

Call for Proposals

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference

Expanding Circles: Peace in a Polarized Age?

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The 2019 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference Committee announces this year's conference, **Expanding Circles: Peace in a Polarized Age?**, sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

In our world today, we see an increase in displaced peoples, rising global powers, mass shootings, political divisiveness, and organized protests. How do we as students address this polarized reality in which we are embedded and endeavor to build more inclusive societies? Comprehensive approaches to strategic peacebuilding require that we first ask questions surrounding decision-making, access, power, and violence; evaluate these current structures; and brainstorm creative pathways forward.

What do inclusive approaches to peacebuilding look like in today's divided social, political, and international systems?

To explore this question, the conference committee invites undergraduate and graduate students to submit interdisciplinary proposals that demonstrate how their own work contributes to an inclusive peacebuilding approach. Students can propose innovative presentations or sessions of all types: **research papers or posters; presentations on experiential learning; panel discussions; roundtables on current issues; workshops or trainings; artwork, performance, or media projects; or other project formats.** We welcome proposals that highlight **practice** as well as those based on **research**.

We welcome proposals that engage with, but are not limited to, topics such as:

- Migration & Refugees
- Political Polarization
- Nuclear Disarmament
- Restorative Justice
- Nonviolent Resistance
- Gender Equality
- Environmental Justice
- Sustainable Development
- Gun Violence
- Resurgent Nationalism
- Religious Perspectives
- Globalization

Interested students should submit an abstract or description of their proposed presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/peacecon2019>. Students should visit our website at <https://sites.nd.edu/peacecon> to review the submission questions and additional information.

The deadline for submissions is January 21, 2019. Proposals submitted earlier may be given preference in the review process.

The Notre Dame Student Peace Conference is an annual student conference organized by students for students to provide space for dialogue on important issues related to peacebuilding, justice, and conflict transformation. Questions may be directed to the organizers at peacecon@nd.edu.