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## Morning Welcomes and Keynote Session

**Welcomes:** Dr. Andrea Nevis, Dean, Halmos College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Urszula Strawinska-Zanko, Chair, Dept. of Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Dr. Cheryl Duckworth, Assoc. Professor, Conflict Resolution and Peace Education

**KEYNOTE LECTURE: 9 am **\*\*ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN STANDARD\*\*****  
**Peace Research from within Peace Practice: Discovering the Untapped Potential of Reflective Practice for Research Innovation**

[Zoom link here](#)

Dr. Tatsushi Arai, Assoc. Professor, Peace and Conflict Studies, Kent State University



Bio: Dr. Tatsushi (Tats) Arai is an Associate Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at Kent State University, USA. His research focuses broadly on conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and multitrack diplomacy with an emphasis on solution-oriented thinking and long-term systemic change. His publications include *Creativity and Conflict Resolution* (Routledge) and *Contested Memories and Reconciliation Challenges* (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, with S. Goto and Z. Wang as co-editors). Dr Arai's recent articles in the *Peace and Conflict Studies* journal explore a Burmese Buddhist worldview and method of conflict resolution (2015, 2017) and community-based psychosocial healing in Rwanda (2019). As a conflict resolution trainer, mediator, and adviser with over two decades of practitioner experience across Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East, Dr Arai has previously served as a United Nations Senior Mediation Advisor on a when-actually-employed basis. He has also worked extensively with NGOs, community-based organizations, government agencies, and international organizations. Dr Arai is a Japanese citizen and lives with his tri-national family in Cleveland, Ohio.

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**Block A 10:45-12:15**

ZOOM ROOM 1 [LINK HERE](#)

YOUTH & EDUCATION

**Session Chair and Tech Chair:** Jessica Arriola, *Nova Southeastern University*

**Narratives from a violent-peaceful country: perceptions of violence, peace and power among the youth in Brazil**

Roberta Maschietto, *Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra*

Marcos Ferreira, *Universidade Federal da Paraíba*

**Implementing peace education strategies in the post-nursery and post primary schools: an example from Nigeria**

Zipporah Onyinyechi Omenma, *University of Nigeria*

Nkechinyere Charity Edeh, *University of Nigeria*

Eric Kenekwaku Nwagu, *University of Nigeria*

Benedeth Nkiru Ezegbe, *University of Nigeria*

Chukwuma Patrick Nwabudike, *University of Nigeria*

Emmanuel Eze, *University of Nigeria*

**The Need for Social Justice Education in 6th-8th Grade Florida Curricula**

Jessica Arriola, *Nova Southeastern University*

**Educational Challenges in the U.S. in times of COVID-19: Experiences from Parents of PreK-12 Students**

Lizyvette Ramos, *Nova Southeastern University*

Alithia Payan, *Nova Southeastern University*

Gabriel Ipasu, *Nova Southeastern University*

Elena Bastidas, *Nova Southeastern University*

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Session Chair and Tech Chair:** Peter Kent, *Nova Southeastern University*

**The Turkish Foreign Policy in the Era of Erdogan: a threat to peace in the Balkans?**

Atanas Dimitrov, *University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria*

Ani Arutyunyan, *University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria*

**Amnesty or Prosecution: The International Experience of Dealing with the Legacy of Armed Conflict**

Feillim O'nAdmaill, *University College, Cork, Ireland*

**Peace politics and the political spectrum: a co-creative approach to left and right**

Juliet Bennett

**State conspiracy and counterterrorism engagements in Nigeria: changing the peace agenda narratives**

Victor Chidubem Iwuoha, *University of Nigeria*  
Jude Tochukwu Omenma, *University of Nigeria*  
Celestine Uchekukwu Udeogu, *University of Nigeria*

**Perception of police and fear of terrorism: a psycho-social challenge to national security, peace and development**

Charles O. Okonkwo, *Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University*  
CHINYEREUGO C. EZEONUEGBU, *Chuwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University*

**The Failures of Power-Sharing Agreements and the Necessity for Trust Building: The Case of the South Sudan Peace Process**

Sam A. Onapa, *University of New England*

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INTERNATIONAL

SESSION CHAIR: Gearoid Millar, *University of Aberdeen*

TECH CHAIR: Eden Schneider, *Nova Southeastern University*

**A Theoretical Treatise to the Cyprus Problem: Neoliberalism, Securitization, and Neoclassical Realism**

Nikos Lekakis, *University of Crete*

**Indigenous Monitoring and Evaluation: Assessing Local Impacts of Peace Practice**

Gearoid Millar, *University of Aberdeen*  
Sukanya Podder, *Kings College London*

**Peace and Conflict Studies: A Global Perspective**

Dr. Unmana Sarangi, *Government of India*

**Costs of Ideologically Driven Conflicts: A Case of Nepal**

Mukunda Raj Kattel, *Tribhuvan University*

**Promoting peace through gender equality: A study on cultural alternatives to counter stereotypical patterns of gender inequality**

Anshu Subedi, *Tribhuvan University*

**Refugee economic integration and its Implications for Social Justice in Canada**

Aziz Rahman

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RELIGION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

SESSION CHAIR: Jeremy Rinker, *University of North Carolina at Greensboro*

TECH CHAIR: Joanna Winters, *Nova Southeastern University*

**Cultivating a shared society among Jews and Arabs in Israel: An integrative conflict-engagement approach for transforming social fragmentation**

Ran Kuttner, *University of Haifa*

**Moroccan Islamists and COVID 19: The Challenge from the Margins**

Jack Kalpakian, *Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco*

**Devotional Religious Practice as Trauma-Informed Response to Nationalist Polarization**

Jeremey Rinker, *University of North Carolina at Greensboro*

**Towards a theology of conflict transformation in churches through social media**

Abeyado Afolaranmi, *Lead City University, Ibadan*

**Will Gandhian nonviolence produce nonviolent peacekeeping: from Shanti Sena (Peace Army) to Islamic Nonviolence**

Sezai Ozcelik, *Cankiri Karatekin University*

**Conceptualising Nonviolent Revolution**

Chris Brown, *Swinburne University of Technology*

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**Block B 1:15-2:45**

ZOOM ROOM 1 POSTER SESSION [LINK HERE](#)

Session Chair: Angi-Yoder-Maina, *Green String Network*

Tech Chair: Crystal Chavis, *Nova Southeastern University*

Posters

**P1. The Curious Case of Nationalism and Female Subjectivities: A Study of Exiled Tibetan Women in India**

Surbhi Mehta

**P2. Wellbeing and Resilience: A Grounded Theory Using a Trauma-Informed Lens for a Healing-Centered Peacebuilding**

Angi Yoder-Maina, *Green String Network*

**P3. Zone of Twilight? Peace and Conflict in Latin America and the United Nations**

Sezai Ozcelik, *Cankiri Karatekin University*

**P4. Environmental Degradation and Sustainable development in Nigeria: The Need for Environmental Education**

Chukwuma Patrick Nwabudike *University of Nigeria*

Zipporah Onyinyechi Omenma, *University of Nigeria*

Emmanuel Eze, *University of Nigeria*

Nkechinyere Charity Edeh, *University of Nigeria*

Uloma Adaogo Onwuzurike, *University of Nigeria*

**P5. Broken Promises: Hope and Despair-the dilemma of peace processes in Afghanistan**  
Aarti Upadhyay  
Mohammad Ayub Yusufzai, Balkh University & Commissioner at Afghanistan Independent  
Human Rights Commission

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INTERNATIONAL

Session Chair: Peter Kent, *Nova Southeastern University*

Tech Chair: Peter Kent, *Nova Southeastern University*

**Metro de Medellín: Urban infrastructure and historical memory in the creation of territorial belonging and identity**

Phoenix Paz, *Universidad de Medellín*

Paula Valencia, *Universidad de Medellín*

**Economic Peace Across Ceasefire Lines**

Costas N. Apostolides, *University of Malta*

Erdal Guryay, *Cyprus Science University*

**The History of an almost invisible concept: How the study of conflict and violence led to peace studies in Colombia and Peru**

Egoitz Gago, *Pontificia Universidad Javeriana*

**“Never at heart’s ease:” Perceptions of identity and radicalization amongst second-generation Pakistani-Canadians**

Saad A. Khan, *University of Winnipeg*

**Learning with Peaceful, Heterogeneous Communities: Lessons on Sustaining Peace in Mauritius**

Naseem Aumeerally, *University of Mauritius*

Allegra Chen-Carrel, *Columbia University*

Peter T. Coleman, *Columbia University*

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Session Chair: Sean Byrne, *University of Manitoba*

Tech Chair: Jacqui Ennis, *Nova Southeastern University*

**Panel: Critical and Emancipatory Peacebuilding and Ethnopolitical Conflicts**

Sean Byrne, *University of Manitoba*

Surulola Eke, *Queen’s University*

Calum Dean, *University of Manitoba*

Thomas Matyok, *Middle Georgia State University*

Jessica Senehi, *University of Manitoba*

Chuck Thiessen, *Coventry University*

Franke Wilmer, *Montana State University*

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**Block C 3:00-4:30**

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Panel Session Chair: Elena Bastidas, *Nova Southeastern University*

Tech Chair: Jessica Arriola, *Nova Southeastern University*

**PANEL: Sustainable Development in The Time of Pandemic: A National and Global perspective**

Elena Bastidas, *Nova Southeastern University*

Adam Zemans, *Nova Southeastern University*

Veronica Chin, *Nova Southeastern University*

Peter Kent, *Nova Southeastern University*

Jessica Arriola, *Nova Southeastern University*

Roland Joseph, *Nova Southeastern University*

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Building Peace, Reducing Violence

Session Chair: Daniel Rothbart, *George Mason University*

Tech Chair: Joanna Winters, *Nova Southeastern University*

**Power, Emotions, and Violent Conflicts**

Daniel Rothbart

*Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University*

**Peacebuilding Responses to America's Crises**

Chip Hauss

*Alliance for Peacebuilding*

**Comparative Master Narratives and Global Peacebuilding**

Solon Simmons

*Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University*

**Why Would I Want to Talk to Them? An Exploration of Attitudes Towards Talking Across the Red-Blue Political Divide**

Mindy Burrell, *Nova Southeastern University Alumna*

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**NATIONALISMS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Session Chair: Ismael Muvingi, *Nova Southeastern University*

Tech Chair: Jacqui Ennis, *Nova Southeastern University*

**Tribal Nationalism and the Challenges for Conflict Resolution**

*Ismael Muvingi, Nova Southeastern University*

**Nationalism and violence in Africa: case study in the Democratic Republic of Congo**  
Yvon Muya Cimanga, *Saint Paul University*

**The opportunities and limits of a military coup as a conflict resolution mechanism for social change: The case of Zimbabwe**  
Douglas Mpondi, *Metropolitan State University of Denver*

**Self-determination, Plebiscite and U.N. Resolutions: A Case of Kashmir Conflict**  
Rizwan Ali, *University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

**Crises Beyond Nationalities**  
J.P. Linstroth, *Barry University*

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ORGANIZATIONAL AND FAMILY CONFLICT

SESSION CHAIR: Alexia Georgakopoulos, *Nova Southeastern University*

TECH CHAIR: Eden Schneider, *Nova Southeastern University*

**The marketing behind the merging of Conflict Resolution with Communities**  
Emily Skinner, *Nova Southeastern University Alumna*

**A Study Investigating Depictions of Workplace Bullying in Hollywood Films**  
Alexia Georgakopoulos, *Nova Southeastern University*  
Maria Georgo, *Valencia Community College*

**Conflict in Familial Relationships: A Case Study of A Veteran Living Beyond War**  
Krystle Hunter, *Nova Southeastern University*  
Shaun M. Hunter

**Media Depictions of Workplace Bullying**  
Maria Georgo, *Valencia Community College*

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NATIONAL IDENTITIES, BELONGING AND CONFLICT

Session Chair: Basil Ugorji, *Nova Southeastern University*

Tech Chair: Peter Kent, *Nova Southeastern University*

**The Columbus Monument: A Hermeneutical Analysis**  
Basil Ugorji, *Nova Southeastern University*

**The ‘Silent’ Conflict (& Resolution) Between Refugee Community and Host Society**  
Anuj Gurung, *Kent State University*

**Lessons learned from Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS): Finding solutions for “economic inclusion” challenges for Migrant Professionals**  
Alka Kumar



**Nationalism and the pursuit of international peace: A comparative study of nationalist movements in Africa and Europe**

Samuel Adu-Gyamfi, *Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology*

Sebastian Angzoorokuu Paalo, *University of Queensland, Australia*

**Conflict Analysis and Pathways to Conciliation: The Communist Party of China and Uyghurs**

Taylor Ordway, *Univ. of Denver*

Raisa Wells, *Univ. of Denver*

Caitlin Sheridan, *Univ. of Denver*

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**Block D 4:45–6:15**

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THE PANDEMIC, CONFLICT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

SESSION CHAIR: Robin Cooper, *Nova Southeastern University*

TECH CHAIR: Tanna Krewson, *Nova Southeastern University*

**Social Cohesion in the Time of COVID-19: Exploring Changes in Attitudes, Behaviors, and Identities**

Robin Cooper, *Nova Southeastern University*

Tanna Krewson, *Nova Southeastern University*

Mazen Younis, *Nova Southeastern University*

**COVID-19, Colonialism, and Indigenous Peoples: How Can Peace and Conflict Scholars and Practitioners Help?**

Laura Finley, *Barry University*

**Conflict Resolution in the Virtual World: The Impact of COVID-19 on New Ways of Doing Business**

Eileen Petzold-Bradley, *Nova Southeastern University*

**COVID-19's Impact on UN Peacekeeping Operations in Africa's Mineral based Wars: African Indigenous Knowledge Systems as an Alternative**

Evelyn Namakula Mayanja, *University of Winnipeg*

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EDUCATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

SESSION CHAIR: Darby Munroe, *Nova Southeastern University*

TECH CHAIR: Darby Munroe, *Nova Southeastern University*

**Mentorship: A Conflict Intervention Tool at the Collegiate Level**

Krystle Hunter, *Nova Southeastern University*

Erica Martin, *Nova Southeastern University*

**The Expansion of the International Baccalaureate in the U.S.: Is it Mission Accomplished for this Popular Peace Education Program?**

Eliana Mukherjee

**Peace Education vs Patriotic Education: how to facilitate dialogues**

Darby Munroe, *Nova Southeastern University*

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**CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN COMMUNITIES**

Session Chair: Robin Neustaeter, *St. Francis Xavier University*

Tech Chair: Crystal Chavis, *Nova Southeastern University*

**Who's Looking: Listening for the Hidden Story of Women's Peace Leadership Learning**

Robin Neustater, *St. Francis Xavier University*

**Theoretical and action-oriented vindication of peace: the recognition of structurality to overcome usual preconceptions of the category**

Dora Elvira Garcia-Gonzalez, *Tecnologico de Monterrey*

Natalia Vargas Escobar, *Tecnologico de Monterrey*

**The drum beat of the Inuit Circumpolar Council: conflict transformation through communication and collaboration**

Lydia Schoeppner, *Canadian Mennonite University*

**The Mitigation of Electoral Violence and Peacebuilding in Africa: The Diplomatic Strategies of Traditional Authorities and Shared Norms**

Christopher Appiah-Thompson, *The University of Newcastle, Australia*

**Water in divided societies: scarcity, conflict and the community experience**

Peter McArdle, *The University of Sydney*

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**PATHWAYS TO BUILDING PEACE**

Session Chair: Adam Zemans, *Nova Southeastern University*

Tech Chair: Jacqui Ennis, *Nova Southeastern University*

**How militarism fuels and is sustained in an age of “-isms”: introducing a new framework for analysis to understand and transcend destructive discourses and practices in the way of peace with justice**

Patrick Hiller

**My Account of the Bolivian Revolution of 2019 and Facilitated Dialogue About Its Value As Autoethnography That Buffers Polarization**

Adam Zemans, *Nova Southeastern University*

**Gendering the Pandemic in the United States**

Katerina Standish, *University of Otago*

**Black nationalism: a path to peace**

Adrianna T. Davis, *AdventHealth University*

**“I did not want to look him in the eyes”– Analysing Process-related Justice Needs of Rwandan Victim-survivors of Genocidal Sexual Violence and their Experiences with the Gacaca Courts**

Judith Rafferty

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***PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES JOURNAL BOARD’S EVENING RECEPTION***

*6:15-7 PM*

All vPCSJ Conference attendees are warmly invited!

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