



# WORLD PEACE CONGRESS

BARCELONA  
October 15-17  
2021

**PROGRAMME  
DRAFT**

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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

**Ada Colau**, Mayor of Barcelona

Catalan government 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 (by Video)

- **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**

**Amani Aruri**, UN Women Global Task Force on Beijing 25+

- **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**

**Vanda Proskova**, Co-Convener of Youth Fusion – Abolition 2000 Youth Network

- **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**

**Helena Maleno**, Caminando Fronteras

- **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**

**Blanca Garcés**, CIDOB

**11:30-12:00**

Coffee break and networking

**12:00-13:30**

**FIRST WORKSHOP SESSION**

*Venue: Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull*

● **Common Security: A Blueprint for Global and Regional Relations**

Coordinated by **Eskil Grav**, *IPB Council Member*

● **Creating a Peace Economy (Conversion)**

Coordinated by **Jeroen Beirnaert**, *ITUC*

● **Fair Elections & Peacebuilding**

Coordinated by **Tyson Berry Smith Jr.**, *4Kids International*

● **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 Impact of Nuclear Testing and Climate Change on Frontline Communities**

Coordinated by *Marshallese Educational Initiative*

● **The Intersection of Peace and Gender**

Coordinated by *Escola de Cultura de Pau & Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)*

● **Journalism for Peace and Nonviolence**

Coordinated by **Tony Robinson**, *Presenza*

● **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 Education**

Coordinated by **Alain Rouy**, *Mouvement de la Paix*

● **Peace, Racism and Migration**

Coordinated by **Katerina Anastasiou**, *Transform! Europe*

● **Tracking Corruption in the Arms Trade**

Coordinated by *Corruption Tracker*

● **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*

● **Archives as a Tool to Promote Truth, Memory, and Justice**

Coordinated by *Generalitat de Catalunya and Swisspeace*

● **Climate Change, the Environment, and Peace**

Coordinated by **Emma Pritchard**, *peace activist and IPB Youth Network Coordinator*

● **Measuring Peace, Measuring Conflict - Introducing and Applying the Heidelberg Approach**

Coordinated by *Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (HIK)*

● **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*

● **Global and Regional Approaches to Common Security and Human Security**

Coordinated by **Joseph Gerson**, *CPDCS*

● **Mediterranean as a Space of Peace**

Coordinated by *Novact*

● **Nuclear Weapons Free Zones (NWFZs): Strengths and Gaps**

Coordinated by **Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan**, *Blue Banner Mongolia*

● **Peace, Democracy, and Participation**

Coordinated by **Corazon Fabros**, *Stop the War Coalition Philippines*

● **Peace & Religion**

Coordinated by **Susan Smith**, *FOR-USA*

● **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**

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

**19:30**

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



- **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](mailto:info@ipb-office.berlin).

**Organized by the INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU**

**Regional Co-Organizer:** Institut Català Internacional per la Pau (ICIP)

## List of international supporting organizations

- Asia Europe Peoples Forum (AEPF), Peace and Security Cluster
- Ban Killer Drones Campaign
- Bertrand Russel Peace Foundation
- Better World Links
- Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)
- Campaign for Peace, Disarmament, and Common Security
- Church and Peace
- Code Pink
- Committee of Prague II
- Education International
- European Network Against Arms Trade (ENAAT)
- Fellowship of Reconciliation
- The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative
- Foundation for a Culture of Peace
- Friends of the Earth Sweden
- 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 Forum for Literature and a Culture of Peace (IFLAC)
- International Institute on Peace Education (IIPE)
- International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility (INES)
- International Peace Research Institute (IPRA)
- 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
- Peace Brigades International (PBI)
- Pressenza
- Quaker Council for European Affairs
- Rete Italiana Pace e Disarmo
- Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI)
- The European Peace Research Association (EPRA)
- United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ)
- War Resisters International
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) International
- Worldwide Peace Organization (WWPO)

## 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
- Pressenza Barcelona
- Universitat Internacional de la Pau (Unipau)

### Regional:

- Alternativa antimilitarista - MOC (Moviminet de Objeció de Conciencia)
- Asociación Española de Investigación para la Paz (AIPAZ)
- Associació Hèlia, de suport a les dones que pateixen violència de gènere
- Bake Ekintza
- Caravana Obrim Fronteres
- 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)
- Coordinadora de ONGD de la Región de Murcia
- Coordinadora d'ONG Solidàries de les comarques gironines i l'Alt Maresme
- Coordinadora Valenciana d'ONGs
- Demospaz
- Desarma Madrid
- Desmilitaritzem l'educació
- Ecologistas en Accion Madrid
- Extintion Rebellion
- Federación Aragonesa de Solidaridad
- Fundación Alianza por la Solidaridad
- Fundación Cultura de Paz
- Fundació Novessendes
- Fundación Seminario de Investigación para la Paz (SeiPaz)
- FUHEM
- Gernika Gogoratzuz
- HEGOA
- Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya
- Instituto Interuniversitario de Desarrollo Social y Paz – IUDESP (Universidad de Alicante y Universidad Jaume I)
- Instituto de la Paz y los Conflictos -IPAZ- (Universidad de Granada)
- Iridia
- ODSesiones Universidad de Murcia (UMU)
- Servei Civil de Catalunya (SCI)
- Suds
- Stop Mare Mortum
- SOS Racisme
- WILPF España

## Financial sponsors

### Main national funders of the World Congress are:

- Catalan Agency for Cooperation to the Development (Agència Catalana de Cooperació al Desenvolupament - Generalitat de Catalunya)
- Barcelona City Council (Ajuntament de Barcelona)

### Further International Financial supporters:

- 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](http://www.ipb2021.barcelona).

In case of technical problems, you may also register by sending an email to [info@ipb-office.berlin](mailto: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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