Maira Hayat joins Kroc Institute core faculty

Maira Hayat has joined the core faculty of the Kroc Institute as assistant professor of environment and peace studies. Hayat’s hiring is part of the Institute’s expanding focus on environment, climate change and peace studies. She conducts research at the intersection of the environment, bureaucracy, and law, drawing on ethnographic and archival methods. Animated by postcolonial critique, Hayat’s research has focused on Pakistan, home to the world’s largest irrigation network.

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MGA alumnus helps build peace in Libya through UN role

Mohammad Omar Metwally (MGA ’19) is a conflict analysis and conflict reduction strategies coach in the Division for Peace at the United Nations.
(UNITAR). Working remotely from Cairo due to the pandemic, Metwally supports UNITAR’s Stabilization Facility for Libya, a project that aims to foster national unity and strengthen state authorities through community-based reconciliation initiatives, inclusive municipal planning, and practical improvements in basic city services.

**Tahir Aziz spends semester on campus as Alumni Visiting Research Fellow**

After over 20 years of supporting people affected by long-term violent conflicts, **Tahir Aziz (M.A. '03)** jumped at the opportunity to spend four months on the University of Notre Dame campus as the Kroc Institute’s 2021 Alumni Visiting Research Fellow.

**Upcoming Event**

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A Conversation with Nickolas Roth of the Stimson Center

Sean Raming, current Ph.D. student in peace studies and history, talks with Nickolas Roth, director of the Stimson Center’s Nuclear Security Program and International Nuclear Security Forum, about current conversations on nuclear weapons, deterrence, disarmament, and arms control.

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*George Lopez,* Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor Emeritus of Peace Studies, was quoted in the *Foreign Policy* article “Sunset for U.N. Sanctions?”

The Kroc Institute’s Peace Accords Matrix was mentioned in the “Statement by Celia Umenza Velasco at the UN Security Council Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security.”

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Peter Wallensteen, Richard G. Starmann, Sr. Research Professor Emeritus of Peace Studies, was quoted in The Guardian article “Press freedom, Belarus opposition or Greta for Nobel Peace Prize?”

Erin Corcoran, Executive Director of the Kroc Institute and Associate Teaching Professor, was quoted in the ABC6 article “Biden aims to 'preserve and fortify' DACA amid legal challenges.”