

PROGRAMME



BUILD PEACE 2025

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Welcome to Build Peace 2025

Build Peace 2025 is the 12th annual conference exploring emergent challenges to peace in the digital era, and the innovations in peacebuilding that seek to address them.

This year's theme invites us to rethink what we talk about when we talk about peace. In a time marked by oppression, division and othering, inequality and a deep erosion of trust, how do we reclaim and give meaning to peace? How can we harness new possibilities to connect across difference, learn from one another's grounded experiences, and nurture interdependence?

The conference will explore these questions through three key sub-themes—each addressing a central dilemma in the peace and conflict field:

- **Between Polarization and Deliberation**
- **Between Deterrence and Nonviolence**
- **Between Erasure and Memory**

We invite you to engage with these tensions, question the assumptions behind them, and explore new entry points for building and redefining peace.

Build Peace 2025 is co-organized by **Build Up** and **ICIP (International Catalan Institute for Peace)**, in collaboration with the City Council of Santa Coloma de Gramenet, City Council of Barcelona, Catalonia International and the Governement of Catalonia.



All plenary sessions are bilingual/interpreted in English, Spanish and Catalan.



All workshops are in the language stated in the program with no interpretation offered.



LA CIBA

Passeig de Llorenç Serra, 64.

08921 Santa Coloma de Gramenet, Barcelona.

You can find more information on logistics [here](#).

Day 1

Friday, November 21



08:00 - 09:00

Registration

09:00 - 09:30

Opening Session & Welcome

Rita Costa Cots and **Helena Puig Larrauri**, Build Up

Kristian Herbolzheimer, director of the International Catalan Institute for Peace

Bàrbara Ferrer Escobar, Deputy Mayor of Coexistence and Cooperation, Santa Coloma de Gramenet City Council

Andrea Costafreda, General Director for Development Cooperation, Government of Catalonia

KEYNOTE:

Alexandra Geese Member of the European parliament

09:30 - 10:30

DIALOGUE:

Pro-social Design to Make Spaces Deliberative Instead of Polarizing

What participatory and deliberative tools, methods and spaces can tackle rising affective and toxic polarization? How can polarized digital spaces become deliberative? We aim to explore where and how that shift happens, the role of alternative narratives and what approaches (technological or otherwise) can be used to include all voices in social and peace processes and movements.



Nadim Nashif

Zamleh



Julia Kamin

Prosocial Design Network

Moderated by **Caleb Gichuhi**

Build Up

10:30 - 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:30

SHORT TALKS:
Between Polarization and Deliberation



Applying Prebunking to Build Resilience to Divisive Disinformation: Learning from Libya

Maurice Aaek

(BBC Media)

Listening with AI: Opportunities and Challenges of AI-Supported Sensemaking in Youth Consultations for Peace

Felix Kufus

(CMI - Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation)

Peacebuilder-AI Collaboration

Julie Hawke

(Build Up)

Bringing Digital Culture and Democratic Innovation Closer to the Nearby Territory

Mar Escarrabill

(Canòdrom - Ateneu d'Innovació Digital i Democràtica de Barcelona)

Peacebuilding narratives: Data, Networks, and Technologies to Confront Polarization

Yesenia Camacho

(El Barómetro)

The Dance Between Us

Ana Tinajero

(Dance to Power)

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch

Day 1

Friday, November 21



13:30 - 17:00

WORKSHOPS:

(includes 30-minute break at 15:30)



Del olvido a la memoria viva: Archivos como herramientas para la construcción de paz
Swisspeace & CERJ & ODHAG
(FABLAB, 2ND FLOOR)

Reclaiming the City:
Feminist Urbanism as a Path to Peace
The Red Dot Foundation
(LIBRARY, -1 FLOOR)

Challenging Militarized AI: Feminist and Decolonial Perspectives to Resisting Technological Violence
Perú por el Desarme and WILPF Germany
(ROOM 1, 1ST FLOOR)

EU Policy Discussion: Changing Business Incentives of Social Media Platforms
Build Up and Ashoka
(ROOM 2, 1ST FLOOR)

Imaging Peace: A Peace Photography Methods Workshop
Fotosynthesis
(ROOM 4, 1ST FLOOR)

Embodying Care: The Power of Pause
Humanity United
(ROOM 5, 2ND FLOOR)

Beyond Right and Wrong: Cultivating Inner Ground for Dialogue
Empathie Initiative
(ROOM 3, 1ST FLOOR)

Designing Deliberative Process:
Where to Plug in Technology
Toda Peace Institute, University of Notre Dame, and Build Up
(PLENARY SPACE, GROUND FLOOR)

17:00 - 18:00

DIALOGUE:

How Do We Use Deliberative Tech to Discuss Polarizing Legislative Processes in Democracies?

How can we engage participants meaningfully and sustain momentum in democratic or consultative processes - online and offline? This session explores ways to address bias, build trust, and create safe, legitimate (digital) spaces for dialogue between communities, conveners, and decision-makers.



Nil Homedes
Decidim



Nerima Wako-Ojiwa
Siasa Place

Moderated by **Mahmoud Bastati**
Build Up

18:30 - 20:00

SIDE EVENT:

"Municipalities, Seeds of Peace"

Inaugural event of the campaign "Municipis, llavors de pau" (Municipalities, Seeds of Peace), promoted by the Fons Català de Cooperació al Desenvolupament.

Organised by: Santa Coloma de Gramenet City Council

Day 2

Saturday, November 22



09:00 - 10:00

DIALOGUE:

**International Arms Race,
Geopolitical Tensions,
and Escalating Military Spending**

This panel aims to be a critical examination of the growing approach to rely on force as a solution to global challenges in a world that is becoming more multipolar and less multilateral. This dialogue will explore the prevailing narrative that security equates to military defense and offense, while highlighting if possible alternative approaches rooted in human security. How can current trends be countered by diplomacy, cooperation, and peacebuilding over militarization?



José Julio Rodríguez

Former Spanish Chief
of the Defence



Anastasiia Holovenko

Centre for Civil Liberties

Moderated by **Kristian Herbolzheimer**
ICIP

10:00 - 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:45

SHORT TALKS:

**Between Deterrence
and Nonviolence**



CyberPeace Builders: Stronger Together

Alexandru Lazar

(CyberPeace Institute)

*Presenting the Global Campaign on Military
Spending (GCOMS)*

Antonella Di Matteo

(Centre Delàs d'Estudis per la Pau)

*How a Team of Young People Is Using AI
for Peace in the Sahel*

Boukar Kanta Mahaman Laouali

(Innovateurs pour la Paix)

*Strengthen the activation of cities to create
new narratives about diversity*

Maria Gispert Pañella and Víctor Matamoros

(Santa Coloma City Council)

From Amnesty to Accountability:

*How excombatants and theater makers
champion for justice in Lebanon*

Christina Foerch Saab

(Fighters for Peace)

11:45 - 12:00

ART INSTALLATIONS AT BUILD PEACE

Day 2

Saturday, November 22



12:00 - 13:00

WORKSHOPS:



Algunos aprendizajes desde la facilitación de diálogos complejos a nivel local

Berbari Lekua

(ROOM 1, 1ST FLOOR)

Bridging Divides: How Syrian Youth Turned Conflict into Collaboration

Olive Branch

(ROOM 3, 1ST FLOOR)

Deliberation by Design for a Pluralistic Future: Leveraging Behavioral Insights and Open Innovation to Foster Trust and Consensus in Democratic Spaces

Fundación Corona

(ROOM 5, 2ND FLOOR)

Fairtogether: Who is Watching? Feeling Safe in a Watched World

Act for Transformation geG

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Rethinking Governance With Deliberative Tech

Toda Peace Institute

(PLENARY SPACE, GROUND FLOOR)

How the Body Understands Time Has Always Been (a ritual)

Home Soils Project

(ROOM 2, 1ST FLOOR)

13:00 - 14:15

Lunch

14:15 - 16:15

WORKSHOPS:



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Conrad Grebel University College / University of Waterloo

(ROOM 4, 1ST FLOOR)

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Sparkable

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Together Against Online Hate: Art Meets Community Meets Data to Process Social Media Discrimination in Europe

Sharing Perspectives, Ichbinhier, FundiPau

(ROOM 2, 1ST FLOOR)

Autoprotección civil pacífica en comunidades latinoamericanas. Alternativas a la seguridad militarizada.

Masterpeace Cali

(ROOM 3, 1ST FLOOR)

Building Transnational Digital Archive Coalitions for Justice and Healing

Azadi Archive

(ROOM 1, 1ST FLOOR)

Writing as Resistance, Self-Reflection, and Healing

Resonance Network

(FABLAB, 2ND FLOOR)

Film screening: Milisuthando

Milisuthando Bongela-Davis

(PLENARY SPACE - GROUND FLOOR)

Day 2

Saturday, November 22



16:15 - 17:00

Coffee Break

17:00 - 18:00

CLOSING REFLECTION:

Dilemmas of a Tech Panopticon

New technologies control public space through the use of surveillance in the name of “safety”. At the same time, civilians are using technology to resist and reclaim who surveils who, in the name of accountability. This panel presents three different perspectives on the dilemmas of a tech panopticon.



Ophelia Rivas

O'Dham leader and activist
against US-Mexico border
surveillance



Bruna dos Santos

Witness



Jack Isles

Border Forensics

Moderated by **Helena Puig Larrauri**

Build Up

18:30 - 22:30

RECEPTION EVENING

**Join us for an evening of music,
including rumba catalana, DJ sets,
and appetizers.**

Venue: Escola de Restauració de Santa Coloma de Gramenet

Organised by: The Council on Tech and Social Cohesion,
Build Up and ICIP

Day 3

Sunday, November 23



09:00 - 10:00

DIALOGUE:

Do We Remember Authoritarianism?

A conversation about the connection between how approaches to memory and dealing with the past relate to the current rise of authoritarian regimes and the far right. The panel will focus on how memory processes, truth commissions and other ways of dealing with the past shape people's relationships with it and the impact they have on collective healing.



Francisco Ferrándiz

Consejo Superior de
Investigaciones Científicas



Natascha Zupan

Berghof Foundation

Moderated by **Maria Fanlo Torrecilla**
GIZ

10:00 - 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 - 12:00

SHORT TALKS:

Between Erasure and Memory



Digital Majority: Archiving the Work of Women in Digital Sphere

Ana Pejovic

(Pro Peace)

Dialogue – No Thanks! Addressing Polarization in a Trauma-Informed Way

Cordula Reimann

(Core, Zwischentöne - Learning from Societal Crises)

Healing Collective Traumas: From Erasure to Memory – The Case of Women in the Conflict-Prone Zones of Northwestern Nigeria

Hauwa Mohammed Sani

(Ahmadu Bello University)

Movement Resource Center: Strengthening Grassroots Activism Through Connection and Civic Memory

Keshab Bhattarai

(Freedom Studio)

The Sudan Memory Project

Sara El-Nager

(The Sudan Memory Project)

Confronting Erasure: how to prevent Identity-Based Mass Violence in cities

Rachel Locke

(Peace in Our Cities)

Day 3

Sunday, November 23



12:00 - 13:00

WORKSHOPS:



LOVE-Squads: Collective Action Against Online Hate
LOVE-Storm / Federation for Civilian Based Defence

(ROOM 5, 2ND FLOOR)

Qué funciona (y qué no) para despolarizar en el ámbito educativo

Escola de Cultura de Pau - UAB

(ROOM 4, 1ST FLOOR)

What's the Difference Between Good and Bad Conflict?

UC Berkeley

(ROOM 1, 1ST FLOOR)

From Participation to Policy:
Building Catalonia's Public Policy for Peace
Catalan Peace Forum, Government of Catalonia, and International Catalan Institute for Peace

(ROOM 2, 1ST FLOOR)

Showcasing Safety-by-Design: A Proactive Approach to Countering Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV) Targeting Women and Vulnerable Groups in Kenya and the Philippines' Digital Civic Spaces

IREX

(LIBRARY, -1 FLOOR)

Literature for Peacebuilding: Reimagining Unacknowledged Traumas and Cultivating Empathy in Palestine/Israel

Abdelmalek Essaadi University

(ROOM 3, 1ST FLOOR)

Mapping Memory: Art as Cultural Resistance and Healing

1975: A Vietnamese Diaspora Memoria

(FABLAB, 2ND FLOOR)

13:00 - 14:15

Lunch

14:15 - 16:15

WORKSHOPS:



Todos Vosotros = All Y'all: The Texan's Peacebuilding Kit

The Church Lab

(ROOM 3, 1ST FLOOR)

Deshacer la masculinidad militarista

Universitat de Lleida

(ROOM 2, 1ST FLOOR)

Using Deliberative Tech in Highly Polarized Contexts

Toda Peace Institute and University of Notre Dame

(PLENARY SPACE, GROUND FLOOR)

Where Are They? Using Open-Source Methods and New Technologies to Support the Search for Missing Persons

Violence & Transitional Justice Lab

(ROOM 5, 2ND FLOOR)

Seguridad Cotidiana feminista. Otra mirada a la seguridad

Corporacion CIASE

(ROOM 4, 1ST FLOOR)

Digital Cartography of Migrant Women's Actions for Peace: A Feminist-Decolonial Pedagogical Proposal

Geneva Graduate Institute

(ROOM 1, 1ST FLOOR)

I Am My Father's Daughter: Preserving Memories to Prevent Intergenerational Trauma

Gender in Action Initiative

(FABLAB, 2ND FLOOR)

Travel Show: A Hybrid Guided Walk Through the Divided Island of Cyprus

Independent Peace Activists

(LIBRARY, -1 FLOOR)

Day 3

Sunday, November 23



16:15 - 17:00

Coffee Break

17:00 - 18:00

CLOSING REFLECTION: From Archiving to Identity

Whose narratives and histories tell us who we are? How can we retell our (hi)stories and reclaim our identities? How is that linked to our vision of the future? This panel explores how we can use technological and creative methods in archival attempts for memory and heritage, and how that is linked to our construction of identity.



Archie Oculos
Independent artist



Jelnar Ahmad
Syrian Archive



Yásnaya Elena Aguilar Gil
ColMix member

Moderated by **Michaela Ledesma**
Build Up

18:00 - 18:30

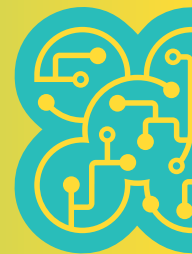
CONFERENCE CLOSING

Join us to wrap up the conference, and reflect on the thread of learnings that emerged from the three days, and what we take forward.

THE TECHNOLOGY OF PRAYER:
A Queer/Trans Poetic Offering
(**Angelic Goldsky / The Haven**)



Art Installations All Day



History of Casal de la Pau
of Barcelona

Universitat de Lleida

Imaging Peace: Pluralising
Our Images of Peace Through
Localised Peace Photography

Imaging Peace

Boldly Quiet!
Remembrance. Action. Continuation

**Stiftung Frauenkirche Dresden
& Fernando Sánchez Castillo**

Commemorative mural
for **BUILD PEACE 2025**

Throughout the conference, the **urban art platform BesArt** will lead the creation of a commemorative mural for **Build Peace 2025**. The artwork will be developed in an outdoor space close to **La CIBA** and will reflect the conference's values of dialogue, creativity, and social transformation.

Participants will have the opportunity to contribute to the mural's creation (painting, sharing ideas, or adding their own mark), weather permitting. This will be an open, informal activity designed to build community through art.

San Luis Valley Colcha Embroidery:
Mending Stories

San Luis Valley Colcha Embroidery Project

Border(line) Disorder:
Addressing the Continuing Division
in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Contact Zone





Workshop descriptions per day



Workshop descriptions: Day 1

Del olvido a la memoria viva:

Archivos como herramientas para la construcción de paz

Swisspeace and CERJ and ODHAG

Este taller participativo explora cómo los archivos comunitarios, físicos y digitales pueden ser herramientas de verdad, justicia, memoria, educación y paz. A partir de experiencias en Guatemala —el Archivo Histórico del Consejo de Comunidades Étnicas Runujel Junam -CERJ-, y el Archivo Histórico del Centro de la Memoria Monseñor Juan Gerardi de la Oficina de Derechos Humanos del Arzobispado de Guatemala -ODHAG-, junto con aportes conceptuales de swisspeace— se presentarán estrategias para conservar, preservar, activar y dignificar memorias silenciadas. El taller combina ejemplos concretos, reflexión crítica y una actividad creativa donde los/as participantes diseñarán hojas de ruta para transformar memorias ocultas en archivos vivos que contribuyan a la paz en sus propios contextos.

Reclaiming the City: Feminist Urbanism as a Path to Peace

The Red Dot Foundation

What if cities were designed with safety, dignity, and inclusion at their core? In this interactive workshop, participants will explore feminist urbanism as a peacebuilding tool. Through storytelling, real-world case studies from India and Barcelona, and insights from local governance, we will uncover how urban spaces reflect power and exclusion. Participants will then step outside for a guided feminist safety audit of the surrounding area, followed by an interactive discussion to reimagine cities through a feminist lens. Join us to connect theory and practice in building cities that truly foster peace.

Challenging Militarized AI: Feminist and Decolonial Perspectives to Resisting Technological Violence

Perú por el Desarme and WILPF Germany

As “security” and “safety” are increasingly used to justify surveillance, militarization, and control, this participatory workshop critically examines the impact of military AI technologies — from autonomous weapons to border control systems — on our understanding of peace. Rather than promoting human dignity, these technologies foster deterrence, fear, and exclusion. Through feminist, decolonial, and human security perspectives, participants will rethink militarized security and co-create community-based, nonviolent alternatives. The workshop will facilitate critical dialogue and collective reflection on resisting AI-driven militarization, envisioning a conception of peace and security grounded in justice, human rights, and care.

Workshop descriptions: Day 1

Changing business incentives of social media platforms:
global peacebuilding perspectives & EU policy

Build Up and Ashoka

We all know that disagreements on digital platforms spiral out of control, and that this happens because they become about people rather than ideas. We call this affective polarization, and increases in affective polarization are a digital harm that drives conflict. Research on digital platforms shows that content that denotes affective polarization does something else: it captures attention online, it increases engagement. That's why social media companies that rely on capturing attention as a way to make money have no incentive to control for polarization. What happens if we understand polarization not only as a digital harm that drives conflict, but also as a negative externality? Can we find ways to price it into the production cost for social media companies? This workshop is a space to think together about how conflict prevention perspectives can inform EU technology governance. Together, we will discuss:

- Why and how did Build Up measure affective polarization in Kenya?
- Why might we focus on affective polarization as a systemic risk in Europe? Is this politically feasible?
- Will current avenues to regulate platform design under the DSA work to address affective polarization?
- What other avenues are there to influence the business incentives of social media platforms?
- Beyond Europe, do we need a set of global principles on the impact of digital harm on polarization and conflict?

Join us for a structured, informed discussion on these questions, with a view to coming up with a roadmap and avenues for further collaboration after the conference.

Imaging Peace: A Peace Photography Methods Workshop

Fotosynthesis

This interactive workshop introduces the concept of peace photography and the visual peace methods and ethics as detailed in the free-to-download resource *Peace Photography: A Guide*. Participants will explore participatory visual methods through hands-on activities, including photo-dialogue and collaborative image-making. The session will also offer space for critical reflection on the ethics and impact of using images for peacebuilding. Attendees will leave with new perspectives on photography's role in conflict transformation and community building and insights into how images can challenge divisive narratives, foster empathy, and spark peace imaginaries.

Embodying Care: The Power of Pause

Humanity United

Join us for an experiential workshop to explore what it means to embody care through the act of radical pausing and listening. What does it mean to slow down enough to listen to ourselves and one another? Why is this a radical act? How does this enable access to a pluriversal frame? What relational possibilities open when we relate in this way? In this workshop, we come to slow down, pause, and listen to ourselves and one another through guided somatic and reflective practice, art, and circle sharing. An experiential workshop to explore what it means to embody care through guided somatic and reflective practice, art, and circle sharing.

Workshop descriptions: Day 1

Beyond Right and Wrong: Cultivating Inner Ground for Dialogue **Empathie Initiative**

This experiential workshop offers a space to cultivate the inner conditions that make meaningful dialogue possible - even in an increasingly polarized world. Through grounding, breath-based practices, and guided reflection, participants will explore how slowing down and connecting with their inner experience and strengths can generate clarity, empathy, and relational presence. We will practice listening for the human needs beneath blame, judgment and opinions. Rooted in the theme of Polarization vs. Deliberation, this session invites a shift from reactive habits to compassionate awareness—where peace begins not with the right words, but with the quality of presence we bring.

Designing Deliberative Process: Where to Plug in Technology **Toda Peace Institute, University of Notre Dame, and Build Up**

This highly interactive session will bridge peacebuilding practitioners and a “wise use” approach to deliberative technologies. It will enable collaboration between tech-savvy and context-rooted participants to explore designing inclusive, conflict-sensitive deliberative dialogue to address highly complex and contentious challenges. It begins with speed networking to connect participants across disciplines and contexts, followed by short presentations on design principles such as context analysis and deliberative dialogue conceptual frameworks to help position digital deliberative platform use in governance and polarization settings. Case studies—including examples from North America and Africa—will ground theory in practice, followed by inputs on principles for co-convening whole systems of system deliberative dialogue processes that combine face- to-face and digital modalities. Participants will distill insights and explore implications for their work through structured, interactive exercises. After the break, participants will form consulting pairs or trios to explore application of these principles to their own contexts, with support of a guided template. The workshop concludes with collective sensemaking and shared next steps.

Workshop descriptions: Day 2 - morning

Algunos aprendizajes desde la facilitación de diálogos complejos a nivel local **Berbari Lekua**

En el largo camino hacia la paz en el País Vasco se han puesto en marcha diversas iniciativas de diálogo y encuentro con aquellas personas que hemos percibido como “la otra”. El acompañamiento y facilitación de procesos de diálogo complejos a nivel local ha permitido ir construyendo de forma colaborativa metodologías, “formas de hacer” que han permitido construir caminos de encuentro y reconocimiento mutuo. Caminos que han permitido abordar procesos de diálogo complejos y dolorosos. Procesos con un carácter transformador e innovador, así como con vocación de impactar de forma significativa en su comunidad. Capaces de generar nuevas referencias e inspirar otros procesos.

Para entender mejor los procesos de los que hablaremos durante el taller, compartimos aquí el documental Bidea eraikitzen (Construyendo el camino) dirigido por Aizpea Goenaga, miembro del Foro. A través de los testimonios de las personas participantes se narra de forma coral el proceso de diálogo y convivencia vivido. Duración del documental 30 minutos.

Workshop descriptions: Day 2 - morning

Bridging Divides: How Syrian Youth Turned Conflict into Collaboration **Olive Branch**

This session explores how youth from across Syria—despite being separated by geography, ideology, and politically—transformed mutual mistrust into collaboration by recognizing their shared exclusion from decision-making. Through real-life examples and interactive reflection, this session offers a practical approach to shifting grievances from one another to systems of marginalization, encouraging participants to rethink how we build unity in divided contexts.

Deliberation by Design for a Pluralistic Future: Leveraging Behavioral Insights and Open Innovation to Foster Trust and Consensus in Democratic Spaces **Fundación Corona**

How can we design democratic spaces that facilitate deliberation to foster trust and consensus? This session explores how integrating behavioral insights and open innovation can enhance deliberation in democratic spaces. Drawing from Bogotá's experience integrating behavioral science and co-designing deliberative practices with citizens, we'll examine how these methodologies can foster systemic democratic change. Participants will engage in hands-on activities, case studies, and collaborative discussions to learn how to apply these tools in their own contexts, addressing today's democratic crossroads.

Fairtogether: Who is Watching? Feeling Safe in a Watched World **Act for Transformation geG**

In this interactive workshop, participants will explore how surveillance; by technology, authorities, or communities, affects our feelings of safety, trust, and freedom. Through energizers, small group discussions, and creative activities, we will reflect on personal experiences of being watched and imagine alternatives to fear-based security systems. Together, we will build a vision of safety rooted in trust, care, and community. The session follows an experiential, participant-centered approach, encouraging emotional awareness, storytelling, and collective reflection. No prior knowledge is needed, just openness to share, listen, and imagine new possibilities for peace.

Cyber Escape - OSINT and Governance **DreamSpace Technologies**

The Cyber Escape - OSINT and Governance program aims to equip participants with knowledge about Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) and strategies for mitigating the exposure of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) on social media. The program focuses on identifying potential risks for violence and implementing mechanisms to prevent such incidents.

Workshop descriptions: Day 2 - morning

Justice That Heals

Daima Initiatives for Peace and Development

How might we offer communities a brave space to remember their truth, navigate justice and work towards peaceful co-existence? In Kenya, colonization either erased and co-opted a lot of African culture, knowledge and wisdom in service of imperial interests. This led to a steady erosion of how communities approach and repair harm communally. In this session, we will explore how Restorative Justice (RJ) and social healing offers an opportunity for communities to actively remember and practice peacebuilding by reclaiming their ancestral knowledge and wisdom.

How the Body Understands Time Has Always Been (a ritual)

Home Soils Project

An embodied workshop where voice, breath, and gesture become instruments of remembering. This participatory ritual invites participants to listen to how the body measures time, not through trauma but through performative writing. Together we explore how personal and collective memories live in movement, and how writing, as an act of co-presence, can transform grief into continuity.

Rethinking Governance Through Deliberative Tech

Toda Peace Institute

This informal fireside chat brings together John Richardson (CEO of Ethelo), Martin Waehlich (former Head of the UN Innovation Unit), and Jordan Ryan (former UNDP Director and peacebuilding advisor) to explore how governments and international organizations can harness deliberative technology to strengthen democratic participation and public trust. Drawing on experiences from California's wildfire deliberations, UN innovation projects, and peacebuilding practice, the conversation will examine how digital platforms can enable large-scale public input on complex issues—and what kinds of institutional support, safeguards, and partnerships are needed to make this vision a reality. Participants will use the interactive Polis platform during the session to participate in the deliberation.

Workshop descriptions: Day 2 - afternoon

PeaceTech Founders Forum

Conrad Grebel University College / University of Waterloo

This workshop will provide an opportunity for the founders of start-ups building PeaceTech to connect, reflect, and learn from each other's experiences. Founders face a myriad of challenges common to any tech start-up as they build their teams, secure funding, and acquire customers. Like other social entrepreneurs, they also need to relate to an array of stakeholders and partners and face long lead times to get their idea into the field. It can be hard for start-ups to remain focused on their core mission, and it can be hard for founders to persevere given the personal sacrifices required.

Workshop descriptions: Day 2 - afternoon

Deliberative Tools Are Taking Off — Let's Decide Where They Should Go! **Sparkable**

How can we best design and use digital tools to bridge divides? In the first hour of this interactive workshop, we will explore the emerging landscape of deliberative tools such as Polis, Remesh, and more — what they do, how they are used, and how the ecosystem is evolving. Then, in small groups, we will co-create ideas for resources, features, and shared language to make these tools more inclusive, effective, and practitioner-friendly. The session is ideal for peacebuilders, designers, technologists, and facilitators interested in how digital tools can support deliberation in polarized spaces.

Together Against Online Hate: Art Meets Community Meets Data to Process Social Media Discrimination in Europe **Sharing Perspectives & ichbinhier & FundiPau**

Participants explore online discrimination in Europe through data analysis and creative expression. The session begins with social media insights on scapegoating in Catalunya, revealing which groups are blamed for societal issues. The second half is hands-on: we will reflect on how we can support allies and bystanders, and what drives effective community building as well as engage with open arts as a method for processing online harm and contribute their own pieces to a growing exhibition.

Autoprotección civil pacífica en comunidades latinoamericanas — alternativas a la seguridad militarizada **Masterpeace Cali**

Este taller participativo explora cómo comunidades latinoamericanas han generado alternativas efectivas y pacíficas frente a la seguridad militarizada. A través del análisis de casos reales como la Comunidad de Paz de San José de Apartadó, la asociación ACADESAN en Colombia, una comunidad de mujeres víctimas del conflicto armado colombiano y Las Patronas en México, se buscará identificar estrategias de autoprotección civil pacífica, utilizando la metodología participativa “Café del mundo” para compartir aprendizajes clave y estudiar cómo estas iniciativas redefinen la seguridad comunitaria. El objetivo es que cada participante comprenda y reflexione activamente sobre alternativas reales a la seguridad militarizada.

Building Transnational Digital Archive Coalitions for Justice and Healing **Azadi Archive**

The Iran Digital Archive Coalition is a transnational digital open source archive coalition that mobilized globally to support UN investigations into crimes against humanity. Members of the coalition are seeking to broaden this idea into working with other archives to leverage transnational expertise and capacity to support both justice and healing globally. How can we build resilient digital archives across borders to preserve memory, support justice, and foster healing? This interactive workshop, inspired by the work of the Coalition, will bring together experts and participants to explore best practices, challenges, hopes, wishes, and new ideas for coordinating transnational digital archiving.

Workshop descriptions: Day 2 - afternoon

Writing as Resistance, Self-Reflection, and Healing

Resonance Network

In times marked by polarization, surveillance, and the erasure of memory, many of us dissociate from our bodies to survive. Our bodies hold the residue of personal and political trauma—and the blueprint for healing through connection. This workshop begins from the premise that writing and story can return us to ourselves, engaging the body as witness and co-author. By writing through the body, we voice what has been silenced, reclaim what has been taken, and open portals of connection. When shared, stories become vessels of solidarity, resilience, and intergenerational wisdom, preserving lessons, strategies, and spirit for future movements.

Film screening: Milisuthando

Milisuthando Bongela-Davis

Workshop descriptions: Day 3 - morning

LOVE-Squads - Collective Action Against Online Hate

LOVE-Storm / Federation for civilian based Defence

Join us to equip activists, educators, NGOs, and organizations with effective tools to combat online hate. LOVE-Storm (Germany) and digiQ (Slovakia), will share their experiences and know-how for defending digital spaces through individual empowerment, collective action, and structural change. You'll learn: 1) how to train bystanders and activists in love-speech tactics, 2) how to organize solidaric action and LOVE-Squads for support and crisis response, 3) how to make your organization more resilient to hate and crisis. We'll introduce proven models and hands-on tools—including the new open-source LOVE-Storm online training room—so you can start building your own LOVE-Squads at home.

Qué funciona (y qué no) para despolarizar en el ámbito educativo

Escola de Cultura de Pau - UAB

El taller aporta ideas y recomendaciones sobre cómo abordar temas polarizadores en el aula. Se identificarán los contenidos, habilidades y actitudes de aprendizaje más relacionados con la despolarización e invitará a practicar estrategias y herramientas educativas, para la facilitación de diálogos y de otras actividades. Finalmente, en base a literatura reciente sobre estrategias de despolarización y en prácticas de aula, el taller permitirá tener una mirada crítica sobre qué estrategias son más útiles – y menos – para despolarizar.

Workshop descriptions: Day 3 - morning

What's the difference between good and bad conflict?

UC Berkeley

Conflict transformation aims to make conflict “better,” but what does it mean for conflict to be good or bad, desirable or undesirable, better or worse? In this workshop, we will present the results of a large systematic review (thousands of articles!) of all the ways that people have drawn distinctions between better and worse forms of conflict. We will then invite participants to think about how they can operationalise different understandings of “good” conflict (constructive, productive, etc) into their own work in peacebuilding, media, and technology.

From Participation to Policy: Building Catalonia's Public Policy for Peace Catalan Peace Forum, Government of Catalonia, and International Catalan Institute for Peace

This workshop presents the **Catalan Peace Forum**, an unprecedented participatory process shaping Catalonia's first public policy for peace. Through dialogue and collective action, the Forum has brought together institutions, civil society, and citizens to reflect on how they imagine a Catalonia at peace and how this territory can contribute to global peacebuilding. Participants will learn about the participatory process (its methods, actors, and outcomes) and explore how local policymaking can be leveraged as a tool for building inclusive peace. After a short presentation, the workshop will invite participants to imagine a similar process in their own local contexts and collectively formulate proposals that look at the national and international levels of peacebuilding.

Showcasing Safety-by-Design: A proactive approach to countering Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV) targeting women and vulnerable groups in Kenya & Philippines' digital civic spaces

IREX

This session explores how technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV) manifests in the Kenyan and Philippines' contexts and explore Safety-by design as a proactive approach in countering online harms. The session will showcase how local commercial tech platforms, civil society, regulators, are embedding proactive safety features into their products to reduce online harm before it happens. Participants will engage with the SbD model, share best practices, and explore partnerships that promote online safety for women and vulnerable groups. Attendees will leave with practical strategies for building inclusive, accountable, and peaceful digital environments.

Literature for Peacebuilding: Reimagining Unacknowledged Traumas and Cultivating Empathy in Palestine/Israel

Abdelmalek Essaadi University

This interactive workshop explores the role of literature as a counter-narrative to dominant media representations of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict in reconstructing marginalized histories and fostering empathetic engagement. The aim is to show that it is the unacknowledgement of past traumas that nurtures frustration and hatred and to cultivate a responsibility for a common humanity. The discussions will mainly focus on how these works' empathetic attention to the humanizing details reinscribes individuals whose daily lives are filtered out by standard reporting practices.

Workshop descriptions: Day 3 - morning

Mapping Memory: Art as Cultural Resistance and Healing

1975: A Vietnamese Diaspora Memoria

Mapping Memory: Art as Cultural Resistance and Healing is a hands-on creative workshop that invites participants to explore personal and collective memory through the act of map-making. Using mixed media materials and guided prompts, participants will create visual “memory maps” that reflect their lived experiences, ancestral roots, and imagined geographies. The session includes storytelling, discussion, and time for artistic reflection in a supportive, community-based space. Rooted in cultural resilience and healing, this workshop welcomes participants of all backgrounds and abilities to engage with art as a powerful tool for connection, identity, and transformation. No prior art experience is necessary.

Workshop descriptions: Day 3 - afternoon

Todos Vosotros = All Y'all: The Texan's Peacebuilding Kit

The Church Lab

Welcome to Texas, a world where religion, politics and culture play out in larger-than-life tandem, with high-stakes consequences. Here the word “consensus” is often just for decoration, but the phrase “leave me alone” may yet profoundly connect to collective well-being and belonging. Come learn about the elements of peacebuilding in the bold dynamics of Texas life, from cowboys to immigrants, from evangelical Christians to the trans community. Build your own Texan Peacebuilding Kit along the way.

Using Deliberative Tech in Highly Polarized Contexts

Toda Peace Institute and University of Notre Dame

This dynamic, fast-paced workshop showcases real-world innovations in deliberative practice from around the globe through a series of flash talks of case studies of tech-enhanced deliberative processes in Asia, Africa, Latin and North America. Between each set of presentations, participants will engage in live online deliberation via Pol.is and “buzz” discussions with neighbors to surface emerging patterns, dilemmas, and cultural insights.

Deshacer la masculinidad militarista

Universitat de Lleida

En este taller se trabajará de manera activa y conjunta a fin de hacer visible y consciente cómo los modelos de masculinidad militarista inciden en los comportamientos de los hombres y, consecuentemente, afectan a nuestras sociedades, relaciones y percepciones sobre género y poder, incluso en la resolución de conflictos. Paralelamente, se pretende avanzar de manera conjunta en la configuración de modelos alternativos de masculinidad que permitan desvincularnos de los elementos más violentos, agresivos y sexistas para las relaciones sociales y la resolución de conflictos. La sesión se valdrá de elementos históricos y de sus formas de pervivencia y conexión con la actualidad. Para ello se recuperarán imágenes y vídeos pasados y actuales. Las personas participantes del taller deberán asumir un rol proactivo durante toda la sesión.

Workshop descriptions: Day 3 - afternoon

Where are they? Using Open-source methods and new technologies to support the search for missing persons.

Violence & Transitional Justice Lab

This session introduces open-source methods and technologies to support searching for missing persons. It will begin by outlining how these tools have been applied in human rights investigations, referencing key data sources and software, and following the Berkeley Protocol on Digital Open Source Investigations. The workshop will then present case studies from Mexico, illustrating their use in locating clandestine graves amid widespread disappearances. The session will address research challenges, data biases, methodologies, and outcomes through these examples. It will also highlight how these technologies can be adapted and replicated in other contexts.

Seguridad Cotidiana feminista. Otra mirada a la seguridad **Corporacion CIASE**

SAYA, Seguras aquí y ahora, es una herramienta digital construida por y desde mujeres colombianas que contribuye al desarrollo de nuevos enfoques de la seguridad desde una perspectiva feminista, interseccional. Es parte de un sistema que viene diseñándose sobre seguridad cotidiana que dimensiona la seguridad como acto de vida de todos los días y fundamental para la construcción de una paz sostenible y duradera. Esta herramienta que hoy es una App Web para su implementación abre un campo de discusión novedoso y al mismo tiempo práctico.

Digital Cartography of Migrant Women's Actions for Peace: A Feminist-Decolonial Pedagogical Proposal **Geneva Graduate Institute**

This workshop is a space for collective creation that maps the actions of migrant women* in peacebuilding, memory, and justice. Through "Provencción" exercises, participants will build trust and connection before engaging in an interactive journey through a digital cartography of transnational feminist activism. A collective mapping activity will invite reflection on participants' experiences across homeland, local, and international territories. The session concludes with the presentation of the "decolonial tree," a feminist, situated methodology for co-research. Combining participatory practices, peace pedagogies, and digital tools, the workshop makes visible stories of resistance and political agency across borders and in movement.

Workshop descriptions: Day 3 - afternoon

I am my father's daughter: Preserving memories to prevent intergenerational trauma

Gender in Action Initiative

This 2-hours session is structured around a 45-minute documentary film 'I AM MY FATHER'S DAUGHTER', narrating the life of the author's father and her family before the Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda, the hardships they faced, and the coping mechanisms the family adopted to deal with challenges. It also focuses on the filmmaking process and the importance of the audiovisual medium in preserving memory and preventing the erasure of history. The session provides an opportunity for participants to share views and perspectives for learning beyond personal and family memory transmission, to inspire greater awareness at the societal level.

Travel show: a hybrid guided walk through the divided island of Cyprus

Independent Peace Activists

Let's walk together through our memories and let's erase and create new ones. During a guided walk in Coloma de Gramenet, we will mentally travel to the other side of the mediterranean in the divided island of Cyprus. Through stand-up comedy and personal narratives, we will get to know the realities and fragments of a society that has lived separated in a frozen conflict the last six decades, and explore how memories shape identity and reconciliation. The tour will focus on the themes of displacement, sports in peacebuilding, LGBTIQ+ rights, nature and outdoors for mediation and cultural heritage.



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