



**PROGRAMME
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MESSAGE FROM IPB

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, Catalanian 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-Parliamentary 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**, *Presenza*

● **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 (HIIC)*

● **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 Tørres, *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 Delàs*

List of international supporting organizations

- Asia Europe Peoples Forum (AEPF), Peace and Security Cluster
- Bertrand Russel Peace Foundation
- Better World Links
- Campaign for Peace, Disarmament, and Common Security
- Church and Peace
- Code Pink
- Committee of Prague II
- Fellowship of Reconciliation
- Foundation for a Culture of Peace
- 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)
- International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility (INES)
- International Institute on Peace Education (IIPE)
- International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) International
- Jai Jagat
- Mahatma Gandhi International Research Center in Conflict Prevention and Management
- Mayors for Peace Europe
- Muslim Peace Fellowship
- Pax Christi International
- Presenza
- Quaker Council for European Affairs
- Rosa Luxemburg Foundation – Brussels Office
- Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI)
- The European Peace Research Association (EPRA)
- United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ)
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) International

List of local/regional supporting organizations

Local:

- Can Jonch – Centre de Cultura per la Pau
- Centre Delàs d'Estudis per la Pau
- Consell de Joventut de Barcelona
- Escola de Cultura de Pau
- Fundació Carta de la Pau dirigida a la ONU
- Fundipau
- Justícia i Pau
- LaFede.cat
- Novact
- Presenza Barcelona
- Universitat Internacional de la Pau (Unipau)

Regional:

- Asociación Española de Investigación para la Paz (AIPAZ)
- Bake Ekintza
- Cátedra UNESCO de Filosofía para la Paz (Universitat Jaume I)
- Cátedra UNESCO de Resolución de Conflictos (Universidad de Córdoba)

- Centro de Educación e investigación para la Paz (Ceipaz)
- Demospaz
- Desarma Madrid
- Fundación Cultura de Paz
- FUHEM
- Gernika Gogoratuz
- HEGOA
- Instituto Interuniversitario de Desarrollo Social y Paz – IUDESP (Universidad de Alicante y Universidad Jaume I)
- Instituto de la Paz y los Conflictos (IPAZ)
- MOC
- Fundación Seminario de Investigación para la Paz (SeiPaz)
- WILPF España

Financial sponsors

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- Barcelona City Council (Ajuntament de Barcelona)

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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).

For more information

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