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Kroc Institute News

**Kroc’s Summer Institute for Faculty to celebrate 10 years**

Since its inaugural event in 2009, the Summer Institute has hosted over 350 attendees from 105 different institutions—including 23 Catholic colleges and universities—across 6 continents on the University of Notre Dame campus in South Bend, Indiana. [More »](#)

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**Kroc Institute to Host Inaugural Peace and Psychology Conference**

The Kroc Institute will serve as both the host and co-sponsor for the inaugural Psychology and Peace Conference running March 9-11 at the University of Notre Dame. The event will be the first time American Psychological Association (APA) Division 48, The Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence, has hosted a gathering outside of the APA's annual meetings. [More »](#)

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**Study shows social media an effective tool for predicting voting outcomes**

Researchers at the University of Notre Dame studied Colombia’s national referendum vote and initial rejection of a peace agreement to understand the influence of polarization and public sentiment. [More »](#)

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**Kroc Welcomes Spring 2018 Visiting Research Fellows**

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The Kroc Institute is pleased to announce that two scholars, Maria Koinova and Laurie Nathan, will begin their terms as visiting research fellows during the spring 2018 semester. More »

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### Upcoming Events

#### Myanmar: A New Democracy in Crisis

**Tuesday, February 20**
4:00 p.m., C103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies

Stephen Gray, Director of Adapt Research and Consulting, will provide an overview of the challenges facing the nation of Myanmar, paying particular attention to the Rohingya crisis and the government's peace process with close to 20 ethno-political, non-state armed groups. More »

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#### Religious Leaders and Conflict Transformation: Northern Ireland and Beyond

**Tuesday, March 20**
4 p.m., C103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies

Nukhet Sandal, Associate Professor of Political Science at Ohio University and Director of Global Studies in OHIO's Center for International Studies, will discuss her new book, Religious Leaders and Conflict Transformation: Northern Ireland and Beyond. More »

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#### A Palestinian Theology of Liberation: The Bible, Justice and the Palestine-Israel Conflict

**Tuesday, March 27**
4 p.m., Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Rev. Naim Ateek, Christian Palestinian theologian and founder of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem, will discuss his new book, A Palestinian Theology of Liberation: The Bible, Justice, & the Palestine-Israel Conflict

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Faculty in the News

David Cortright was quoted in the Crux article, “Church helps people in Colombia move from ‘vengeance’ to reconciliation.”

Madhav Joshi was quoted in The Christian Science Monitor article, “After decades of violence, can Colombia’s FARC rebels gain voter trust?”

Asher Kaufman was interviewed on Background Briefing with Ian Masters in the Feb. 11 episode, “The Creeping Coup is Underway in America: Making the Case for Impeachment; Could Clashes Between Israel and Iran Lead to a Wider Escalation of the Syrian War.”

Visiting Fellow Laurie Nathan was interviewed in the WikiTribune article, “What went wrong in Jacob Zuma’s South Africa, where it goes from here.”

The Kroc Institute conducts research on strategies for sustainable peace and supports undergraduate, master’s, and Ph.D. students in peace studies.

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