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News

[New program launches to amplify the voices of Afghan peace and development scholars and practitioners](#)

In August 2021, as the Taliban was taking over control of Kabul, Afghanistan, faculty at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies began having conversations in the halls about how to respond given the Institute's history of **supporting Afghan peace and development efforts**. Faculty members continued conversations with colleagues at the Pulte Institute for Global Development, a fellow Institute within Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs, and from these conversations, the **Afghan Peace and Development Research Program (APDRP)** was born.



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[An Interview with the 2022 Peace](#)

Conference Planning Committee

The **Notre Dame Student Peace Conference** is an annual gathering organized by students and for students. Each year, the event draws hundreds of students from across North America and around the world. Here **two representatives from the conference planning team** reflect on their hopes for the conference, the importance of peace studies, what they are learning through the conference planning process, and the unique perspective students can bring to the concept of justice.



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Kroc Institute welcomes visiting researchers during spring semester

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies is pleased to announce that four scholars began their terms as **visiting research fellows** at the start of the spring 2022 semester.



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Upcoming Events

Book Talk for 'Wicked Problems: The Ethics of Action for Peace, Rights, and Justice'

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

6:30 p.m. EDT, Zoom Webinar

While a generation of changemakers and peacebuilders have set out to “Be the Change!” a thousand cautionary tales from the frontlines of social, economic, climate, and racial justice

WICKED PROBLEMS

The Ethics of Action for Peace, Rights, and Justice



work suggest that deep ethical dilemmas don't always have easily actionable answers. Join us for the book launch of *Wicked Problems: The Ethics of Action for Peace, Rights, and Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2022), where a panel of the books' contributors discuss the trade-offs, dilemmas, and compromises they encounter in their daily work as conflict resolution practitioners, peacebuilders, advocates, organizers, and activists.

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[Notre Dame Student Peace Conference](#)

Friday, April 8 – Saturday, April 9, 2022
All Day, Hybrid and In-person

The Notre Dame Student Peace Conference is an annual event organized by students for students. The conference is free and open to students from any college or university who want to engage in dialogue on important issues related to peacebuilding, social justice, and conflict transformation.

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[Video Highlight](#)

How does civil resistance work and what can it achieve? A March 22 panel discussion focused on how civilians are using strategic civil resistance to diminish the power and impact of the Russian military. Watch the full conversation below.

Civil Resistance in Ukraine and the Region



Tuesday, March 22, 2022
12:00 p.m. EDT
Zoom Webinar

This panel will share how civilians are using strategic civil resistance to diminish the power and impact of the Russian military.

Panelists include leading experts in civil resistance, some joining us from the frontlines in Kyiv.

Register to attend at go.nd.edu/UkraineCivilResistance



Media Highlights

Mary Ellen O'Connell, Robert and Marion Short Professor of Law and Research Professor of International Dispute Resolution, was quoted in the *Reuters* video "[Putin acting 'irrationally,' says analyst, but settlement possible.](#)"



Gerard Powers, Director of Catholic Peacebuilding Studies, was quoted in the *Catholic News Service* article "[Munitions Russia is using, justifications for war come under scrutiny.](#)"



Ernesto Verdeja, Associate Professor of Political Science and Peace Studies, was quoted extensively in the *Business Insider* article "[Experts say there's clear cut evidence of war crimes in Ukraine, but building a case against Putin will take years and it's unlikely he'll ever face justice.](#)"

Kristina Hook (Ph.D. '20) and Drew Marcantonio (Ph.D. '21) wrote *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* article "[Grappling with environmental risks in the fog of war.](#)"



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