorities as societies, and a new defense and security paradigm that puts human and environmental needs in the center of policies and budgets. By engaging with the audience, this session will open a conversation about where to reallocate the freed-up resources, i.e. confronting the coronavirus pandemic or the eco-social collapse we are now facing.

We need to **defund the military** if we are to **defend people and the planet**.

General Objectives:

- To raise awareness and change the discourse regarding military spending and security
- To promote major reallocations of military expenditure to human security-oriented sectors

Specific Objectives

- To exchange strategies and good practices among activists from different contexts and backgrounds
- To strengthen collaboration and synergies among activists and organizations

Speakers:

Jürgen Grasslin, RüstungsInformationsBüro & Stoppt den Waffenhandel

Laetitia Sedou, European Network Against the Arms Trade (ENAAT)

Yeshua Moser-Puangsuwan, Nonviolence Canada

Chloé Meulewaeter, Centre Delàs & IPB

● ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGAINST WAR, CONFLICT AND THE MILITARY: THE CASES OF NUCLEAR AND OF URANIUM WEAPONS

1. The **relationship** between environmental protection and war, conflict and the military is getting more and more obvious, being reflected in the program of this Congress and a widening international course, e.g. within the UN International Law Commission (ILC) presenting "Draft principles on the protection of the environment in relation to armed conflict" (PERAC). What is needed now, is a concretization, specification and application of this relationship.

2. The use of nuclear weapons (=weapons of mass destruction) and of uranium weapons (=conventional weapons equipped with depleted uranium/DU) and its consequences are covered by a variety of **international legal norms**, rooted in International Humanitarian Law (IHL), Human Rights and Environmental Law, and by common principles such as the precautionary principle. There are a lot of standards and procedures banning these weapons and related activities. In addition to treaty law (such as the NW Ban Treaty) customary law may come into play.

3. (At least) from a humanitarian disarmament perspective, there are **four main topics**, or chapters are of relevance: (Non-)use of the weaponry; victim protection and assistance; environmental remediation; cooperation and responsibility.

Special attention may be devoted to vulnerable groups like women and children.

4. What matters, is practically (politically, legally) implementing the outlined scheme to individual, "real" **cases**, such as; the Marshall Islands Case (NW); the Serbian and the Iraqi case(s) (uranium weapons); the case of Salto di Quirra/Sardinia (NATO test site).

Use should be made here of the multitude of possible approaches and arrangements, which include going to (national or international court(s)). NATO, which pretends to be "addressing environmental challenges for over half a century" (Action Plan, 14 Jun. 2021), should finally be held responsible for damages caused, and to actually live up to existing (concrete) obligations.

Activities rely on coordination and networking, the role of media and art (such as the International Uranium Film Festival) while non-State watchdog institutions like ICBUW, or the Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS) are likewise important (www.icbuw.eu; www.ceobs.org; www.uraniumfilmfestival.org).

Speakers:

Prof. Manfred Mohr, **Ria Verjauw** (both ICBUW co-chairs); Eliah Buchholz, **Nadine-Isabelle Kas** (both ICBUW Team) plus speakers and inputs from affected cases and regions.

● MEASURING PEACE, MEASURING CONFLICT - INTRODUCING AND APPLYING THE HEIDELBERG APPROACH

Short Description/Workshop objectives:

The workshop will introduce participants to major concepts and problems of conflict observation and invite them to actively engage with practical and theoretical challenges in the field by working on concrete examples. In the first part, after briefly discussing different conflict definitions, the Heidelberg approach with its quantitative and qualitative indicators will be introduced in more detail. In the second part, participants will work on several methodological problems that may arise in conflict observation based on empirical findings. To conclude, results will be collected and discussed in the plenary.

Outline:

- 1) Introducing the Heidelberg Approach
 - a) General introduction to conflict observation and definitions of conflict and peace
 - b) The Heidelberg Approach
- 2) Working Groups on Problems of Conflict Observation
- 3) Presentation of results
- 4) General discussion, questions

Speakers include:

Katharina Valjak, **Ilsa Hameed**, **Leon Lewin**, and **Maximilian Brien**

● NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONES (NWFZS): STRENGTHS AND GAPS

NWFZs are recognized as important regional practical measures of non-nuclear-weapon states (NNWS) in promoting the goals of nuclear non-proliferation and strengthening confidence among states. At present the sea-bed, Antarctica and the outer space are considered as uninhabited NWFZs. There are also five NWFZs in inhabited areas: in Latin America and the Caribbean, the South Pacific, Southeast Asia, the entire African continent and Central Asia that include 114 states. NWFZ treaties form the legal basis of these zones to which the five nuclear-weapon states (the P5) provide nuclear security assurances not to threaten or use nuclear weapons against such zones. Currently under discussion is establishing a NWFZ in the Middle East and informal discussions are underway regarding establishing such a zone in Northeast Asia. Talks also are underway to establish such a zone in the Arctic. In short 84 mln. km² of world's land and 39% of the population live in such zones representing 60% of United Nations membership. On the other hand, NWFZs are working to strengthen their cooperation to contribute to strengthening the non-proliferation regime.

Due to NATO nuclear doctrine, establishing such a zone in Europe or any part thereof is at present politically not ripe for formal discussions, though under the political pressures from TPNW the situation may gradually change.

Gaps

However, there are more than a dozen states and non-self-governing territories (NSGT) that cannot be part of NWFZs as defined and accepted today due to their geographical location or for some valid political reasons. The status of such states have not been reflected anywhere, including in the NPT nor in the 1975 UNGA definition of NWFZs nor subsequent guidelines for establishing additional zones nor in NWFZ treaties. When NWFZs were being promoted in 1970s, the focus, understandably, was on groups of states not on individual states that are left unprotected by the logic of 'security in numbers'. Hence legal gaps are emerging, including in the western Pacific and some parts of the Indian Ocean where great power rivalry is on the increase and will surely affect such states and territories. It is clear that the nuclear-weapon-free world that we are trying to establish would be as strong as its weakest link. So the issue of blind spots and grey areas need to be addressed so as to close such gaps. Single-State NWFZs need to be recognized as essential missing elements for non-proliferation of nuclear

weapons. So far this issue has not yet been addressed at all. Confidence in the non-proliferation regime would also be strengthened by prohibiting nuclear weapons use support facilities in NNWSs.

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● PEACE, DEMOCRACY, AND PARTICIPATION

Description to come.

● PEACE POLICY IN THE FACE OF NEW GEOPOLITICAL CHALLENGES

The expenditures for military are soaring: the US alone is spending more than 772 billion dollars. On the same time vast numbers of weapons are exported to all conflict zones on the world. This together with the circumstance that international law is strongly neglected by a large number of states and the matter of fact that many nations allow the use of force to enforce their interest must concern the international community. A particular threat is the conflict between the US and China. There is the risk a new cold war. How can proxy wars be prevented? How to positively influence international security from a leftist point of view? The workshop will deal with these questions and more.

● PEACE, RELIGION AND SANCTUARY

Confirmed Panelists

Rev. Bob Brashear, Co-founder of the International Sanctuary Declaration Campaign and Network, and member of the Presbyterian Church USA Committee on Central America and the Border Crisis. Bob will speak about the origins and theological groundings and mandates of the ISD Movement, as well as the inalienable human right of people to move.

Maglaha Hamma, Western Saharan Refugee and Peace Activist. Maglaha will talk being born and raised in a refugee camp, and how Islam motivates her peaceful pursuit of liberation and self-determination, and that of NOVA, the Nonviolent Sahrawi Resistance Organization.

Robert Herbst, Esq., Jewish Voice for Peace. Robert will talk about the world's largest refugee population – the Palestinians – and how Judaism calls for their human rights and “Right of Return” contrary to the ideology of political Zionism. He will also touch upon democratic confederalism as a path to self-determination and peace for the Palestinian and Israeli people.

Runbir Serkepkan, Christian Peacemaker Teams, Aegean Migrant Solidarity Program, Kurdish Activist. Runbir will talk about CPT's multi-faith network and commitment to undoing systems of war and oppression, while focusing on spiritually-centered peacemaking, creative public witness, nonviolent direct action, and protection of human rights of refugees in Greece, many of whom are Kurdish and seek democratic confederalism as a path to peace and self-determination.

Chrissy Stonebraker-Martinez, Co-director of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Central America and FOR-USA Co-Chair. Chrissy will talk about the situation of Central and South America since the end of the Cold War with the USSR, and how the United States needs to take responsibility, accountability and action to end the military, political, economic and environmental destruction of those regions, which have led to cataclysmic and inhumane forced migration and human rights violations of people on the move.

All speakers represent some of the 100+ international organizations which have endorsed the International Sanctuary Declaration Campaign and its five principles of sanctuary (compassionate response, due process, family unity, restorative justice, and civil initiative), which are to be used to guide grassroots and governmental response to the global escalation of displacement: tinyurl.com/global-sanctuary

● STRONGER TOGETHER FOR PEACE: BUILDING CAMPAIGNS AND ALLIANCES

We will examine effective coalition-building from 3 perspectives: across movements, across generations, and across national boundaries. How can we build powerful alliances to achieve campaign victories? Bring your ideas, questions, and ideas to share in this interactive workshop. Afterward, you will be able to build stronger campaigns and alliances for peace through vibrant and dynamic coalitions.

Coordinated by Steven Staples. Steven Staples is a successful political strategist and campaigner from Canada, with 30 years of experience in social justice, peace and labour movements. He is the author of *Missile Defence: Round One, An insider's account of how and why Canada said no to George W. Bush - and why the missile defence issue won't go away.*

● VOICES FOR PEACE & NONVIOLENCE FROM AFGHANISTAN

Description to come.

FINAL WORKSHOP SESSION

SUNDAY, 17 OCTOBER | 10:45-12:45

Venue: Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull

● 20 YEARS OF PEACE IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

On September 17, 2011, the Basque social organization Lokarri convened an International Peace Conference attended by international personalities from politics and peace, such as Kofi Annan, Bertie Ahern, Gro Harlem Brundtland, Pierre Joxe, Gerry Adams and Jonathan Powell. The Conference concluded with a four-point statement in which the international representatives urged the organization Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (ETA) to a definitive cessation of violence. It also urged the Spanish and French governments to start negotiations to end the conflict and seek solutions through democratic conflict resolution.

On October 20, 2011, three days after the Conference was held, ETA announced the definitive cessation of its armed activity.

The Basque Country is experiencing an innovative "peace process without peace negotiations". Civil society organizations mainly lead the process. This workshop will present the role that these social organizations have played and continue to play.

Face-to-face event, in Spanish, with live transmission translated into English.

Participants:

Paul Ríos, Lokarri. The organizer of the Peace Conference. "The architecture to facilitate the end of violence."

Agus Hernan, Social Forum. The engine of the peace process after the Peace Conference. "Consolidate peace after the violence."

Maidier Tangle, Baketik. Experience of social dialogues and coexistence in municipalities affected by violence. "Reconciliation and management of the past".

Jonathan, Andy or **Veronique**. "The role of international civil society".

● ARMS TRADE AND MILITARY BUSINESS

This hybrid workshop will be about the structural nature of arms trade and how it fits in the military system.

Coordinated by Wendela de Vries, Stop Wapenhandel & ENAAT. With contributions from amongst others Andrew Feinstein (Shadow World Investigation) Chloé Meulewaeter (Centre Delàs) Mark Akkerman (Stop Wapenhandel) Sam Perlo-Freeman (CAAT) Yeshua Moser-Puangsuwan (Nonviolence International).

International treaties and control mechanisms for arms trade do not prevent the large scale trade in weapons and military goods. The same governments and entities that are supposed to control and limit arms export are also facilitating and supporting it. Foreign policy, military and economic interests override export control mechanisms, which in themselves are already multi-interpretable. When we want to stop arms export we need to address the structural driving forces behind it. How to break the circle?

Structural push factors for arms trade

There are many push factors for arms trade. A viable national arms industry is supposed to be a strategic asset in times of war. But the research-intensive military sector, with only a limited number of costumers (mostly states) can reach more profitable production volumes and lower per-unit prices when arms are also sold on foreign markets.

The export of arms also gives influence over other countries which stay dependent for spare parts and training for a long time. This influence/dependency is mutual as it is important not to offend large costumers, see the policy towards top-importer Saudi Arabia. Other push factors for arms export are foreign policy objectives like 'supporting the war on terror' or 'stabilizing neighboring countries'. In many cases, those exports backfire like a boomerang. Arms exports are also used in support for militarised anti-migration policies of third countries.

Industry lobby

Governments can support arms trade in several ways, like by financing R&I, facilitating trade missions and welcoming arms fairs. Military industries are able to evade controls by offshoring and licensing. Other elements supporting the trade are diminishing control over components and the seduction of corruption. Governments are sensitive to economic push factors for arms export as the industry provides employment and there is an influential arms industry lobby.

Stopping the arms trade is taking away one of the driving forces behind war. Wars are made by humans not arms, but the availability of many arms makes it more likely that conflicts are addressed by violence instead of by more constructive means.

● A CULTURE OF PEACE

Panellists:

Federico Mayor, President, Culture of Peace Foundation and former Director General of UNESCO, Spain
Ogarit Younan, Founder, University of Non-Violence and Human Rights (AUNOHR), Lebanon. On-line participation.

María Cristina Azcona, Author and Director of the International Forum for Literature and a Culture of Peace (IFLAC), Spain. On-line participation.

Firmin Edouard Matoko, Assistant Director General for Africa, UNESCO HQs, Paris

Chair: Ingeborg Breines, former Director of UNESCO's Women and a Culture of Peace program and former co-president, IPB.

The panel sets out to discuss: How to make positive change in a dramatic and unsettling world situation, with existential threats related to the climate- and environmental crisis, growing inequalities and suffering exacerbated by the pandemic, as well as the dangers of the modernization of the nuclear arsenals? What are our alternatives, both on a world scale and on individual levels? How to get the world out of a militaristic definition of security? What are the best practises that can stimulate the development from cultures of war, violence, enemy images and propaganda to cultures of cooperation, peace and non-violence? How to inspire dreams and practices truly rooted in the vision of a culture of peace?

Each panellist will have a presentation of maximum ten minutes followed by interaction between the panellists, as well as with the public. The session is planned to be forward-looking, strategic and solution oriented. The working language is English.

● **DEMOCRACY, ELECTIONS, & PEACEBUILDING**

Participants will receive training on "Democracy, Elections and Peace Building" from the African Context. The workshop will provide participants the knowledge and skills to understand the concepts of Democracy and Elections so as to be able to ensure a cohesive, peaceful and friendly environment that will promote and enhance fear-free, safe, inclusive, and participatory democracy in Liberia and Africa at large. The workshop is also based on a comprehensive approach to community-building that integrates the core skills, knowledge, and attitudes that youth need to be positive agents of change in their respective communities or countries.

The role of elections as a conflict resolution mechanism is undeniable. It provides an exit strategy from often violent crisis. However, in order for an election to fulfill its conflict resolution and peacebuilding role it must address the basic requirements of a level playing field. And because elections are in themselves a potential source of conflict, it is all the more important that they are held under conditions to promote peace. We will also look at elections as threat to peace building and National reconciliation discussing strategies for peace building and National Reconciliation in Liberia and Africa at large.

The outcome of this workshop: "Increased knowledge and skills of participants to apply and support democracy in their respective countries for peaceful cohesive world". At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to: understand democracy; Describe the 4 principles of democracy; describe the four (4) factors that allow democracy to succeed from the practical perspective; threats to peacebuilding and national reconciliation consideration; six factors further considered as having direct implications for peacebuilding and national reconciliation; understanding on what grounds can democracy be criticized.

List of speakers:

Tyson Smith Berry Jr, Executive Director – 4Kids International

Major Gen. Prince Charles Johnson, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of Liberia

B. Elias Shoniyin, Former Deputy Foreign Minister of Liberia/ Managing Director of Africa Development Management Associates (ADMA)

● **DIGITAL ACTIVISM IN THE COVID-19/POST-COVID-19 ERA**

This workshop will examine what is digital activism and assess the associated opportunities and political risks. Our panellists - who will all be personally experienced in digital campaigning - will talk about how changes in how we campaign have been accelerated because of the global pandemic. New technologies and the digital systems that could be used in the future will also be discussed.

Following introductory speeches by the panellists on these topics, participants will be divided into smaller groups and asked to come up with two lists: examples of digital activism which has worked

well in the past 18 months, and examples of what has not been successful and/or has created political problems.

After the groups have reported back, panellists will respond to the issues raised and conclude with the changes we need to make to our digital campaigning as a movement to adapt to the new landscape.

10:45 · Intro speeches on what is digital activism; how the campaigning landscape has changed post-pandemic and what new systems are likely to come up in the future.

11:15 · Interactive – go to groups (or as one group depending on numbers) and work on two lists: examples of what you think has worked well over the past 18 months/what opportunities digital activism offers; and what has worked badly and the associated risks. If virtual, use break-out rooms.

12:00 · Groups to feedback

12:10 · Speakers to respond - what we need to do differently now

Panellists

Emily Rubino, Director of Policy and Outreach, Peace Action New York State

Lucero Oyarzún, Digital Campaign Coordinator, ICAN

Nana Crawford, Social media manager, British Red Cross

Facilitates by Sara Medi Jones, Campaigns Director, CND

● **FEMINIST PEACE**

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is a feminist peace organization that is fighting for a more just, equal and peaceful world since 1915. The Young WILPF Network provides a space for women under the age of 35 to network, organise and advance the goals of WILPF within the younger generation. Young WILPF Network is a globally connected network of young women, working from the Asia Pacific, Europe, the Americas, Africa and South Asia; disparate in geographic location, but sharing the common goals of gender equality, peace and disarmament.

Workshop Goal:

What does feminist peace mean? Why is a feminist lens on peace and peace activism useful and needed? How can we include feminist perspectives and approaches in our peace activism?

This workshop is specifically for people involved in peace and social justice activism who would like to include a feminist approach in their work. It gives a brief overview of what intersectional feminist peace means and how a feminist approach can be included in different areas. There will be room to self-critically reflect and develop new ideas and strategies that include a feminist approach. This event will use participatory and interactive methods to encourage dialogue and creativity. We also welcome participants who already try to include a feminist approach in their peace activism as that gives us the opportunity to share and learn from each other's experiences.

List of workshop facilitators Young WILPF Network:

Anna Hauschild

Alexis Canari

Dilek Gürsel

Jennifer Menninger

● HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND PEACE

The work of human rights defenders is not only essential to uphold basic rights and freedoms. It is also pivotal to improve societies and enhance democracy. By addressing systemic causes of conflicts, they are agents for positive change and development.

However, despite their cornerstone role for peace and justice, human rights defenders are too often criminalized and subjected to all kinds of threats and attacks, including killings.

The workshop aims, on the one hand, at exploring the many connections between advocating human rights and building peace. On the other hand, we will assess means and strategies to better protect human rights defenders from harassment. In this sense, we will present several Catalan programs and initiatives to support human rights defenders and help them to carry out their work.

Modality:

all panellists in Barcelona, streaming to virtual platform

Languages:

English. No translation service available

Organizer:

Cities Defending Human Rights

● HOW PEOPLE POWER AND NONVIOLENT ACTION IS CHANGING THE WORLD

This panel will explore civil society initiatives addressing global challenges through nonviolent means. Nonviolence is a recognized powerful force for social and political change. Many social movements, organizations and campaigns around the world build their struggles over people power. This panel will present some examples of current actors involved in major conflict transformation processes looking to increase protection for humans or the environment, achieve social justice, or end wars. It aims to show the increasing effectiveness of nonviolent means and the diversity of approaches to deal with some of the main global challenges.

Speakers:

Angelo Cardona, Ibero-American Alliance for Peace

Peace Brigades International

Peter Cousins, Fellowship of Reconciliation

Claudia Bosch, Extinction Rebellion

Moderator: Diego Checa Hidalgo, Peace and Conflict Institute, University of Granada

● MEDITERRANEAN: TENSE HORIZONS. HOW CIVIL SOCIETY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO TRANSFORM CONFLICTS

This workshop aims to present strategies for the future of Peace in the Mediterranean Region. It will focus on how civil society organizations can actually be a key actor to promote processes of conflict transformation, balancing the power of the parties and generating the conditions that can drive the actors towards agreements and peacebuilding scenarios. To do so, it will count with the voices of four relevant academics / practitioners with a significant experience contributing to conflict transformation. By presenting the cases of Catalonia, Palestine and Western Sahara, we aim to give a general overview and present the dynamics of peace in the Mediterranean Region.

Speakers:

Jordi Cuixart, Catalan cultural activist and President of Omnium Cultural a non-profit association with more than 160.000 members. Imprisoned since October 2017, he has been considered a political

prisoner and a human right defender by the Council of Europe and several international Human Rights organizations.

Lema Nazeeh, International Lawyer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Palestine and leading member of the Palestinian Nonviolent movement. She is a member of the Popular Committees Palestinian movement and considered a Palestinian Human Rights Defender.

Luca Gervasoni, President of the Catalan Federation of NGO's, Director of NOVACT-Nonviolent Action and associated professor in Conflict Resolution at UOC and UNITAR. He has been supporting civil society working for nonviolent conflict transformation in the Mediterranean during the last 15 years.

Ghalia Abdalahe Mohamed, A leading civil society representative of the Sahrauis pro-referendum and pro-human rights movement, she was imprisoned and disappeared between 1987 and 1991, Vicepresident of the ASVDH and member of ISACOM.

● NORTHEAST ASIA PEACE, DISARMAMENT, AND DENUCLEARIZATION

Northeast Asia is one of the most militarized regions in the world. Competition between the US and China, both nuclear states, is creating yet more difficulties in peacebuilding in the region. The 70 year long Korean War and unstable armistice system on the Korean peninsula has fueled an arms race and nuclear proliferation in Northeast Asia. Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution is a significant pillar for regional and international peace mechanisms, but the Japanese administration continuously tries to revise it.

This workshop will raise awareness of the current situation surrounding Northeast Asia, bringing together activists from the region and beyond to explore ways to together create peace and cooperation amid the region's complicated situation.

Objectives

- to share the current situation and assessment on Northeast Asia Peace and denuclearization issue
- to share challenges and difficulties in building peace in Northeast Asia
- to discuss the role of civil society, and how to strengthen this

● PACIFIC PEACE NETWORK: DEMILITARIZATION AND DECOLONIZATION OF THE PACIFIC

Facilitator:

Annette Brownlie

Presenters:

Clinton Fernandes: Overview of militarisation of the Pacific, Manus Christmas and Cocos Is.

Lisa Natividad: Vision for the future- Linking the urgent case for climate security with demilitarisation- This session will focus on a 'Crowded Pacific' military build-up with the UK Germany Spain Russia China Australia NZ USA Canada and more sending navy and airforce to the region during June July and August this year. The biennial largest land military exercise off the coast of Queensland Australia will see many of those countries military participating in what can only be called preparations for war. It will also focus on the work of building a movement for Peace in the Pacific.

Notes:

Annette Brownlie is a founding member of the Brisbane based community Peace organisation Just Peace Qld and the Chairperson of the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network IPAN. IPAN came into being in response to the decision to host a foreign government's military forces on Australian soil in Darwin in the northern territory of Australia. This announcement by Prime Minister Gillard and President Trump in 2011 set alarm bells ringing around the country and the network was formed by a handful of groups now grown to represent over 40 organisations and many more individuals.

Clinton Fernandez is a professor at the University of New South Wales. His research focuses on emerging technologies ranging from hypersonic missiles to electromagnetic pulse weapons, directed-energy weapons, human performance enhancement, bioengineering, nanotechnologies, and advanced materials and manufacturing methods.

Lisa Natividad is a Professor of Social Work at the University of Guam. She is also the primary convener of the Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice and a founding member of I Hagan Famalao'an Guahan. She is an indigenous CHamoru who has championed the exposure of the human rights violations against her people and homeland Guahan, which is a military colony of the United States. She has spoken globally on the topics of demilitarization, decolonization, and the critical role women play in the creation of safe and thriving communities. Dr. Natividad has presented interventions on the halting of the massive military build-up on Guahan before the United Nations Fourth Committee, Decolonization Committee, and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. She is a former member of the Guam Decolonization Commission and has spoken on these issues in Japan, the Philippines, the United States, Norway, Ecuador, Fiji, and other countries.

● THE ROLE OF PEACE ECONOMICS AND PEACE SCIENCE IN THE PEACE MOVEMENT

The field of Peace Science was pioneered by Professor Walter Isard from University of Pennsylvania. The growth of Peace Science as an interdisciplinary field integrate different fields such as Economics, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Spirituality, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, and System Science, etc. It addresses theoretical, mathematical and system science approach in peace research and public policy.

Peace Science borrows theories methods and techniques from other social sciences and shows how co-operation rather than competition between individual decision making units can lead to peaceful resolution of problems between individuals, communities, regional entities and governmental organizations. Some topics, such as Catastrophe Theory, Chaos Theory, Decision Science, Game Theory, Coalition and Bargaining Theory, are widely used in this area. Tools of analysis in Peace Science usually involve probability theory and probability distributions, statistical inference, analysis of variance and covariance, non-parametric testing of hypothesis and Chi-square test, multivariate distributions, and other test of hypothesis, etc.

Peace Economics is an important component in Peace Science where it addresses the subject from purely economic point of view, such as macroeconomic impacts on reduced military expenditure. The researches in Peace Economics involves numerous new approaches, including Macroeconomic Stability Analysis, Modern Growth Theory, Econometric Models, Computable General Equilibrium Model (CGE), the Richardsonian Model of Action and Reaction in military expenditure, etc.

Study of Conflict management involving mediation, negotiation, and arbitration, often used in Industrial Relations, are also important topics in Peace Economics. Conflict is different than purely having a dispute. Conflict can often exist without a specific focus. It may be expressed through a problem or dispute. Sometimes, it may be difficult to eliminate conflict. But appropriate prevention and management techniques can lessen negative impact of conflicts, including avoiding turbulence and violence. Many theories in Psychology, Game Theory, Cognitive Sciences, Sociology, and Stepwise Conflict Management Procedure, etc., have been used in Conflict Management.

Peace Science and Peace Economic are relatively new field of study, which also use different methods and techniques of Management Science, such as Strategic Management, Marketing, Operation Research, as well as Information Systems. This area is a new Social Science discipline and is different from Peace Studies, where cases are discussed without the application of sophisticated mathematics and theoretical methods. This theory and methods of peace economics and peace science will be very useful for the Peace movement. My objective will be to show how this can be done.

● STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS FOR A NUCLEAR WEAPONS-FREE WORLD

Building on the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons early this year, this workshop will discuss how to change the policies of governments opposing the TPNW based on their belief in nuclear deterrence – which will be the key to achieving a nuclear weapon-free world. We will

invite speakers representing the movements in nuclear-armed and umbrella states, including the NATO members, to share their views/experiences/strategies on mobilizing public support and achieving policy changes for the abolition of nuclear weapons in their respective countries, both at national and grass-roots levels. Grass-roots activists and peace workers in this workshop will learn from and share their experiences, deepen international solidarity and bring new ideas, lessons and inspirations back to their own countries to create changes.

● (YOUTH) ACTIVISM AND THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

We are facing a global threat against the future of mankind. Climate emergency, species extinction, and the destruction of a planet where human beings can live a fruitful life by a nuclear war are threats against the survival of mankind we never have seen before.

The Climate emergency has a special character as any emission in the world will reach the whole planet and any deforestation will reduce the capacity to store carbon dioxide and lower the risks. The damage it is causing is unevenly distributed but nothing but a common effort can stop the devastating effects. Thus it has caused special attention.

Yet Species extinction can be seen as an equally dangerous threat to humankind as well as nuclear war, the threat against the survival of mankind that can cause the fastest destruction of the biosphere as we know it.

With this in mind we invite to a seminar with activists to discuss possibilities for strengthening the climate justice struggle and how different movements for the survival of mankind from different rural and urban, peace, social and ecological perspectives best can resist the present destructive world order and construct social and ecological just transition.

The format of the seminar will emphasize participation by all attendees through breakup rooms or similar forms depending on if it can be held in a physical form or digital.

EXHIBITIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

Exhibitions, presentations, and other events allow World Peace Congress collaborators to share projects they have been working on and host less formal discussions on a range of topics, or simply to network with others. Many events will be in-person only, while others will be hybrid or online only. Some exhibitions will take place during the Saturday evening timeframe (19:30-21:30), while others will be available in public spaces or during other sections of the Congress. The final list of events and times will be included in the final programme, the below list is tentative:

Activity: Short Guided Meditations

Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University

Exhibition: “Cara a Cara con la Violencia: Historias de Resiliencia en América Central”

A Ruido Photo Project Produced by ICIP

Exhibition: “Colours of a Journey”

Katerina, Transform Europe

Exhibition: “Nuclear Weapon 3D Painting”

Youth Fusion

Exhibition: “Nuke Free Europe”

Nuke Free Europe Campaign

Exhibition: “Photographs for Peace in Asia” (tentative title)

Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan, Blue Banner

Exhibition: “Sustainable Fashion”

Runa Ray

Exhibition: Winners of the Pax Christi Youth Art Against Nukes

Pax Christi

Film Screening: *The Beginning of the End of Nuclear Weapons* (EN, ES, CAT)

Pressenza

Film Screening: *NATO bombing with DU*

Manfred Mohr/ICBUW

Film Screening: *The Return: Life After ISIS*

Catalunya Film Festivals

Film Teaser: *1.5 Degrees of Peace*

Kasha Slavner, Global Sunrise Movement

Film Teaser: *Los negociadores* (provisional title)

Jordi Raich

Panel: “Los retos de la Construcción de Paz en Iberoamérica”

Alianza Iberoamericana por la Paz (AIPP)

Panel: Self-Determination of the Saharawi People

Sahara Dempeus

Panel: Youth campaigning 101

CND Youth

Publication Presentation: Deployment of Missile Defense Systems and Weapons in Space: Serious consequences for global peace and security

Lucas Wirl, INES

Publication Presentation: The Earth Constitution Solution: Design for a Living Planet

Dr. Glen Martin/ Earth Constitution

Publication Presentation: Insurrectionary Uprisings: A Reader in Revolutionary Nonviolence and Decolonization

Matt Meyer, IPRA

Publication Presentation: A Militarised Union

RLS, ENAAT, Centre Delàs

Publication Presentation: Nonviolent Journalism

Tony Robinson

Publication Presentation: Strategies for left-oriented security

Axel Rupert, Katerina Anastasiou (RLS Brussels, Transform Europe)

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- Ban Killer Drones Campaign
- Bertrand Russel Peace Foundation
- Better World Links
- Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)
- Campaign for Peace, Disarmament, and Common Security
- Church and Peace
- Code Pink
- Committee of Prague II
- Education International
- European Network Against Arms Trade (ENAAT)
- Fellowship of Reconciliation
- The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative
- Foundation for a Culture of Peace
- Friends of the Earth Sweden
- Global Campaign for Peace Education (GCPE)
- Greenpeace International
- Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)
- International Association of Lawyers against Nuclear Arms (IALANA)
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- International Forum for Literature and a Culture of Peace (IFLAC)
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- International Sanctuary Declaration Network
- Jai Jagat
- Mahatma Gandhi International Research Center in Conflict Prevention and Management
- Mayors for Peace Europe
- Middle East Treaty Organization
- Muslim Peace Fellowship
- Pax Christi International
- Peace Brigades International (PBI)
- Pressenza
- Quaker Council for European Affairs
- Rete Italiana Pace e Disarmo
- Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI)
- The European Peace Research Association (EPRA)
- United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ)
- War Resisters International
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) International
- Worldwide Peace Organization (WWPO)

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- Universitat Internacional de la Pau (Unipau)

Regional:

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- Asociación Española de Investigación para la Paz (AIPAZ)
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- Fundación Cultura de Paz
- Fundació Novessendes
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