



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual 2026 PCSJ Conference**  
**Jan. 15-16, 2026, On Campus & Online**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

PCSJ will host its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual PCSJ Conference at Nova Southeastern University's main Ft. Lauderdale, FL campus (and online) on January 15-16, 2026. The theme is:

**“Strengthening global and local communities to foster human security.”**

**SUBMISSION DUE DATE: May 15, 2025**

**SUBMISSION LINK: [https://nsuworks.nova.edu/pcs\\_conference/](https://nsuworks.nova.edu/pcs_conference/)**

Conflict resolution scholars and practitioners have often observed that the best way to have security is to build community. This is true human security—grounded in human rights, local engagement, relations of respect and trust, and a context that allows us to meet our basic human needs. As we prepare to gather for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace and Conflict Studies Journal Conference, PCSJ invites submissions that reflect on the theme of the importance of both the global and local communities to strengthen human security.

What does human security mean in a time when democratic norms are challenged worldwide? What methods of research can assist us in understanding the best means of intervening and de-escalating various kinds of violence at all levels, be it organizational, family, community, or global? What innovations in theory and scholarship can bring new insights?

Reflecting on our field's cornerstone theory of positive peace, articulated by essential scholars and leaders such as Dr. Maria Montessori and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we recall that peaceful communities exhibit more than just a lack of violence. They demonstrate care for all citizens, the presence of just relationships, and collaborative, nonviolent conflict resolution. We welcome abstracts that advance theory, research and practice on the theme of strengthening global and local communities to foster human security.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Prospective presenters should submit a proposal of **approximately 300 words by May 15, 2025**. Proposals should convey the findings, methodology (if applicable), and contributions of the study to the field of peace and conflict resolution. Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods studies, as well as empirically grounded practitioner perspectives, are welcomed. Please specify, as asked in the submission form, if you plan to present on-campus or virtually. Further guidance may be obtained from the general description of PCSJ that follows. You can find PCSJ's website at: <https://nsuworks.nova.edu/pcs/>

## PCSJ General Journal Description:

Peace and Conflict Studies (ISSN: 1082-7307) is committed to interdisciplinary explorations on conflict resolution, peace building, humanitarian assistance, and other alternative mechanisms that seek to prevent and control violence. PCSJ is interested in the following areas of focus for nonviolence and social change:

- Sustainable development
- Ecological balance
- Community revitalization
- Reflective practice
- Action research
- Social justice
- Human factors/interpersonal communication
- Human rights
- Gender equality
- Intercultural relations
- Grassroots movements
- Family interactions
- Workplace or organizational change
- Peace education

Manuscripts may also address various human experiences, social issues, and policy agendas that are connected to the research literature, practice, and experiential learning in the fields.

We look forward to receiving your proposals.

Best Wishes,

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