WORLD PEACE CONGRESS

BARCELONA
October 15-17
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PROGRAMME DRAFT
(last update 15 April 2021)
Five years after our 2016 Berlin Congress, “Disarm! For a Climate of Peace”, the International Peace Bureau is proud to host the Second IPB World Peace Congress, “(Re) Imagine our World: Action for Peace and Justice” in the Mediterranean city of Barcelona. Our goal is to bring together vast swaths of civil society – from peace and disarmament advocates to feminist and LGBTQIA+ campaigners, ecologists and climate activists, antiracists and indigenous peoples, human rights defenders and trade unionists – to generate a unified response to the anxiety of our times.

We have a planetary crisis: a world in which confrontational policies have replaced international cooperation on issues ranging from arms control and common security to the climate emergency, threats to democratic institutions, and health crises – most notably the Covid-19 pandemic. Only by coming together can we address these interlinked and overlapping problems that threaten us all and (re) imagine a world in which peace is prioritized over war and intersectional strategies and policy solutions drive our actions for a better future.

At the center of these policy proposals comes the idea of a just recovery. The Covid-19 crisis has made clearer than ever the costs of returning to the status quo and the necessity to create a better system – one that promotes equality, addresses the existential threat of climate change, and understands the need for true security, not the faux security of yearly increases in military spending at the cost of social services. We firmly believe that the only way to truly do so is to put peace at the center of the ‘new normal’.

Climate change, growing inequality, the decline of democracy, and health crises all pose the threat of increasing global tensions and creating a more violent world. Nuclear weapons and great power conflicts risk the complete destruction of our planet. The Coronavirus pandemic poses another problem to peace: lockdowns and restrictions deprive activists of the resources and public platforms to conduct our activities and events for peace.

We are at a pivotal moment in history. We can remain on our current path of greater confrontation, nationalism, environmental degradation, and ruin – or we can together imagine a better and more just future. We are calling for the alternative to confrontation, for a politics of common security.

The Second IPB World Peace Congress is our call to action to decision-makers and activists at the global, regional, national, and local levels: we can continue on the current track, and endanger all life on Earth, or we can take unified action for peace and justice. Thus, we gather, listening to civil society and grassroots organizations and developing a united plan of action. We invite you to join us in the creation of this vision and to work together for its implementation.
**Friday 15.10.2021**

*Venue: CCCB (Hall + Pati de les Dones)*

**11:00-16:00**
IPB Youth Network (IPBYN) & Local Youth Gathering

**18:00-18:30**
IPB in Action: Six Examples of Activities for Peace & Disarmament

**18:30-20:30**
OPENING PLENARY: THREATS TO PEACE AND SAFETY

Chaired by Chloé Meulewaeter, IPB Council; & TBD, Catalan government representative/Barcelona city representative

- **Welcome**
  Jordi Calvo, IPB Barcelona
  Lisa Clark, IPB Co-President
  Catalan government representative
  Barcelona city representative

- **Music and cultural presentations**

- **Video Greetings**
  António Guterres, UN General Secretary (to be confirmed)
  Duarte Pacheco, President of the Inter-Parliamentarian Union
  Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organization

- **Great Power Conflicts and the (New) Cold War**
  Jody Williams, political activist and Nobel Peace Laureate

- **Threats of Nuclear Weapons: Reflecting and Looking Forward**
  Wada Masako, Nihon Hidankyo (Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations)

- **The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the Future**
  Beatrice Fihn, Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

- **Environmental and Climate Protection and Disarmament**
  Vandana Shiva, environmental and social activist

- **Global Justice and Peace**
  Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Former President of Brazil (by video)

- **Threats to the Future of Humankind**
  Jeremy Corbyn, Member of Parliament of the United Kingdom

**20:30-22:00**
Music and cultural performance

Public event and peace vigil
Pati de les dones CCCB
Saturday 16.10.2021
LESSONS FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS

9:30-11:30
SATURDAY PLENARY: INTERSECTIONAL SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION
Venue: CCCB (Hall + Pati de les Dones)
Chaired by Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan, Chair of Blue Banner and former Mongolian diplomat; & Emily Rubino, Executive Director of Peace Action New York State

● Nonviolent Future: Changing the Agenda
Speaker TBD

● Common Security for a New World Order
Aleksey Gromyko, Director of the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences

● Regional Peace and Security
Zhao Tong, Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy (by video)

● Disarmament for Development
Speaker TBD

● The Global South, Inequality, Human Rights, and Violence
Cyrille Roland Bechon, Nouveaux Droits de l’Homme Cameroun (New Human Rights Cameroon)

● Patriarchy and Gender-Based Violence
Binalakshmi Nepram, Fellow at Harvard University and IPB Board Member

[short break]

● Racism, Migration, and Peace
Speaker TBD

● Peace and Environmental Protection
Speaker TBD

● Transforming the Economy for Peace and Justice
Sharan Burrow, General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

● Militarism and Colonialism
Lisa Linda Natividad, Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice

● Peace Education
A-Young Moon, Peace MOMO

● Regional Peace: Peacebuilding in the Mediterranean
Speaker TBD

11:30-12:00
Coffee break and networking
12:00-13:30
FIRST WORKSHOP SESSION
Venue: Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull

- Creating a Peace Economy (Conversion)
  Coordinated by Jeroen Beirnaert, ITUC

- The Foundations of Peace: Nuclear Abolition and International Law (including TPNW)
  Coordinated by Lucas Wirl, IALANA

- The Increasing US Militarization of Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region
  Coordinated by the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)

- The Intersection of Peace and Gender
  Coordinated by Escola de Cultura de Pau & Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

- Peace Agreements to End Wars
  Coordinated by ICIP

- Peace and Autonomy: Colonization and Indigenous Peoples
  Coordinated by Binalakshmi Nepram, Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network

- Peace, Racism and Migration
  Coordinated by Katerina Anastasiou, Transform! Europe

- Nonviolent Journalism for Peace
  Coordinated by Tony Robinson, Pressenza

- Weapons in Space and the Digitization of Warfare
  Coordinated by Dave Webb, CND

13:30-15:00
Lunch break and networking

15:00-17:15
SECOND WORKSHOP SESSION
Venue: Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull

- Climate Change, the Environment, and Peace
  Coordinated by Emma Pritchard, peace activist and IPB Youth Network Coordinator

- Common Security: A Blueprint for Global and Regional Relations
  Coordinated by Eskil Grav, IPB Council Member

- Measuring Peace, Measuring Conflict - Introducing and Applying the Heidelberg
  Coordinated by Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (HIIK)

- Disarmament for Development: Move The Money
  Coordinated by Quique Sánchez, GCOMS

- Environmental Protection Against War, Conflict and the Military: The Cases of Nuclear and of Uranium Weapons
  Coordinated by Manfred Mohr, ICBUW
● Mediterranean as a Space of Peace
  Coordinated by Novact

● Pacific Peace Network: Demilitarization and Decolonization of the Pacific
  Coordinated by the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)

● Peace, Democracy, and Participation
  Coordinated by Corazon Fabros, Stop the War Coalition Philippines

● Stronger Together for Peace: Building Campaigns and Alliances
  Coordinated by Steven Staples, PeaceQuest Leadership and Education Initiative

● WMD-Free Zone in the Middle East
  Coordinated by the Middle East Treaty Organization (METO)

17:30
Informal gatherings: excursions, poster sessions other small events
Knowledge Café and Networking Rooms available

19:30
Dinner

21:30
Peace Party, cultural and mobilizing activities (i.e. music, theatre)
Exhibitions

Sunday 17.10.2021
VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE: PRACTICAL STEPS FOR REACHING THE SOLUTIONS

9.30–10.30
INTRODUCTION ROUND TABLE: VISIONS FOR PEACE CONFLICTS AND TENSIONS FOR TOMORROW
Venue: CCCB (Hall + Pati de les Dones)
Chaired by Federico Mayor Zaragoza, former Director General of UNESCO and Chair of the Foundation for a Culture of Peace; & TBD

● Dialogue, Cooperation, and Understanding
  Liv Torres, Pathfinders

● Video Greetings
  Noam Chomsky, scientist and activist, University of Arizona
  Pope Francis (to be confirmed)

● Round Table Discussion
  Featuring Reiner Braun, IPB Executive Director
  Veronica Krashennikova, Chamber of Civil Society Russia
  3 further speakers TBD

10.45–12.45
FINAL WORKSHOP SESSION: STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE
Venue: Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull

● Arms Trade and Military Business
  Coordinated by ENAAT – Centre Delås
● Digital Activism in the Covid-19/Post-Covid-19 Era  
  Coordinated by Sara Medi Jones, CND

● Global and Regional Approaches to Common Security and Human Security  
  Coordinated by Joseph Gerson, CPDCS

● Human Rights Defenders and Peace  
  Coordinated by TBD

● How People Power and Nonviolent Action is Changing the World  
  Coordinated by Angelo Cardona, President of Ibero-American Alliance for Peace; and Diego Checa Hidalgo, IPAZ

● Northeast Asia Peace, Disarmament, and Denuclearization  
  Coordinated by Peace Boat/PSPD

● Post-Conflict: Truth, Memory, and Justice  
  Generalitat de Catalunya

● The Role of Peace Economics and Peace Science in the Peace Movement  
  Manas Chatterji, Binghamton University

● Strategies and Actions for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World  
  Coordinated by Arielle Denis, ICAN; and Rieko Asato, Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo)

● Youth Activism and the Climate Emergency  
  Tord Björk, Friends of the Earth

12.45-14:00  
FINAL PLENARY: STRONGER TOGETHER FOR PEACE. A CALL TO ACTION  
Venue: CCCB (Hall + Pati de les Dones)  
Chaired by Reiner Braun, IPB Executive Director; & TBD

● Solidarity Action with Repressed People Fighting for Peace and Freedom  
● Presentation of the Declaration/Appeal “(Re)Imagine Our World: Action for Peace, Justice, and the Climate”  
● Feminist/Intersectional Peace Work Statement  
● Presentation of Regional Action Plans/Mediterranean Forum Plan  
● Presentation of the IPB Youth Network Action Plan  
● Closing Remarks  
  Philip Jennings, IPB Co-President

Note: This is the second programme draft and all parts of the congress remain subject to changes and adjustments. All titles for plenary and workshop sessions are working titles and may be changed.

The final decision on the programme will be made by the programme committee in connection with the local committee. You may contact us with inquiries at info@ipb-office.berlin.

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- Better World Links
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- Church and Peace
- Code Pink
- Committee of Prague II
- Fellowship of Reconciliation
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- Global Campaign for Peace Education (GCPE)
- Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)
- International Association of Lawyers against Nuclear Arms (IALANA)
- The International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons (ICBUW)
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- Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) International

List of local/regional supporting organizations

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- Escola de Cultura de Pau
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- Fundipau
- Justícia i Pau
- LaFede.cat
- Novact
- Pressenza Barcelona
- Universitat Internacional de la Pau (Unipau)

Regional:
- Asociación Española de Investigación para la Paz (AIAPAZ)
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- International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
- Rosa-Luxembourg Stiftung – Brussels Office
- Transform! Europe
- UNI Global Union

The European Left is funding traveling costs and technical equipment for the international committee/IPB.

Registration/Payment

Registration is open and free to all who are interested. Early registration will ensure that you receive all the latest congress updates and developments.

Those who would like to support the congress financially are encouraged to pre-order the welcome package for € 20 through PayPal, credit card or direct transfer to IPB’s accounts with the comment welcome package.* Further donations to the congress are also appreciated and both the welcome package and donations will be available in-person at the congress.

To register for the conference, please visit www.ipb2021.barcelona. In case of technical problems, you may also register by sending an email to info@ipb-office.berlin with the following information:
1. full name
2. email address
3. organizational affiliation
4. in-person or virtual attendance
5. confirmation of payment (if purchasing the welcome package)

*The welcome package includes some promotional items of the congress (locally-made, social & solidarity economy). It’s exclusive to those attending the congress in person and will be given at the main venue’s registration point.

Location

The congress will be held at the Barcelona Centre for Contemporary Culture (CCCB) and nearby Blanquerna university campus (Universitat Ramon Llull).

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