

Call for Proposals

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference

2020 Visions: Where Do We Go From Here?

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The 2020 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference Committee announces this year's conference, **2020 Visions: Where Do We Go From Here?**, sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

It seems as if our world today is coming apart at the seams. We're confronted by complex problems such as climate change, mass shootings, international terrorism, and ethnic conflict. With all these problems seeming to spin out of control, it is easy to feel disempowered, or to point fingers instead of reaching consensus. As students in peace studies, we have to ask: How we can marshal coalitions to solve some of these problems? Strategic peacebuilding requires that we identify both root and proximate causes of violence and tie that knowledge to strategies for forward progress.

What are the major problems of our age, and more importantly, what is our path towards solving them?

To explore this question, the conference committee invites undergraduate and graduate students to submit interdisciplinary proposals that demonstrate how their own work advances the field of peace studies. 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:

- Climate Change
- Nonviolent Resistance
- Ethnic Conflicts
- International Diplomacy
- Structural Racism
- Resurgent Nationalism
- Coalition Building
- Nuclear Disarmament
- Gun Violence
- Economic Injustice
- Gendered Violence
- Policy Reform

Interested students should submit their proposal at <https://tinyurl.com/peacecon2020>. Students can visit our website at <http://sites.nd.edu/peacecon> to review the submission questions and additional information.

The deadline for submissions is January 18, 2020. 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.