









International Course on Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding

ICCTP MEMENTO



Welcome from IPIREL

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh (Peace be upon you)

Welcome to the first International Course on Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding (ICCTP) 2021, conducted by the International Program of International Relations Department (IPIREL) – University of Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY) in collaboration with Dialogue, Emphatic Engagement, and Peacebuilding (DEEP) Global Network.

This course intends to foster global conversation and sharing among peacemakers, particularly in conflict transformation, dialogue, reconciliation, and peacebuilding, focusing on Southeast Asian case studies. Following the completion of the program, I hope that participants would have gained knowledge and best practices in peacebuilding and will be able to engage constructively in their communities to achieve both positive and negative peace, as Johan Galtung said.

As the director of IPIREL, I'd like to express my gratitude to Prof Alberto Gomes (DEEP Global Network's Director and Program Co-coordinator), Dr Arie Paksi (Program Co-coordinator), and Mr Idham Badruzaman for making the event came to the realization. I'd also like to express my gratitude to the wonderful ICCTP Secretariat personnel (Devia, Luna, Sasha, Zikri, and Zulfan; see below for their profiles) for their invaluable assistance and efforts in preparing the event, including the booklet with participant profiles. I'd like to thank the presenters as well, who have generously volunteered to share their vast expertise and experiences. Finally, but certainly not least, thank you to all of the participants for taking part in the course. It's impressive to see such broad and diverse participants from many different backgrounds and cultures.

Once again, welcome to you all, and have a good time in the course.

Wassalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarokatuh (Peace be upon you)

Sincrely yours,

Dr Sugeng Riyanto
Director of IPIREL
Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta



Message from DEEP's Director

Warm greetings! We have compiled this booklet as a memento of ICCTP. It is a small gift from us as a token of our appreciation to all the presenters and participants of the course. It contains the profiles of all the presenters, participants, and the members of secretariat, and several photos of our Zoom sessions. We trust that ICCTP was engaging, rewarding, and beneficial for all of you.

As the ancient Chinese philosopher Laozi poignantly expressed, 'A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step'. We hope that ICCTP has inspired you to take a few steps towards helping build a peaceful and ecologically wise world. Our journey may be arduous and tortuous with pothole-ridden and slippery paths at times, but with much diligence, determination, and dedication we shall get to our destination.

The world needs radical changes to foster peace, transform conflict, and eliminate structural and physical violence. As the critical philosopher, Raymond Williams reminds us: 'To be truly radical is to make hope possible rather than despair convincing.' When faced with a sense of hopelessness or haplessness, always keep in mind the Malay/Indonesian proverb, 'sedikit sedikit, lama lama, menjadi bukit' ('little by little, with time, it becomes a hill'). And Howard Zinn's inspirational quote: 'small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.'

Terima kasih banyak (many thanks in Indonesian) to all of you for your active, vibrant, and enthusiastic engagement in ICCTP. Together we shall make hope possible and build a better world. As we say in Indonesian: sampai jumpa lagi (till we meet again). Take care, keep well, and stay happy. Salam,

Alberto Gomes, PhD
Emeritus Professor
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Global Director
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The ICCTP Team



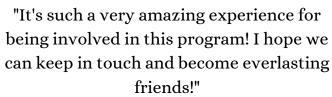
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The ICCTP Presenters





Arie Kusuma Paksi, PhD

ICCTP Co-Coordinator

Dr Arie Paksi earned his doctorate in peace studies from the University of Bradford, United Kingdom. He teaches International Relations and Conflict and Peace Studies at Muhammadiyah University in Yogyakarta.



Dr Ayesha Uy Abubakar

Research Cluster Head, Borneo Institute for Indigenous Studies, and Lecturer, International Relations Programme Universiti Malaysia Sabah

Dr Ayesah completed her PhD in Development Studies at Universiti Sains Malaysia and was awarded with the Best Thesis for Liberal Arts in 2014. That same year, she was also a recipient of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Presidential Award for her work on peacebuilding in Southeast Asia. In 2019, she published a book on Peacebuilding and Sustainable Human Development: The Pursuit of the Bangsamoro Right to Self Determination (Springer and UMS Press). Topic: peace and development.



Dr Gloria Abaca

Deputy Director of the DEEP Network

Dr Abaca received her doctorate and a Masters in Peace, Conflict, and Development from Universitat Jaume I, Spain where she teaches an annual intensive course on peace studies.

Topic: Peace Circle



Dr Egidio Alcides de Bustamante Azevedo

Lecturer at the Peace, Conflict, and Development Studies at Universitat Jaume I, Spain

Egidio has completed his doctorate at the same university. He has previously taught at the University of Innsbruck (Austria) and Paz & Mente (Brazil).

Topic: Love, Empathy and Peace.



Dr Carlos Cordero-Pedrosa

Lecturer at the Peace, Conflict, and Development Studies at Universitat Jaume I, Spain

Carlos' thesis is on Frantz Fanon. He is a member of DEEP Decolonizing Circle. He co-authored with I Jin Jang and published two articles and a book chapter on race and racism, colonialism, whiteness, and Black existential philosophy as a decolonizing method.

Topic: Decolonizing Peace



Dr Sylvia Prisca Delima

Lecturer at Jakarta Institute of the Arts

Dr Delima is a fellow at Indonesia Environmental Scientist Association (IESA) and Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRA).

Topic: Indonesian Peacebuilding.



Dr Alberto Gomes

Lecturer at the Peace, Conflict, and Development Studies at Universitat Jaume I, Spain

Founding Director of the DEEP Network and Emeritus Professor at La Trobe University, Melbourne. Alberto served as the former director of the Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University. He teaches an intensive course on peace ecology at Universitat Jaume I, Spain annually.

Topic: Peace Ecology.



Dr Alexander Horstman

Affiliated Senior Research Fellow, Tallinn University, Estonia, and Guest Professor (from October 2021) at Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen, Germany

Dr Horstmann teaches a course on peace and development at Universitat Jaume I, Spain and engages in initiatives supporting migrants and refugees in Western Europe. He has extensive scholarly expertise on peacebuilding and conflict transformation in Thailand and Myanmar.

Topic: Peace culture



Idham Badruzaman, M.A

Lecturer at Department of International Relations, Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Idham has a Masters in Peace, Conflict, and Development from Universitat Jaume I, Spain and is currently completing his doctorate at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain.

Topic: Local Forms of Conflict Transformation.



I Jin Jang

Lecturer at the Peace, Conflict, and Development Studies at Universitat Jaume I, Spain

I Jin Jang is writing her doctoral thesis on race and racism from Africana and Black existential philosophical perspectives. She co-authored with Carlos Cordero-Pedrosa and published two articles and a book chapter on race and racism, colonialism, whiteness, and Black existential philosophy as a decolonizing method.

Topic: Decolonizing Peace



Dr Siew-Fang Law

Academic at the Centre for the Study of Higher Education, University of Melbourne

Dr Law is also Professor Extraordinarius of the University of South Africa. A peace psychologist by training, Dr Law is the Co-Chair of the International Network for Peace Psychology and the Editor of Springer Peace Psychology Book Series. She has worked with UNDP and UNESCO in Southeast Asia.

Topic: Peace Psychology



Dr Joanne Lim

Associate Professor and Head of School of Media, Languages and Cultures at the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus

Dr Joanne Lim is an Associate Professor and a Deputy Dean (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences) at the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus. Dr Lim's research is focused on participatory media and new communication technologies, interculturality, youth identities and civic/political engagement within the Malaysian- Southeast Asian context.

Topic: Media, Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding



Dr Michális S. Michael

Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at La Trobe and Monash universities and the Director of the Centre for Dialogue–Global Reconciliation

An expert on dialogue, Dr Michael has published extensively on the subject and has organised and run numerous dialogues at the community and international levels. He is currently writing a book on the Art and Craft of Dialogue.

Topic: Dialogue.



Dr Jennifer Murphy

Lecturer in the Sociology Department at Notre Dame de Namur University, United States

Dr Murphy also continues to teach and form part of the core faculty at two prominent Peace Studies graduate programs in Europe, Universitat Jaume I, Spain and the University of Innsbruck, Austria. She is also a guest lecturer for the Maestría en Derechos Humanos y Cultura de Paz, Colombia. Jennifer's teaching and research are informed by Peace Studies, Critical Pedagogy, Critical Race Theory, Gender and LGBTQ+ Studies and Postcolonial/decolonial thought and analysis.

Topic: Conflict Transformation



Dr Sri Nuryanti

Co-Secretary General of Asia Pacific Peace Research Association Conference (APPRA)

Dr Nuryanti is a senior researcher at the Center for Political Studies, Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Jakarta. She is also a member of the Election Commission of Indonesia.

Topic: Indonesian Peacebuilding



Dr Sofia Herrero Rico

Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair of Philosophy for Peace, Universitat Jaume I (UJI), Castellón, Spain

An expert on peace education, Dr Herrero Rico has undertaken research visits and delivered lectures and seminar in many other countries, including Algeria, Costa Rica, Italy, Mexico Peru, Portugal, and the United States. Her scholarly projects focus on innovative pedagogies and cross-cutting issues related to peace, values, recognition, music, and creativity.

Topic: Peace Education



Dr Surwandono

Senior lecturer and Head of Masters in International Programmes at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Dr Surwandono teaches a course on conflict resolution and peacebuilding in the Islamic World and has published several articles in this area of study. He is also a senior member of Muhammadiyah, a leading Muslim movement in Indonesia.

Topic: Muhammadiyah Peacebuilding

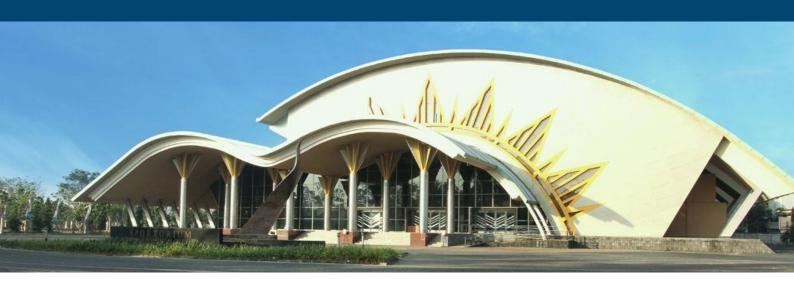


Dr Vedabhyas Kundu

Programme Officer in Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti

Dr Vedabhyas Kundu conducts workshops and delivers lectures on nonviolent communication, nonviolent conflict resolution, enhancement of conflict competencies, and media literacy to universities, schools, judicial academies, police academies and other groups.

Topic: Nonviolent Communication



The ICCTP Participants





Abdullahi Ali Adan

Hello, my name is Abdullahi Ali Adan, and I am from Somalia, and I am 31 years old and a father of three baby boys, and I am currently living in Malaysia, Pinang-State. I am in my last semester in Master in Sustainable Development Practice (MSDP) at University Sains Malaysia (USM).

I enjoy traveling to different places in the world, especially the natural environment in the rural area and beaches, and I also enjoy organic food and I am also vegetarian. I like reading history and science books and I mostly enjoy listening to slow music and watching Indian films.



Adebola Joshua Ogunyando

I am an astute senior lecturer with vast experience in diverse fields. I have been lecturing in many higher institutions in the Gambia for more than a decade. My spheres of specialisations are in the social sciences, management, and marketing. I have trained and facilitated professional careers of many Gambians and alike who are now in diverse field of endeavours within and outside the country including in international peacekeeping operations. I have supervised more than 50 post graduate projects being part of course requirement under the auspices of Institute of Commercial Management (ICM) UK, London Centre of Marketing (LCM) UK, Association of Business Executives (ABE) UK and Trans-Atlantic College UK. Being the managing director and proprietor of Banjul Institute of Professional Studies (BIPS), one of the foremost colleges in the Gambia, since 2009, I have indulged in the training of more than 10, 00 graduates in various fields.

I was the founder and initiator of the first centre in the Gambia for the study of International Relations when BIPS was licensed and accredited by the National Training Authority (NTA) in August 2010 to carry out studies leading to the award of certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Graduate Diploma in International Relations. I am also the founder of West Africa Centre for Peace Science, a research based centre for peace education and research including exercises in conflict transformation, peace building, peacekeeping and Human Security.



Alejandra Toro Calonje

Hi, my name is Alejandra, I'm a 49 years old Colombian. I'm also mother of Sara, 3. I'm very attached to France since I have lived there half of my life. I have a PhD in History and Arts with a Peace and Conflict Resolution specialization from the University of Granada and my original education field are Social Communications. I'm a University professor in Cali, Colombia, where I teach the same field.

I'm also a contemporary, salsa and african dancer. Among my favorite books are "Purple Hibiscus", from Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, "The book thief", from Markus Zusak and all the Harry Potter series. I love Indian food and trekking, as well the Norwegian noir novel's author Jo Nesbo.



Alexandra Haslinger

Hey all, I am Alex, 28 years old, born in the South-East of Germany, right next to the alps. In my free time I enjoy a lot playing the piano, hiking, doing yoga, reading, and eating. I don't really have a favorite food; I love almost everything preferably vegan.

Similar counts for music, I enjoy many different types, from classical over German Rap, whatever fits my mood. A book I am currently reading is bell hooks' 'The will to change' and 'The ethical slut' by Dossie Easton and Janet Hardy. I am not so much into movies, though.



Alya Syukur

Hello! I am Nur Alya Saniah Syukur, you can call me Alya. I am 23 years old, and currently waiting for a placement for my internship. My favourite food is something spicy and savoury, and as of now, I love to eat 'Udang Masak Tauco Petai' — not an official name of the dish, it is just how I described the dish based on the ingredients. If I have any free time, I would enjoy painting whilst listening to any soothing music. I don't have a specific music genre but for now my go-to is Gentleman Cambrioleur, which I have known of from my current favourite French mystery thriller drama, Lupin on Netflix. Apart from Lupin, I also enjoyed watching The Office and Brooklyn99.



Andrew Wayuta Mshelia

A peace practitioner whose work focused on building the capacity of youths to respond to conflict constructively, he has been working with youths for over 7 years and has been able to successfully spearhead the creation of over 10 youth platforms called Youth Peace Platforms (YPP) with an average of 80 youths. His effort in engaging with youths earned his organisation the 2019 LIVIA International Peace Award in Denmark. He likes making new friends, exchange of knowledge/experience, playing football and his choice music is country music. He serves as the Program/M&E manager for Hope Interactive a peace building organisation in North-eastern Nigeria



Anton Abdul Fatah

Anton Abdul Fatah is a Ph.D. researcher at the Centre for Research on Peace and Development, KU Leuven, Belgium. He is currently working on a research project, titled 'Education Democracy and the Legacy of Conflict: Prospects and Challenges of History and Civic Education in Indonesia'. He is a Sundanese Kecapi Suling player and really loves to enjoy various folklore traditional music from all over the globe. He also loves fishing and forest bathing or shinrin-yoku activities! He can be reached through @antonabdulfatah and @anton_abdul_fatah



Anna Christi Suwardi

She graduated with a Master of Arts in International Relations expertise in peace and women studies studies. She is currently working in the case areas of Indonesia and Thailand Thailand. She has experienced more than five years in academics, research, and volunteers in socio socio- politic, gender, languages, and cultural studies studies. Carry strong ethical commitment, analytical, and communication skills skills



Anugerah Akbar Maulana

Greetings, my name is Akbar, I am penultimate undergraduate student of International Relations department in Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta. I am very attached to geopolitical issues-particularly Asia Pacific. I am looking forward to broadening my horizon in peace and conflict resolution course and learning from the expert in ICCTP.



Ayat Qteshat

Ayat Qteshat has 10 years of experience working in the Arab region with a diverse local and international organization, designing and managing peacebuilding programmes aimed at addressing social and sectarian tensions and strengthening social cohesions. She became dedicated to building the capacity of local actors through conducting organizational development initiatives. She has expertise in leadership of strategic programmes and conventional financial services, economic development, humanitarian emergency response and government / non-state actor relations.

Ayat is currently doing her master's degree in International Peace, Conflict and Development Studies, University Jaume I, Spain, a hold a bachelor's degree in Finance, University of Jordan.



Catarina Bezerra

I'm Catarina Bezerra, from Brazil. I'm 27, and I hold a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in International Relations from the Universidade Estadual da Paraíba (UEPB). Aside the professional part, I can describe myself as a friendly person, who likes to have deep conversations about life, politics, or any other interesting topic. My days are a mix of listening music, exercising, painting, cooking, reading and watching movies. My favorite foods are fruits, brownie and pizza. On my playlist I always have Brazilian music, Soul/Jazz/Blues/60's, and Indie. I'm also a cinema /TV shows lover! I can watch everything but horror/thriller movies. And my favorite shows are The Handmaid's Tale, Gilmore Girls, Little Fires Everywhere and Stranger Things. Lastly, it's difficult to list my favorite books, but some of them marked important life phases: Harry Potter, The Unfortunate Events, Sherlock Holmes, Pride and Prejudice, as well as several from Brazilian literature.



Concepción Noemí Martínez Real

Hello, you can call me Conchita o Noemí. I like yoga and swim preferently at 6 am, because I can see the sunrise from the pool, it is beautiful and all day I have more energy.

My favorite foods are vegetables and fruits. I love Enya's music, new Cuban and Latin American troba. I love to dance. I like books about transpersonal psychology. Im movie lover, especially I like movies of real events and criticism of the status quo because to me is important to know the reality about violence and to think about how to build peace.



Cristina Cabrejas

I am a PhD candidate in Peace and Conflict Resolution at Sains University in Malaysia. I have a masters in International Business (Woolongong University, Dubai) and International Relations (Middlesex University, Dubai), so the Middle East has been home for the past twenty years but, I am originally from Spain, La Granja, the Spanish Versailles. Currently, I am interested in Chinese and Korean philosophy so I am humbly trying to learn both languages, both cultures and both histories. As per my hobbies, I sail and have been actively participating in races in Dubai, but my true heart is in the mountains.



Deting Lu

Hi, this is deting lu, a small piece of peace from Northeast Asia that can speak Chinese, English, and Japanese. Currently I'm studying as a PhD student in Peace and Conflict Studies in Osaka, Japan, meanwhile I also serve as a research assistant at the Institute for Peace Studies, Nanjing University, China. I love jogging, which helps me to keep my body and mind healthy and sound. My favorite food has always been my mother's cooking, and I miss it so badly since I haven't been home for years. As for music, books, and movies, there are just too many to pick one.



Dilawar Khan

Dilawar khan is from Pakistan social entrepreneur and researcher; professionally contributing in development sector for social advancement, just and peaceful societies. Curiosity and sense of wonder helps him towards series of adventure in personal, professional and academic life. He loves to be close to nature, reading books, writing and knowledge production. He prefers both traditional and continental food. Dilawar have many favorite books one of them it "The Power of Now". Dilawar is in search of relevant doctorial scholarship for continuation of his academic journey and deepen understanding of philosophical perspectives. He stands for what is right rather than being part of mediocrity.



Dr. Muhammad Yaseen

I am Dr. Muhammad Yaseen, Assistant Professor Islamic Studies in School of Arts & Design, National Textile University Faisalabad, Pakistan. I have 26 years teaching experiences in National and International institutions. I am a researcher and speaker on National and International level. I got published 12 articles in National and International journals, 5 articles are in pipeline with different National and International journals. I am Editor in Chief of Islamic Studies journal of Indonesia. I am reviewer of National and International journals. I am also organizer of National and International Seminars cum Webinars. I like simple food, classical music and comedy movies.



Dr. Neha Jingala

I am an academician, presently working as an Assistant Professor at Delhi College of Arts and Commerce (University of Delhi) in the Department of Journalism. During the global pandemic- COVID-19, I have developed an inclination towards watching content on OTT platforms. I feel watching animated and sci-fi movies are absolutely worth my time. Furthermore, I prefer listening to different genres of music that match with my mood. I consider myself a foodie. Being a Delhiite, I simply gorge on street food. Also, I relish eating Mughlai dishes and my love for Mughlai cuisines is simply untradeable.



Dr. Nidhi Chaudry

Dr. Nidhi Chaudhry has an experience of over 11 years. She specialises in Public Relations, Print Journalism, Writing for Media and Corporate Communication. An enthusiast of literature and practitioner of creative solutions she has a knack for providing stimulus for people oriented communication. She holds PhD in Mass Communication and has two masters degrees. She is an avid reader and enjoys reading classics and romantic poets like Keats. She is a soft music and cinema lover and indulges in documentaries, historical dramas. She loves to travel and try new cuisines Chinese and North Indian are her favorites.

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Ermah Gusman Alonto

Hello! Peace greetings from Sabah, Malaysia. I'm Ermah and I'm currently pursuing my Masters Degree in the field of International Relations in Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). Growing up in Sabah has allowed me to blend in with people from different races, ethnics, and religions. I was also raised with both Malay and Filipino cultures as my dad came from Mindanao and my mom came from Santa Barbara, Ilo-Ilo, Philippines. I think that is the reason why my tastebuds can tolerate Filipino dishes such as Chicken Adobo, Hamonado and other dishes from Tausug/Bajau ethnic – tiyula itum (black soup), putu, - you name it. Other than Malay and Filipino dishes, I also enjoy eating Chinese dishes – my favorite is Watan Ho Chicken, and I just recently learned how to make one! Also, it brightens my day when people enjoy my cooking. When it comes to music, I would say that I'm a "universal" listener where I enjoy listening to all sorts of genre. I have many favorite books that are in my list – some of them are The Alchemist and The Happiness Hypothesis. I enjoy watching English and Korean series - my all-time favorite is Reply 1988 as it reminds me of my childhood.

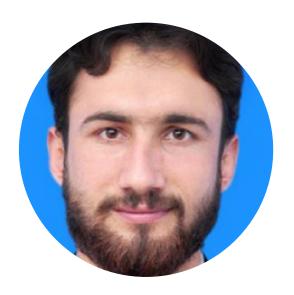


Fawaz Khamees

FAWAZ KHAMEES, retired Jordanian special forces lieutenant colonel. I have my own business in the Jordanian private sector. currently, a Ph.D. candidate in the UM (Malaya university), department of international and strategic studies, in the field of terrorism and terrorist groups studies. my favorite hobby is traveling, football, volleyball, and walking sport. the (Mansaf) is my favorite dish as a Jordanian food, I like (Ayam percik) too, it is a Malaysian dish, I like Eastern music, historical, and political books. For movies, I prefer Western movies.

Finally, the beauty of the world, in my opinion, is the Difference of cultures, which gives us the motivation to communicate and discovered the world.

Best regards



Ijaz Ahmad

I'm Ijaz Ahmad has been graduated in the field of Peace and Conflict Studies from NUML, Islamabad Pakistan. Along with the stated degree I remain part various security think tanks at Islamabad, like, (i) Centre for global and strategic studies (CGSS), (ii) Institute of regional studies islamabad, (IRS) and (iii) Institute of Research and dialogue, (IRD), as well as I'm still student of postgraduate studies in the field of International Relations at International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI). Similarly, extracurricular activities are playing cricket at District level, likewise regular reader of different national and international news papers, like Washington Post, the economist and national Down newspaper. In same way I have been seen maltipe movies-series like games of thrones etc.



Irengbam Manoj

Very passionate in working voluntarily and have a vision to empower our younger ones, youths from grassroots level to higher to get a sustainable goals by building up through Gandhi's Peace and Non – Violence believing in Kindness, Empathy and Compassion. My hobbies include singing and listening music; I like Bollywood Songs and our local songs; I like some books like "You Can Win", "Think & Grow Rich", etc.; Foods include rice and chicken; Like all the Action Movies.



Irfan Ali Qazi

Hi all. I am Irfan Ali Qazi. I belong from Baluchistan Province of Pakistan. Although basically I am from engineering background, but I think for conflict resolution it is not necessary to have a social science background. Anyway, I love travelling, meeting new people and interchanging the cultural similarities and differences. For this course I am very excited and positive towards its learning outcomes.



Irfan Khan

I am a development practitioner by profession from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province in North West of Pakistan. I have about 10 years' experience of coordinating and managing community development projects in poverty stricken and crisis ridden communities of Pakistan.

As an academic teacher, International Relations, and as a student of peace and conflict studies at Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies at Peshawar University, I felt drawn repeatedly in a kind of activism wherein I focused my energies on unearthing the root causes of conflict in our society so that youth can be weaned away from the prevalent, and the overwhelmingly dominant, narratives that breed hatred and lead to conflict. Poverty, poor governance and injustice in our system and culture are the bone of contention between different claimants that leads to the contamination of our social bonds and ethnic cohesion.

I love reading books especially the one which are closely linked with Global Politics in particular and IR, Peace and Conflict in general. Keen interest in research on various elective topics covered span from the local to the global and include issues such as peace-building, conflict resolution and prevention, mediation, nonviolence, gender and security as well as peace and development.



John Fong Wai Kinn

John Fong, a 26-year-old Penangite, graduated from the social science undergraduate program from Unimas in 2018 and with a master's from USM. He majored in political science and his thesis compared the process of regime change in Malaysia and the Philippines. He has been doing casual research work and indulges in Star Wars games when he isn't. When the universities reopen to the 'new normal', and if he still cannot find meaningful employment, John might do a Ph.D. He is an Aliran (NGO) executive committee member



Julius Oyelami

Oyelami Julius Olusegun hold B.sc in computer system and network engineering from kursk state technical university Russia, M.sc in computer science from Universiti Tecknologi Malaysia (UTM) and a Postgraduate Certificate in bilateral diplomacy from Diplo-Foundation University of Malta. He is currently a Ph.D candidate at Universiti Sains Malaysia. Before joining Cybertech Intelligent International as a deputy director of operation he has worked with several organisations in different capacities and a voluntary service with African Alliance for Peace Initiative a Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) which aligned its operations with Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations (UN). In this capacity as a committee member, he has supported peace initiative and conflict resolution both in his current position and within the voluntary service. He is an advocate against human trafficking and crimes against women. He is keen to further working for peace and conflict resolution organisations. His work experience spanned over 30 years. Travelling to historical places are one of his hobbies. He loves to read educative books, see romantic movies and listen to R&B music, spice foods are his favorites.



Kafeel Rana

I am Kafeel Rana. I belong to Kamoke, Gujranwala, Pakistan. After finishing school, I went to Lahore for my college and university education. I completed my graduation from Government College University, Lahore. Reading books and having political conversations with friends and acquaintances can be highlighted as my hobbies. I would mention Biryani as my favorite food. Moreover, I do not find myself as a die-hard fan of music. I like having insight into fiction, poetry, politics, and human psychology. Lastly, psychological thrillers and mystery are my favorite movie genres.

Clarification: My official name is Muhammad Kafeel Ashraf, but I work under the name Kafeel Rana and tend to go by this version professionally.



Kainat Saif

I'm a passionate and enthusiastic individual who is currently studying in law school. I have extensive experience interning and volunteering at various organizations. I'm determined to bring a positive social impact. Highly motivated, uniquely trained, and demonstrate strong leadership skills. My key areas of interest are diplomacy, policymaking, empowering society, research, administration, legal drafting, politics, and analysis. To enhance my visionary position, I am contributing to the market as a columnist for several newspapers and think tanks. Meanwhile, also strengthening my legal analysis and public speaking skills as sideline expertise in order to adapt to the latest market trends.

Looking to connect with like-minded people working in the field of Law, Social work, the development sector, policymaking, civil services, etc. You can reach out to me via my email: Kainatsaif02@gmail.com if you'd like to know more about me and my work.



Liliane Akiki

Lebanese physiotherapist (1995), holding a Master degree in Psychosocial Rehabilitation in Community Mental Health (2020) and currently PhD candidate in International studies in Peace, Conflicts and Development. Special interest in Women's Health, community based wellbeing and organizational health, advocating awareness, prevention and management of work-related injuries, posture education and ergonomics, integrating Physical and Mental Health in rehabilitation, through public events, workshops for corporates, educational institutions, community service, and organizations for refugees and migrant health. More than 26 year of extensive experience in Clinical practice, Rehabilitation, healthcare & Stress management in multicultural and conflict contexts, eager to learn and contribute in Peacebuilding.



Mahda Nurdiawan

Halooooo!

My name is Mahda and I'm Indonesian living in Malaysia. I've been juggling between work and school for almost 3 years. My hobby is joining any bootcamp, such as digital technology, public policy and skill development. Besides social science, I'm passionate more on UI/UX research & design. Do ping me if you want to exchange some thoughts!! I enjoy running in long distance or marathon and swimming, but during Covid-19, I just staying at home and do yoga everyday. I work remotely from home so I distract myself by doing some paintings, knitting and planting some cactus. I grow some cactuses for almost a year and this makes me happy to have a living plant with me.

I'm looking forward to meet all of you in person especially! Stay safe!



Malay Patel

Dr. Malay R. Patel, is currently serving as Joint Director at International School of Jain Studies, Pune, from July, 2021. His hobbies include reading, writing and travelling. His all time favorite book is Long Walk to Freedom; His favorite music is Jazz and Classic, his favorite food is Indian cuisines. His favorite movie is Pursuit of Happiness



Michael Afolami

Michael Afolami is a peacebuilder and development professional, currently working as a Strategic Information Optimizer at Jhpiego. He is founder and executive director at Peace Actor Network where he coordinates intersectoral peacebuilding initiatives. He is a Fellow of the Ashoka and Robert Bosch Stiftung ChangemakerXchange, Youth Power Hacks Champion at Restless Development, and Common Futures Conversation Contributor at Chatham's House. Michael holds a bachelor's in International Relations and a Post Graduate Certificate in Project Management. His research interest is in positive peace, conflict transformation, humanitarian action and strategic peacebuilding. He loves making music and riding a bicycle.



Mojisola Ogundiran

Mojisola Ogundiran works to promote community conflict transformation. She is the founder of United Network of Youth for Peace and Diplomacy, a community-based organization that uses peace education to prevent and counter violent extremism in young people in Nigeria.

If Mojisola is not teaching about conflict transformation and peacebuilding, she is out there volunteering in campaigns for the protection of women.



Muhammed Salman Khan

I am twenty seven years old Muhammed Salman khan from the strikingly beautiful north-eastern state of India called Manipur (the Jewel of India). I reflect a varied personality including ambition, and the qualities of generosity and thoughtfulness. I am also a well determined and vigorous individual, yet pleasantly calm. I encourage fighting for what you desire and believe in, and doing it through God because nothing great comes easy and with God everything is possible.

I am a full-time student, motivated by my love for learning and succeeding as I strive to become an outstanding and successful man in today's society. With the definitive goal of becoming a professional teacher, I am currently hoping to pursue my PhD in Political Science.

Locally, I am involved in keeping our culture and diversity alive. Through Kasturba Gandhi Institute for Development (KGID), Manipur, I have also been engaging in building peace and bringing harmony among different tribes and communities so as to remain sustainable and peaceful with serenity and tranquillity in the society.

Apart from the above, I have kept a keen interest in teaching students and enjoy reading, writing short stories and poetry, and most importantly spending time with my students and my loved ones. I love to play football and cricket. I also love listening to Manipuri songs and Hindi songs. The Redemption is one such movie I love to watch on.

My favourite food includes Eromba (a Manipuri dish), chicken curry, biryani, kebab sticks, and momos. Most of all I adore our traditional foods; they are indigenous and healthy enough.

The Quran is the book I spend most time reading, but social books and science fictional stories are more appealing to my imagination. I don't have a favourite writer. However, I have had the pleasure to bask in the creativity of authors such as Dan Brown, who is known for his famous "Da Vinci Code", and Jules Verne for his "Journey to the Centre of the Earth".



Najeeba Syed

Najeeba Syed is development practitioner and training expert working for channelizing potential of young people (mainly radicalized) in constructive and creative ways. Najeeba possesses adventurist soul with strength for converting challenges into opportunities. She adores travelling, hiking, climbing mountains, exploring cultural diversities and celebrates differences. She is food lover likes traditional dishes; music and books are essentials of her life. She read books on multiple themes including human behaviors. Her favorite book is "Like the flowing river" and story of pencil in it. She has concern on drastic climate change in world and dreams to harvest artificial forest in her native area which has been affected badly by drought



Naorem Roji

Hello people, I am Naorem Roji, you can simply call me Roji. I am 27 years old and have completed a Master degree in the field of Political Science. I donot have any specific hobby but I love to listen music, playing with children and having deep conversations on non-sense topics (just kidding). I feel so happy and energetic when I am cooking, and I am quite sure you will not be disappointed with my food that I prepared. I love to work for those needy people, underprivileged ones and I will continue to do it for the rest of my life. As for movies, i never get tired of watching Swades (a Bollywood movie starring Shahrukh khan my favourite), Phijigee-mani (Manipuri film), Full house (a Korean series), Fast and Furious series etc... i am not an avid reader but recently i discovered a masterpiece called "IKIGAI" which help me to see my life differently and i am in search of finding my ikigai.



Nikita Aisha Reece

I am an avid reader of politics, philosophy and the occasional novels. When I am not reading I am travelling or developing a solution for social problems. Innovating is one of my passions and I believe in the power of disruptive technologies to mitigate conflicts. I love exploring people's culture through food and art. Life is a gift and I also enjoy meeting new people and listening to their life stories. How even more beautiful would life be, if we just took the time to listen, learn and love!.



Noor Safinar Abu Seman

My name is Noor Safinar Abu Seman. I am known as Enaz among family members & close friends. I am 54 years old and I've been blessed with four children. I was part of an aircrew for a number of years. I had the opportunity to travel and live abroad. This has made me well-versed and open to different cultures. During my free time I love cooking, learning about new cultures, reading about history and spending time with my family. I work closely with the indigenous tribes in Malaysia. I assist & empower them by instilling the importance of education. I have built & set up several learning hubs in remote villages across the country known as Rumah Baca. With the RumahBaca, many children & even adults now have the opportunity to attend informal classes. It has proven to work with most of them able to read, write & count! We are hoping that this would propel them to better themselves whilst maintaining their cultural heritage. I truly believe that giving the indigenous people an opportunity for education, they would be able to thrive. Being on-site and dealing with these tribes for over 5 years fuels my passion to help them. Their eagerness to explore & learn makes me want to do more. With that, I founded Projek ASAL. A small community-based group that helps to reach out to underprivileged people across the country, especially children. Living among these people has enabled me to develop a deep sense of love for nature and for its people. This has been my driving force and one of the many reasons why I am passionate about our indigenous people.



Nur Afifah Binti Abas

People called me Eyffa a nickname since university days. I am a Malaysian living in Najran, Saudi Arabia – a warzone area since 2015 in a civil conflict between KSA and Yemen due to religious differences (Sunni vs. Shiite).

The photo above was recently taken in Jarash, Irbid, Jordan when we toured the historical Roman city during summer vacation few days ago. I love traveling, snapping meaningful pictures and share it with my close friends especially those who have no means to enjoy what Allah had Granted me as a way of appreciating His Bounties.

Other hobbies are fusing among different cultures in cooking, self-ethnography with my own cross-cultural experiences, and contemplating their unique meanings for exclusive cultures especially wondering about how culture is established in a society specifically the power it has on people of the society.

I like to try all the halal food of diverse cultural cuisines. I love almost all Malaysian cuisines especially Kelantanese locally. Internationally, I like Arabian (especially Yemeni and Jordanian), Mediterranean, Turkish, and Afghan Persian cuisines. I cannot bear to spicy or hot chilly taste.

I prefer music that brings serenity to the soul like listening to the Qur'anic recitation from the reciter: Syeikh Abdul Basit Abdul Samad and Nasyid songs.

I read not just books, mostly I read from my HP Google feeds on Science & Technology, Recipes, Health& Beauty, Latest News, and also from resourcesprovided by my university online databases on issues that attract my interest especially in Islamic Psychology and anything related to religion, languageand sciences fields. Reading is my hobby sinceI was very small. I enjoy reading alot on many things – it is a daily habit.

I watch greatly accepted movies that were highly rated on many medium for edutainment purposes with my family.



Rafia Reshi

The long-established dictum that education is perpetual has inspired and guided me throughout my life. This very well reflects in our traditions that a person should seek knowledge from cradle to grave. Since my childhood, pursuing new learnings has been an inseparable part of my life. I was born and brought up in the world's most militarized zone— Kashmir. From the partition of India in 1947, the conflict in Kashmir continues even today, involving three nuclear armed neighboring powers: China, India and Pakistan. Due to which the situation is mostly volatile. My interests are specifically inclined towards the Human Rights and Politics of South Asia, particularly in the Indian Administered Kashmir. Conflict in Kashmir has consumed three generations and threatens to devour more. Close to hundred thousand people have been killed, thousands more jailed and subjected to severe torture- physical, mental and sexual. Being a witness to this gruesome situation in which human life is taken for granted I have always felt an intense urge to study and analyse Conflicts and understand what one should strive for, in such circumstances, and how to achieve the same despite state and non-state restrictions and help the community grow.



Raninta Salwa

Greetings. My name is Raninta Salwa Prilia Ginano. You may call me Salwa. I am 19 years old. I am from Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta, but I originally come from a city named Manado. I enjoy reading and writing personal journal. I love fish or chicken dishes, I often listen to Taylor Swift or underrated singers such as Sasha Sloan, Adib Sin, Loote, EDEN and Otto Knows. I also enjoy Bo Burnham's comedy and my favorite books are Sherlock Holmes series and the Famous five Series (Or any mystery kind of books).



Rizwana Ashgar

My Name's Rizwana Asghar. I would like to present my past performances as my credential for success in future endeavors. I have completed a Master's in Chemistry from the University of Sahiwal, Sahiwal Pakistan in 2017 -2019 where Majoring in organic chemistry. I have also completed my bachelor's in physical sciences from Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, Pakistan in 2015-2017 were majoring in Chemistry, botany, and zoology.



Saddam Hussain

Mr. Saddam Hussain is a scholar of International Relations in International Islamic University, Islamabad. He is a native of South Waziristan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. Due to the instability, he settled in capital of Pakistan where he started taking interest in the history and politics of the overall South Asian region. Finding his keen interest in learning international politics and his background from one of the turmoiled regions compelled him to peruse his degree in International Relations, particularly related to aspects of peace and war.

He completed his graduation from Iqra University, Islamabad in International Relations and post-graduation from International Islamic University, Islamabad. He also aims to pursue his doctorate degree in the same field of study from international institutions.

Currently Hussain is working with the reputable social sector organizations in Islamabad. In his spare times he likes to read historical and political books, outdoor exercises, and spending time with friends in the evenings.

Hussain is also a foody and some of his favorite foods are meat curries, both beef and mutton. He also prefers slow music, particularly classic Sufi music and watches movies of different genres, however, especially the movies which highlight social issues.

Hussain believes in the power of dialogue, negotiation, and compromise for the perpetual peace in the world. Because the end of every war was not the war itself but the peace deals that took place through dialogue in the post war. Therefore, to avoid future wars dialogue should be given a chance to save bloodshed.



Sara Albinana

I am 23 years old. I am Spanish. I describe myself as a girl who has more questions than answers. I prefer the mountain than the beach. I like to play basketball and ride my bike. I enjoy eating tasty food and a lot of it, but I don't cook very well. I love paella. In my family is a tradition eating paella every Sunday. In these days I am listening only Italian music, I recommend you the Maneskin group. The last book I have read is A room of one's own by Virginia Woolf.



Shah Saud

This is muhammad shah saud from Pakistan having bachelor degree in development studies.

My interest and hobbies:

Reading Magazines and articles on history, public administration, international relations, Social Issues And education, playing Cricket and Badminton games, Travelling and Hiking.

Favorite food:

Chicken, meat and fish is the three main dishes I always wants for eating.

Books:

"Why nations Fails" "Forty-eight laws of power" "brief history of human kind" and "the word order".

Movies:

In movies in free time I watch Pakistani dramas like "zindagai gulzar hai" "Khaani" "Ranja Ranja kardii" and many more



Simraatraj Kaur

My name is Simraatraj, and I am currently reading law at International Islamic University Malaysia [IIUM]. I have a strong passion for international relations, human rights issues and creating an equitable criminal justice system around the world. During my free time, I enjoy reading, and I am a self-proclaimed book connoisseur. I am always looking for opportunities to connect with individuals with different cultural and social backgrounds to exchange meaningful discourse on important global issues. I genuinely believe that the ultimate superpower is knowledge, and I am embarking on my journey to success through the power of learning.



Tooba Ahmad

It's Tooba here from Pakistan. along with Ph.D. I'm a research assistant at NRPU under HEC Pakistan. I've written several research articles, currently, I'm working on a book chapter about Peace and Conflict. I've been awarded Silver Medal for post-graduating in International Relations. Now I've chosen Religion-based Nationalism and Minorities Rights for my doctorate. I'm very close to books and literature (i.e Urdu, English, Russian, and French) which's why I chose to spread my knowledge to the next generation and have been working as visiting lecturer at the Government College University of Faisalabad. I am a sweet tooth and also I love non-veg food In my leisure I read books, watch thrillers, crime, and political genres. Rang De Basanti is my all-time favorite movie from Bollywood. I'm now watching The News Room, The Blacklist, and Dexter.



Toshiyasu Tsuruhara

Toshi Tsuruhara completed PhD at Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge. He is interested in turning points and reconciliation in conflict mediation. As an accredited community mediator, he facilitates the client's inner peace, and provides a mediation training for peer and community mediators. He is also interested in humanistic psychology such as Focusing and Gestalt therapy. Before his PhD, he worked in a development aid sector, and managed education and research projects in Mongolia and Central Asia. Currently, he delivers online courses at a Japanese university. He likes walking on the grass and woods and traveling by train.



Viet Anh

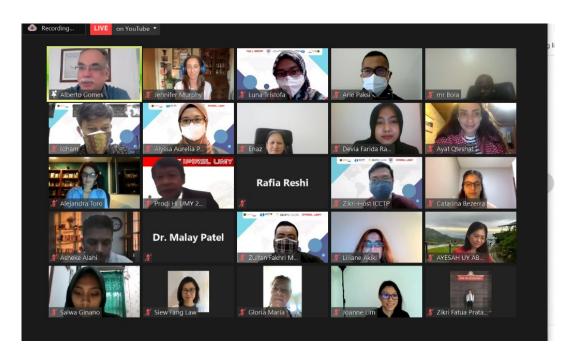
I tend to go for being sarcastic, writing short texts about rabbits and bears and foxes contemplating life and saying cliché deep stuff.

I love Vietnamese food, especially nem and bún chả and bánh gối. I also have a weak spot for chips and guacamole and pesto and ceviche and chicha and sushi and tacos and French pastry and... (oh god it's gonna take all day). Damien Rice has been the light of my life since I was 12, but I absorb music of all genres.

I am a frequent traveler to Michael Ondaatje's and Hermann Hesse's and many other poets' worlds.

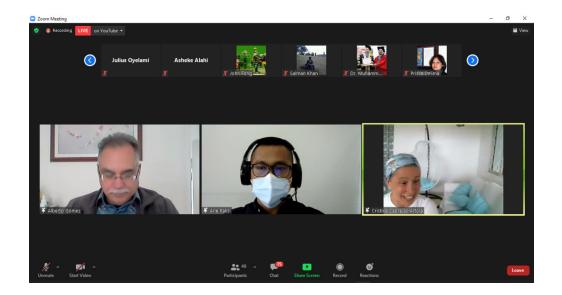
Movies? The Before trilogy, and basically any Wes Anderson movie.

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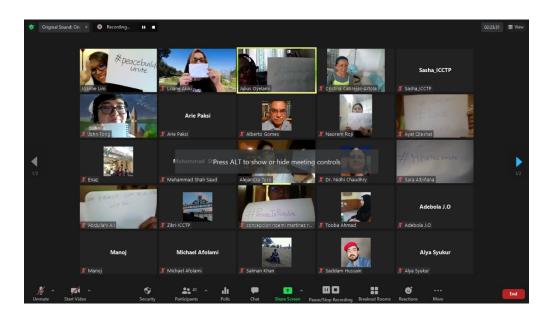




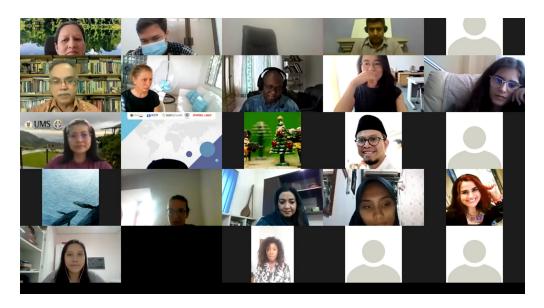
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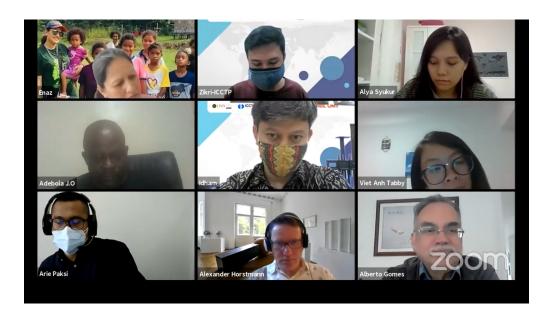


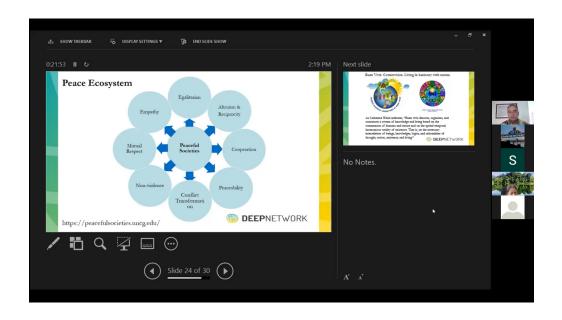


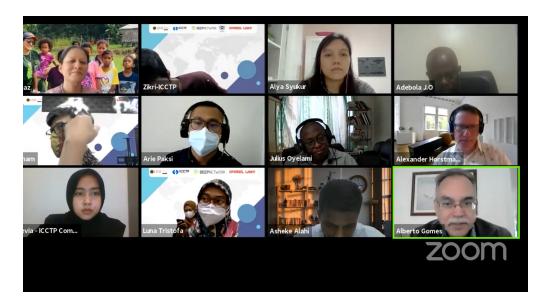


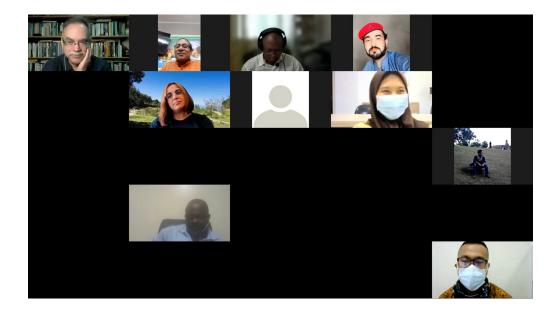




















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