

Explorations in Peace & Conflict Research Peaceful, Killing-free Societies as a Sustainable Development Goal

2nd International Conference hosted by the Programme
in Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research

The Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research Programme at Åbo Akademi University in Vasa and the Center for Global Nonkilling organize the second annual conference on *Explorations in Peace & Conflict Research* to be held on March 15-16, 2016. This year's conference focuses on the newly adopted Sustainable Development Goal 16, that seeks to promote peaceful and inclusive societies and, specifically, to "significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere". This conference brings together an international group of scholars, experts, civil society activists and practitioners and serves as an inspiring occasion for discussion, engagement and networking.

Programme

Tuesday 15

- 09:30 Opening remarks (K. Björkqvist, I. Grigaityte & J. Evans)
09:45 Greetings from the Chancellor of Åbo Akademi University
Ulrika Wolf-Knuts
10:00 **Welcome Lecture:** *Working together towards a just, killing-free world*, by Máiread Maguire, 1976 Nobel Peace Laureate, peace activist and member of the Nobel Women's Initiative.
11:00 Q&A
11:30 Lunch break
Panel 1. The Need and Feasibility of SDG 16
13:00 *"The Economic Costs of Violence: Why We Need to Act"*, by Koustuv Dalal, Director of the Centre for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, Örebro University (Sweden).
13:45 *"War, human mobility and sustainable development"*, by Tarja Väyrynen, Research Director at Tampere Peace Research Institute, Tampere University (Finland).
14:15 Panel discussion and Q&A
14:30 Coffee and Group Photo
15:00 *"SDG 16 in Context: An Overview of Violence Prevention Efforts"*, by Joâm Evans Pim, Director of the Center for Global Nonkilling
15:30 General discussion
16:00 **"Vasa Declaration on SDG 16"** Brainstorming Session, facilitated by the students of the Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research programme at Åbo Akademi University.



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Wednesday 16

- Panel 2.** Research, Action and Advocacy for SDG 16
10:00 *"What can I do?"*, by Ann Patterson, co-founder of Peace People and therapist at the Quaker Center in Belfast.
10:30 Q&A
10:45 *"Add Sustainable Development & Stir? – Exploring the Undercurrents of Violence Prevention"*, by Katharina Bitzker, Mauro Center for Peace and Justice, University of Manitoba.
11:15 Panel discussion and Q&A
11:30 Lunch Break
13:00 **Panel 3. Civil Society's Role in SDG 16**
- Nina Stubb, Development Officer at the Finnish Red Cross
- Karolina Wägar, Director of Star of Hope, Finland
- Emanuela Koskimies, Service Civil International
14:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
15:45 Coffee break
15:15 Adoption of the **"Vasa Declaration on SDG 16"**, facilitated by the students of the Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research programme at Åbo Akademi University.
16:30 Closing remarks

FREE ATTENDANCE

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