



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Voices: Naming War, Speaking Peace

April 14–15, 2023

The 2023 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference committee announces this year's conference, **Voices: Naming War, Speaking Peace**. The conference is sponsored by the [Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies](#), part of the Keough School of Global Affairs.

Over the past year, we have witnessed a resurgence of old tensions alongside new conflicts. Injustice, violence, and inequality affect individuals differently but have profound impacts in any society. As current and future peacebuilders, we are tasked with understanding how belief systems, cultural histories, and collective values shape opportunities for peace and justice in contexts of both direct and structural violence. Whether these narratives are present in newspaper headlines, personal experiences, or academic scholarship, they amplify the voices of those who endure violence and struggle for peace.

Inspired by the 2022-2023 Notre Dame Forum on [War & Peace](#), we chose this theme to help advance our thinking beyond the traditional dichotomy of war and peace and toward an illumination of how violence, conflict, and injustice affect our everyday lives no matter where we live. We must embrace complexity and discern the unheard voices in narratives of war and peace if we are to establish societies truly committed to justice and peace.

- How do we move beyond the traditional dichotomy of war and peace in order to establish just societies?
- How do we as peacebuilders, scholars, and practitioners seek to understand the truth in complex conflict environments?
- What do past and current conflicts and crises tell us about whose voices must be heard in order to promote peace and pursue justice?

The conference committee invites undergraduate and graduate students from all different fields of study to submit interdisciplinary proposals that address these questions and demonstrate how their own work, practice, or 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:

- Conflict in Ukraine
- Racial Justice
- Ethnic Conflict
- Peace Negotiations
- Intersectionality
- Role of Media
- Environmental Peacebuilding
- Global Health Inequality
- Conflict Transformation
- Strategic Peacebuilding
- Religion and Peacebuilding
- Erosion of Democracy
- Afghan Resettlement
- Nonviolent Resistance
- Women and Conflict
- Digital Peacebuilding
- Restorative Justice
- Grassroots Movements

Interested students should submit their proposals through our [2023 Proposal Submission Form](#). Students can also [visit our website](#) for information about the conference or to learn more about submission requirements and accepted presentation formats.

The submission deadline is Friday, January 27, 2023. 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.