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SECOND IPB WORLD PEACE CONGRESS: BARCELONA 2021

STRONGER TOGETHER, BUILDING
BACK BETTER FOR INCLUSIVE PEACE
OCTOBER 15-17 2021
LOCATION TBD



**FIRST
PROGRAMME
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Message from IPB

Five years after our 2016 Berlin Congress, “Disarm! For a Climate of Peace”, the International Peace Bureau is proud to host the Second IPB World Peace Congress, “Stronger Together for Peace” in the Mediterranean city of Barcelona. Our goal is to bring together vast swaths of civil society – from peace and disarmament movements to human and trade union rights campaigners, environmental activists, and social movements – to generate a unified response to the anxiety of the current crises.

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 climate change, democratic institutions, and health emergencies – most notably the Covid-19 pandemic. Only by coming together can we address these interlinked and overlapping problems that threaten us all; therefore, our gathering aims not only to bring these groups together, but to envision shared policy solutions that can serve as a call to action for social movements and decision makers at the global, regional, national, and local levels.

At the center of these policy proposals comes the idea of ‘building back better for peace’. 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’.

As the Former German Chancellor Willy Brandt said, “Peace is not everything, but without peace, everything is nothing.” 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 are in the middle of a second cold war. We are calling for the alternative to confrontation, for a politics of common security.

Stronger together for peace is our goal- We can continue on the track we’re on and endanger all life on Earth, or we can create a plan of action for a better world. We invite you to join us in the creation of this vision and to work together for its implementation.

Congress Schedule

Friday
15.10.2021

11:00- 4pm **IPB Youth Network (IPBYN) & Local Youth Gathering**

19:30-21:30 **Opening Plenary: Threats to Peace and Safety.**
Topics of the lectures will be:

Threats to the Future of Humankind
Great Power Conflicts and the Cold War
Danger of Nuclear Weapons
The Global South, Inequality, Human Rights, and Violence
Racism, Migration, and Peace
Environmental and Climate Protection and Disarmament
Regional Peace: Peacebuilding in the Mediterranean
Patriarchy and gender-based violence

IPB in Action: Six Examples of Activities for Peace and Disarmament

21:30-22:30 Public event and peace vigil

Saturday
16.10.2021

Build Back Better for Peace and Social Transformation – Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic and Solutions to the Problems

9:30-12:00 *Topics of the lectures will be:*
Disarmament and Nuclear Abolition for Development
Common Security for a New World Order
Peace and Environmental Protection
An Economy for Peace
Nonviolent Future – Changing the Agenda
Peace Education
**Q&A session with speakers*

12:00-13:30 Lunch and networking

13:30-15:00 **First workshop session**

Creating a Peace Economy (Conversion)
The Intersection of Peace and Gender
The Foundations of Peace: Nuclear Abolition and International Law (including TPNW)
The Digitization of Warfare
Peace and Autonomy: Colonization and Indigenous Peoples
Nonviolent Action is the Future

Peace, Race and Migration
Peace Agreements to End Wars

**Further workshops and side events also available during this time.*

15:00-16:30

Second workshop session

Climate Change, the Environment, and Peace
Peace, Democracy, and Participation
Common Security: A Blueprint for Global and Regional Relations
Stronger Together for Peace: Building Campaigns and Alliances
Disarmament for Development: Move The Money
Mediterranean as a Space of Peace

**Further workshops and side events also available during this time.*

17:00

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

19:00

Dinner

21:00

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

Sunday

17.10.2021

Visions for the Future: Practical Steps for Reaching the Solutions

9.30 – 10.30

Introduction Lectures: Visions for Peace – Conflicts and Tensions for Tomorrow

10.45 – 12.30

Final workshop session: Strategies for the Future

Global and Regional Approaches to Common Security and Human Security
Nonviolence and Peaceful Protest Actions
Strategies for Disarmament
Strategies and Actions for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World
Digital Activism in the Covid-19/Post-Covid-19 Era
Youth Activism and the Climate Emergency
Human Rights Defenders and Peace

12.45-14:00

Final Plenary: Stronger Together for Peace - A Call to Action

Presentation of the IPB Action Plan 2021-2026, “Barcelona Green New Deal For Peace”¹
Feminist Peace work
Presentation of Regional Action Plans/Mediterranean Forum Plan²
Presentation of the IPB Youth Network Action Plan

¹ The declaration will be developed in a process of discussions and consultations by a working group.

² The Mediterranean Forum Plan will be developed by a regional working group.

List of confirmed [and semi-confirmed*] speakers:

Katerina Anastasiou (Greece), facilitator of the Migration and Global Strategy chapters of Transform! Europe

Reiner Braun (Germany), IPB Executive Director and German peace campaigner

Sharan Burrow (Australia), General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

Noam Chomsky, USA, scientists and activists, MIT Cambridge, USA (per video)

Jordi Calvo (Spain), IPB Vice President, Coordinator of Centre Delàs and university lecturer

Martin Chungong (Cameroon), Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Lisa Clark (Italy), IPB Co-President and Italian peace campaigner

Beatrice Fihn, Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

Joseph Gerson (United States), IPB Vice President and President of the Campaign for Peace, Disarmament, and Common Security

Aleksey Gromyko (Russia), Director of the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan (Mongolia), former UN Representative for Mongolia in Austria and at the United Nations, and IPB Board Member

Philip Jennings (United Kingdom), IPB Co-President and former General Secretary/founder of UNI Global Union

Veronica Krashennikova (Russia), Chamber of Civil Society Russia

A-Young Moon (South Korea), Founder of PEACEMOMO and IPB Council Member

Binalakshi Nepram (India), Fellow at Harvard University and IPB Board Member

Emma Pritchard (United Kingdom), Programme Analyst at Ground Truth Solutions

Guy Ryder (United Kingdom), Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO)

Emily Rubino (United States), Director of Policy and Outreach for Peace Action New York State (PANYS) and IPB Council Member

Vandana Shiva* (India), environmental and social activist

Federico Mayor Zaragoza (Spain), former Director General of UNESCO and Chair of the Foundation for a Culture of Peace

Note: This is the first programme. The next programme will include additional points and list the speakers alongside their topics. We are very open to further suggestions for topics and working groups. You may contact us with inquiries at info@ipb-office.berlin.

The final decision on the programme will be made by the programme committee in connection with the local committee.

List of international supporting organizations:

- Asia Europe Peoples Forum (AEPF), Peace and Security Cluster
- Bertrand Russel Peace Foundation
- Better World Links
- Campaign for Peace, Disarmament, and Common Security
- Church and Peace
- Code Pink
- Committee of Prague II
- European LEFT
- Fellowship of Reconciliation
- Global Campaign for Peace Education
- International Association of Lawyers against Nuclear Arms (IALANA)
- The International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons (ICBUW)
- International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility (INES)
- International Institute on Peace Education
- International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) International
- International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
- Mayors for Peace Europe
- Muslim Peace Fellowship
- Pax Christi International
- Quaker Council for European Affairs
- Rosa Luxemburg Foundation
- Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI)
- The European Peace Research Association (EPRA)
- Transform Europe
- United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ)

List of local/regional supporting organizations:

- IPB Barcelona Office
- Centre Delàs d'Estudis per la Pau
- Escola de Cultura de Pau
- Unipau (International Peace University)
- Justícia i Pau
- Novact
- FundiPau
- Carta de la Pau dirigida a l'ONU
- Jai Jagat
- Can Jonch
- Consell de Joventut de Barcelona (CJB, Barcelona Youth Council)
- + Ajuntament and Generalitat representatives.
- International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP)

Financial sponsors:

Main national funders of the World Congress are:

- Barcelona City Council (Ajuntament de Barcelona)
- Catalan Government (Generalitat de Catalunya)
- International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP)

Further International Financial supporters:

- International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
- Rosa-Luxembourg Stiftung – European Office
- Transform! Europe

The European Left is funding traveling costs and technical equipment for the international committee/IPB.

Registration/Payment

Registration is open and free, although we welcome all financial support for the congress, in the way that works best for you.

Pre-order the welcome package for 20€ that includes Congress promotional items and some locally-made products. Further donations are also appreciated.

Location

The congress will be held in Barcelona. Final details will be available by April 2021 at the latest.

For more information, please visit www.ipb2021.barcelona or contact info@ipb2021.barcelona.