

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## 2021 Virtual Notre Dame Student Peace Conference **Beyond the Surface: Moving the Needle on Global Peace**

Thursday, April 15 – Saturday, April 17, 2021

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*“Do your little bit of good where you are;  
it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”  
~ Desmond Tutu*

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The 2021 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference Committee announces this year's conference, **Beyond the Surface: Moving the Needle on Global Peace**, sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Our world today is plagued by an overwhelming number of issues: climate change, racial injustice, civil unrest, gender-based violence, health crises, and many more. In recent months, we have witnessed a great awakening of hearts and minds across the globe in response to many of these issues. This awakening has allowed people of all ages in all places to voice the injustices they see and do what they can to create change.

As scholars of peace studies, we have a duty to take action and respond to the most pressing challenges of our time. Given where we find ourselves in the world today:

- How can we use our individual experiences as well as our knowledge to unify and move forward in addressing, and ultimately solving, these challenges?
- How can we channel current social unrest in such a way that allows for communities across the world to adopt principles of strategic peacebuilding?
- How can we each contribute our own bit of good to move the needle on global peace?

The conference committee invites undergraduate and graduate students from all different fields of study to submit interdisciplinary proposals that demonstrate how their own work and scholarship 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; artwork, performance, or media projects; or other project formats.** We welcome proposals that highlight **practice** as well as those based on **research**.

Strong proposals might engage with, but are not limited to, topics such as:

- Structural Violence
- Gender-Based Violence
- Coalition Building
- International Diplomacy
- Conflict Transformation
- Climate Change
- Racial Justice
- Ethnic Conflict
- Media
- Policy Reform
- Erosion of Democracy
- Nonviolent Resistance
- Strategic Peacebuilding
- Nuclear Disarmament
- Economic Injustice

Interested students should submit their proposal using our [2021 Submission Form](#) or visit our website at <http://sites.nd.edu/peacecon> to learn more about submission requirements and presentation formats.

**The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 22, 2021.** Proposals received 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. Please direct all questions about the submission process to the conference committee at [peacecon@nd.edu](mailto:peacecon@nd.edu).