Kroc Institute welcomes members of the Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Class of 2022

In August, the University of Notre Dame’s Keough School of Global Affairs welcomed its fourth cohort of Master of Global Affairs students, including five students who have chosen to pursue a concentration in International Peace Studies and are classified as Kroc Scholars.

Peace Accords Matrix program awarded for monitoring gender perspective implementation in Colombia

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies has received an award from the Special
Forum of Women for the Implementation of the Gender-Based Approach in the Colombia Peace Agreement. The award recognizes the impact of the Institute’s continued work to monitor implementation at the local level, and the Institute’s support of the Forum’s work.

Recent Peace Studies Ph.D. graduates secure strong academic and peacebuilding placements

Two recent graduates of the Peace Studies Ph.D. program at the University of Notre Dame have secured strong post-graduate placements. Kristina Hook has been hired as research assistant professor and inaugural executive director of the Better Evidence Project, part of the Center for Peacemaking Practice at George Mason University’s Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, and Dana Townsend has accepted a position as a mental health and psychosocial support specialist with the SAMS (Syrian American Medical Society) Foundation.

Upcoming Virtual Events

Advice to the Next President on Addressing Racial Justice: Notre Dame Students Speak Out

Monday, September 28
5:00 p.m. EDT, Virtual Event
Tune in for a dialogue on racial justice between Notre Dame students and political actors. Student speakers will include representatives from Student Government, the Graduate Student Union, Black Lives Matter - South Bend, the Black Student Association, the Native American Student Association, and PrismND.

Understanding and Engaging Movements for Justice: David Cortright and Maria Stephan

Wednesday, September 30
12:30 p.m. EDT, Virtual Event

Featuring David Cortright and Maria Stephan

Stephan and Cortright will present research and data on the effectiveness of nonviolence in bringing about social change, and the counter-productive nature of violence. They will discuss the importance of peacebuilding trainings, tactics for de-escalation, and other strategies for preparing individuals and groups for nonviolent direct action. This event is co-sponsored by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

The Kroc Cast Podcast

International Law and the Arts

Mary Ellen O'Connell, Robert and Marion Short Professor of Law and Research Professor of International Dispute Resolution, talks with Martha C. Nussbaum, Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and
Ethics at the University of Chicago, discuss war, violence prevention, the arts, international law, and the body.

Video Feature

Shaping Peace Together: Envisioning a Post-Pandemic World

On the International Day of Peace, September 21, the Kroc Institute presented a virtual panel discussion on efforts to address some of the biggest threats to peace that we are facing around the world today and to envision the world post-pandemic. Panelists discussed the pandemic's impact on climate change, movements for racial justice, armed conflict, and more.

In the Media
Matthew Hauenstein, Postdoctoral Research Associate, and Madhav Joshi, Research Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Peace Accords Matrix, wrote *The Washington Post* article "[U.N. resolutions may seem like cheap talk. But they might actually work.](https://t.e2ma.net/message/wn521n/gn6il)."

David Anderson Hooker, Associate Professor of the Practice of Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding, was interviewed in the *ABC57 News* story, "[Professor David Hooker discusses teacher’s false claims about Black Lives Matter.](https://abc57.com/news/2020/09/24/3857634/)."

Members of the Peace Accords Matrix Barometer Initiative team in Colombia, Luis Felipe Botero and Rebecca Gindele, co-wrote, with Josefina Echavarria Alvarez, Director of the Peace Accords Matrix Program, the *Humanity United* blog post, "[Guest Post: Peace in Times of COVID: The Colombian Experience.](https://kroc.nd.edu/)."
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