**September 19, 2018**

**Kroc Institute News**

**Madrasa Discourses Hosts Second Summer Intensive in Nepal**

For the second summer in a row, students and faculty from the University of Notre Dame converged with madrasa (Islamic seminary) graduates from India and Pakistan for two weeks of intensive teaching and dialogue in Dhuilkhel, Nepal (an hour outside of Kathmandu). Drawn by Notre Dame’s Madrasa Discourses project, the July 1-14 summer intensive featured conversations about citizenship, religion and society in a pluralistic and rapidly-changing world. [More »](#)

**Ernesto Verdeja to Receive 2018 Sheedy Award**

Ernesto Verdeja, associate professor of political science and peace studies, will receive the 2018 Sheedy Excellence in Teaching Award. The highest teaching honor in the College of Arts and Letters, the Sheedy Award was created in 1970 to honor the Rev. Charles E. Sheedy, C.S.C., who served as dean of Arts and Letters from 1951 to 1969. [More »](#)

**Kroc Welcomes Six New Ph.D. Students**

Six new students in four disciplines recently began the Kroc Institute’s interdisciplinary doctoral program in peace studies. The program is a partnership with the University of Notre Dame Departments of Anthropology, History, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, and Theology. [More »](#)
**Thania Paffenholz Lecture: Pathways to Inclusive Societies**

**Thursday, September 20**

12:30 p.m., C103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies

**Thania Paffenholz**, Director of the Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative and Research Associate at The Graduate Institute in Geneva, will discuss opportunities and challenges for international and local peacemaking and peacebuilding in light of the challenges of today's prolonged and violent conflicts. [More »](#)

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**Celebrate the International Day of Peace**

**Thursday, September 20**

7:00 p.m., Film Screening: "In the Name of Peace: John Hume in America"

**Friday, September 21: International Day of Peace**

11:00 a.m., A Panel Discussion: The Status of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70

12:30 p.m., Lunch and Conversation

All events will take place in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. These events are co-sponsored by the [Klau Center for Civil and Human Rights](#) and the [Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies](#). [More »](#)

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**The 20th Annual Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion and Peace**

**Thursday, October 25**

11 a.m., Auditorium, Hesburgh Center for International Studies

Featuring **Sarah Thompson**, 2018 Generations Fellow at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and former Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams. Thompson's lecture, "Flushing Peace Down the Toilet: Strategies for the End of the World as We Know It," will explore issues of water and sanitation justice and their connections to nonviolence, peace, justice, and conflict. [More »](#)
Kroc's work to monitor the progress of the Colombian peace accord implementation process, in partnership with the social ministry of Catholic bishops in Colombia, was highlighted in the *Crux* article "Church has key role in quest for Colombian reconciliation to keep peace."

Professor **Ebrahim Moosa** (Professor of Islamic Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and Department of History) was quoted in the *Newsweek* article "What is Hajj? Here are the rituals muslims perform during the pilgrimage."

**George A. Lopez** (Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor Emeritus of Peace Studies) was quoted in the *NBC News* story "South Korea's talks with North are going well, unlike Trump's."

**Laura Miller-Graff** (Assistant Professor of Psychology and Peace Studies) was featured in the *ND Newswire* article “Prenatal exposure to violence leads to increased toddler aggression toward mothers, study finds.”

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