

Call for Proposals

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference: *Pathways to Peace*
March 31–April 1, 2017

The 2017 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference Committee announces this year's conference, *Pathways to Peace*, sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

As seemingly more complex issues of violence and injustice confront our world, peace is perceived to be unattainable and peacebuilders to be idealistic. The field of peace studies, however, advances sustainable peace by altering the underlying structures that produce conflict. Peacebuilding is process-oriented and requires a commitment to concrete goals and strategic planning. Using theory, research, and practice, individuals from all backgrounds are contributing to this process and achieving true progress. In order to reframe negative perceptions of peace and peacebuilding, and to challenge the cynicism that denies the possibility of a better future, this conference seeks to explore the specific building blocks and considerations required to create realistic pathways to peace.

The Conference Committee invites undergraduate and graduate students to demonstrate how their own research, practice or project contributes to a pathway to peace. This year's conference seeks to include presentations that reflect or highlight **practice** and **experience** as well as those based on **theory** and **research**. Students can propose innovative presentations of all types: **research papers or posters; artwork or media projects; TED-style talks on practice; panel discussions; workshops; roundtable or "hot topic" discussions; or other project formats** that would engage a peer audience on the topics of peace and peacebuilding.

Presentations can explore, but are not limited to, topics such as:

- Grassroots Movements
- Restorative Justice
- Role of Media
- Civil and Human Rights
- Conflict Transformation
- Women and Conflict
- NGOs and Third Parties
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Peace Negotiations
- Sustainable Development
- Nuclear Disarmament
- Religion and Peacebuilding

All proposals should be submitted at <http://tinyurl.com/peacecon2017> or via the conference website at <http://nd.edu/~peacecon>.

The priority deadline for submissions is December 23, 2016. Proposals submitted by that date will be given preference. **The final deadline is January 23, 2017.**

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