



Programme 24th January 2020

Thematic Space “Peace and War”

geopolitics, militarization, refugees, migration



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Central Panel Discussion

Universal Disarmament for Social and Ecological Transformation

January 24th, 2021 at 15:00 -17:00 CET (UTC+1)

Speakers:

Alexander Ač (Slovakia), Institute of Research on Global Change

Ann Wright (Hawaii, USA), CODE PINK and Veterans for Peace

Binalakshmi Nepram (India), Manipur Women Gun Survivors and IPB Board

Malala Yousafzai (Pakistan), Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Owen Tudor (UK), Vice-Secretary General of ITUC

Piedad Cordoba (Columbia), Colombian Lawyer and Politician, served as Senator of Colombia

Reiner Braun (Germany), International Peace Bureau (IPB)

Tamas Krausz (Hungary), Political Philosopher

Moderator: **Leo Gabriel** (Austria-Mexico), Journalist and Anthropologist, Prague Spring II network, member of the IC of the WSF.

Description:

It is impossible to achieve a Social and Ecological Transformation (which is the main goal of this WSF) without peace. This implies first of all a universal disarmament for political, economic, environmental and social reasons. This webinar will explore the strategies of the social and environmental movements for a demilitarisation of the political structures in the aftermath of the pandemic through the discussion of action oriented proposals.

Some general information

General Map World Social Forum - 20 Years - Feminist and Ecosocial - January 23 to 31, 2021									
GMT Schedule	Saturday Jan 23rd	Sunday Jan 24th	Monday Jan 25th	Tuesday Jan 26th	Wednesday Jan 27th	Thursday Jan 28th	Friday Jan 29th	Saturday Jan 30th	Sunday Jan 31st
	Self-Managed Activities and Convergences for Articulation Cross-Cutting Themes: Gender, Combating Racism, Pandemic and the Future of the Forum								
14:00 - 16:00 GMT-UTC	MARCH Virtual Political Cultural Event	Peace and War	Economic Justice	Education, Communication and Culture	Feminis, society and Diversity	Social Justice and Democracy	Climate, Ecology and Environment	Self-managed Assemblies Movements for Action Agenda 14-18 h GMT-UTC	Futures Agora 14-18 GMT-UTC
		Self-Managed Activities and Convergences for Articulation							
16:00- 18:00 GMT-UTC					Native and Ancestral Peoples				Closing & Launching Call WSF Mexico 18:00- 20:00 GMT-UTC

World Social Forum Activities „Peace and War“ 24.01.2021			
Time (CET)	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3
09:00 - 10:00	People's Voices for Disarmament in Asia		
11:00 - 12:00	Preventing War Through Collaboration And Dialogue (Ukraine/Donbas, Syria, Armenia/Azerbaijan, Israel/Palestine)	Militarism: Violence against Women as a Weapon of war	
13:00 - 14:00		Military as climate killer	
15:00 - 16:00	Universal Disarmament For a Social and Ecological Transformation		
17:00 - 18:00	Militarization and Migration – the world of Human Right Defenders	Military Spending Costs Us The Earth - GCOMS	For Peace, Justice & Democracy: U.S. Movement Perspectives
19:00 - 20:00	Nuclear weapons: CHALLENGING THIS EXISTENTIAL THREAT TOGETHER	Military Bases: Environment and Geostrategic Impacts	Divest-Reinvest: Towards a Local Peace Economy
21:00 - 22:00	Global NATO – All Countries Are Affected By NATO	The COVID-19 Global Solidarity Manifesto and how to Valorize Civil Professions	

Registration links will be published soon on the webpages of WSF (www.wsf2021.net), IPB (ipb.org) and No to NATO (no.to.NATO.org). Links to the livestream and participation will be published shortly before the event on the IPB and No to NATO webpages.

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Self-Organized: Parallel Panel Discussions

People's Voices for Disarmament in Asia

January 24th, 2021, at 9:00 – 11:00 CET (UTC+1)

Organised by IPB

Speakers:

Binalakshmi Nepram (India), Manipur Women Gun Survivors and IPB Board Member

Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan (Mongolia), Blue Banner and IPB Board Member

Eskil M. Grav (Norway), IPB Staff-Member

JunKyu Lee (South Korea), IPB Board Member

Rieko Asato (Japan), Gensuikyo and IPB Board Member

Roland Simbulan (Philippines), Author, Scholar, and Nuclear Weapons Activist

Moderator: **Corazon Valdez Fabros** (Philippines), Vice-President IPB

Description:

This webinar will introduce trends of disarmament issues in Asia, with highlight on the stories of victories and ongoing peoples resistance against militarization in the region. Conclude with Recommendations and proposals for important campaigns that need to be addressed or developed urgently and ways forward.

Preventing War Through Collaboration And Dialogue

January 24th, 2021 at 11:00 – 15:00 CET (UTC+1)

Organised by PragueSpring2

Speakers:

- on Nagorno-Karabakh:
 - **Amir Bekia** (Armenia), Academic and Anti-War Activist
 - **N.N.** (Azerbaijan)
- on the conflict in Donbass:
 - **Nina Potorska** (Ukraine), Political Scientist
 - **Andreij Kochetov** (Lugansk), Trade Union Leader
- on the war in Syria:
 - **Omar Alshaar** (Syria), International Movement for Peace in Syria
 - **Samir Abullaban** (Istanbul), Muslim Brotherhood
 - **Nilüfer Koc** (Kurdistan-Germany), Solidarity movement with Rojava

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- on the Resistance in Palestine and Peace in Israel
 - **Iman Shaker** (Palestine-Austria) BDS
 - **Farid Esack** (South Africa) Muslim theologian Solidarity Movement with Palestine
 - **Yoav Bar** (Israel) One Democratic State solution

Moderator: **Kate Hudson** (UK), CND, No to war - no to NATO network.

Description:

What can social movements do to promote peace and prevent war? In this webinar we will first discuss the ongoing processes of collaboration and dialogue as tools in the pursuit of peace in four different areas of conflict (Nagorno-Karabakh, Donbass, Syria and Palestine) and then ask the question, what the different peace-activities can learn from each other in order to establish a common strategy for the transformation of conflicts.

Militarism: Violence against Women as a Weapon of war

January 24th, 2021, at 11:00 – 13 CET (UTC+1)

Organized by Women against NATO

Round Table:

Corazon Valdez Fabros (Philippines), Vice-President IPB

Kristine Karch (Germany), International network 'No to war - no to NATO'

N.N. the International Network Against Militarism

Description:

In this webinar we will discuss the question of gender based violence in the military itself and also in conflict region and during war. Examples could be the Boko Haram in Africa, the IS in West Asia, COMFORT WOMEN in Asia, but also the femicide in Latin America. We should not only analyse the problems, but also discuss the possibilities for reconciliation on the one hand and prevention on the other.

Military as Climate Killer

January 24th, 2021, at 13:00 – 15:00 CET (UTC+1)

Organized by Campaign Stopp Air Base Ramstein and International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility (INES)

Speakers:

Claus Montonen (Finland), INES Board, University of Helsinki

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Jon Mitchell (Wales/Japan), Author, Journalist, and Activist

Tamara Lorincz (Canada), Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, IPB Council, No to NATO

Moderator: **Karl Heinz Peil** (Germany), Campaign Stopp Air Base Ramstein

Description:

This webinar will address the damages of military and military installations to nature and the environment. It will explore this issue from multiple angles and in several regions, with speakers from Europe, East Asia, and North America.

Militarization and Migration – the world of Human Right Defenders

January 24th, 2021, at 17:00 – 19:00 CET (UTC+1)

Organised PragueSpring2

Speakers:

Daniela Gonzalez (Mexico), Coordinator of the Human Rights Observatory

Father Alejandro Solalinde (Mexico), on the “Casas de Migrantes”

Ismael Ortiz (El Salvador), INJUVE - Institute of Youth in El Salvador

José Antonio Foronda (Mexico), Lawyer, on Peoples Tribunals for Migrants

Piedad Cordoba (Columbia), Colombian lawyer and politician who served as Senator of Colombia

Moderator: **Katerina Anastasiou** (Austria/Greece), Transform! Europe

Description:

The priority given to national and many times nationalistic security in dealing with the worldwide phenomenon of migration has led to a militarisation of certain areas, especially on the borders between Central America, Mexico and the USA. What can civil society do to stop the ongoing violence and corruption and to promote a radical change of policies towards refugees and migrants.

Military Spending Costs Us The Earth - GCOMS

January 24th, 2021, at 17:00 – 19:00 CET (UTC+1)

Organized by Global Campaign on Military Spending (GCOMS) and IPB

Speakers:

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Colin Archer (UK), former IPB Secretary-General and Sean MacBride Peace Prize Winner

Chloé Meulewaeter (Belgium), GCOMS Office and Centre Delàs

Tori Bateman (USA), American Friends Service Committee

Quique Sánchez (Spain), Centre Delàs and GCOMS Coordinator

Moderator: **Jordi Calvo** (Spain), IPB Vice-President and Centre Delàs

Description:

In this session experts and activists of IPB's Global Campaign On Military Spending will discuss current levels of military spending globally from a critical perspective, arguing that ever-growing military power perpetuates and exacerbates conflicts and instability, does not provide security to people and prevents us from adequately dealing with the global challenges we're facing, as though climate change, pandemics or increasing inequality and migration.

For Peace, Justice & Democracy: U.S. Movement Perspectives

January 24th, 2021, at 17:00 -19:00 CET (UTC+1)

Organized by Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security (CPDCS)

Speakers:

Rev. Karleen Griffiths Sekou (USA), Director for International Relationships and Organizing for the Black Lives Matter Global Network

Lindsay Koshgarian (USA), Director, National Priorities Project

Michael Klare (USA), Military Affairs Editor of The Nation Magazine, Co-Founder Committee for a Sane U.S.-China Policy.

Moderator: **Joseph Gerson** (USA), IPB vice President, President CPDCS

Description:

This webinar will present leading voices from the U.S. justice and peace movements, summarizing the challenges the U.S. people face and the priorities of the U.S. justice, peace and democracy movements.

Nuclear Weapons: Challenging This External Threat Together

January 24th, 2021, at 19:00 -21:00 CET (UTC+1)

Organised by International Peace Bureau (IPB)

Self-Organized: Parallel Panel Discussions

Speakers:

Chuck Johnson (USA), International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW)

Ludo de Brabander (Belgium), Vrede, No to NATO

Marion Küpker (Germany), Büchel is überall - Nuclear Weapons Free Germany

Oleg Bodrov (Russia), Public Council of the Gulf of Finland, IPB Council

Moderator: **Arielle Denis** (France), IPB Board

Description:

Still 13 400 nuclear weapons owned by 9 countries, are threatening the very survival of humankind and our environment. On January 22nd, 2021, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will enter into force; can this momentum bring us to the total elimination of nuclear weapons? What is the situation in the USA, Russia, and European “nuclear weapons supporting states”, members of NATO alliance? And what can we do NOW?

Military Bases: Environment and Geostrategic Impacts

January 24th, 2021, at 19:00 – 21:00 CET (UTC+1)

Organized by Campaign Stopp Air Base Ramstein, No to NATO, IPB

Speakers:

Alain Rouy (France), IPB Board Member and Movement de la Paix

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

Joe Lombardo (USA), The United National AntiWar Colition (UNAC)

Suzuyo Takazatu (Japan), Okinawa Peace Alliance (tbc)

Moderator: **Reiner Braun**, IPB Executive Director and Campaign Stopp Air Base Ramstein

Description:

More than 1000 military bases exist in the world, more than 800 are either under US or NATO command. What is the geostrategic impact of the military bases? What can we learn from the fights against military bases in Ramstein, Okinawa or South Korea. How we can convert military bases?

Divest-Reinvest: Towards a Local Peace Economy

January 24th, 2021, at 19:00 – 21:00 CET (UTC+1)

Self-Organized: Parallel Panel Discussions

Organized by World Beyond War

Speakers:

David Swanson (USA), Co-Founder & Executive Director World BEYOND War

Kelly Curry (USA) CODEPINK Local Peace Economy Organizer

Susi Snyder (Netherlands), Coordinator for Don't Bank on the Bomb

Moderator: **Greta Zarro** (USA), Organizing Director, World BEYOND War

Description:

Divestment gives direct agency to individuals and communities to cut ties to destructive industries. In this panel, three leading organizers will present case studies of successful & diverse divestment models, including fossil fuel and weapons divestment. Beyond divestment, we will explore how divestment must be paired with reinvestment strategies that advance a just transition from a war economy to a peace economy.

Global NATO – All Countries Are Affected By NATO

January 24th, 2021, at 21:00 - 23:00 CET (UTC+1)

Organized by international network No to war – no to NATO (No to NATO)

Speakers:

Ann Wright (USA), Code Pink and Veterans for Peace, No to NATO

David Swanson (USA), World Beyond War

Ingela Martensson (Sweden), Women for Peace

Julieta Daza (Columbia/Venezuela), Juventud Rebelde, Campaign Stopp Air Base Ramstein

Ludo De Brabander (Belgium), vrede vzw

Pablo Dominguez (Montenegro), Save Sinjajevina Montains

Moderator: **Kristine Karch** (Germany), No to NATO'

Description:

In this webinar, we will not only show that the largest military alliance in the world, NATO, is a war machine that affects each country in different ways. Not only NATO members push militarization in their countries, but also non-members support it, as they are involved in NATO policy through cooperation agreements such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue and others.

The COVID-19 Global Solidarity Manifesto and how to Valorize Civil Professions

January 24th, 2021, at 21:00 – 23:00 CET (UTC+1)

Organized COVID-19 Global Solidarity Coalition

Speakers: TBC

Moderator: David Vine (USA), Anthropologist at American University

Description:

The webinar will provide a discussion of the COVID-19 Global Solidarity Manifesto, how to disseminate it more widely, and how to ensure its greatest impact. It will also go into a strategy session to launch a campaign to thank nurses, doctors, teachers, social workers, and others serving humanity during the pandemic and after. The underlying goal is to valorise these professions more and ensure that soldiers (in the US and elsewhere) are not the only people thanked for their "service."

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