

## CALL FOR PAPERS

2022 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference

### **(Re)Imagining Justice**

Friday, April 8 – Saturday, April 9, 2022

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*“If you want peace, work for justice.” ~ Pope Paul VI*

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The 2022 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference Committee announces this year’s conference, **(Re)Imagining Justice**, sponsored by the [Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies](#).

Different human perspectives shaped by diverse cultural and social backgrounds create many conceptions of justice. These different understandings of justice confront and challenge us as peacebuilders in our efforts to bring about a more equitable and peaceful world. Recognizing that working toward peace means working for justice, these challenges call us to put our moral imagination to work in (re)imagining what justice looks like and how we can achieve it.

In recent years, we have witnessed an awakening of hearts and minds across the globe as people of all ages and all backgrounds speak up about the injustices they witness and increase their demands for justice. As scholars of peace studies, we must heed these calls to action and contribute to the work of creating a just, human-centered world.

- What does justice mean in today’s social context and how do peacebuilding strategies enable our work toward justice and vice versa?
- Why are our current conceptions of justice insufficient and what would a truly just and equitable world really look like?
- How do our individual experiences contribute to our (re)imagining of justice and how can we unify those experiences to bring about peace and justice?

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 and its understanding of justice.

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:

- Transformative Justice
- Prophetic Imagination
- Decoloniality
- Gender Based Violence
- International Diplomacy
- Global Health Inequality
- Racial Justice
- Criminal Justice
- Economic Justice
- Ethnic Conflict
- Structural Violence
- Human Rights
- Restorative Justice
- Religious Peacebuilding
- Environmental Justice
- Intersectionality
- Nonviolent Resistance
- Erosion of Democracy

Interested students should submit their proposal using our [2022 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 28, 2022.** 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).