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**Peace and Conflict Studies Journal Conference**  
**Power from Below For a More Just and Durable Peace**  
**November 10 & 11, 2022**  
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## 2022 PCSJ Conference Schedule-at-a-Glance

**NOTE: ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN STANDARD**

### November 10, 2022

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN & BREAKFAST (DeSantis Atrium)

9:00 a.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Knight Auditorium)  
[ZOOM LINK]

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. KEYNOTE (Knight Auditorium in the DeSantis Building)  
Rehumanizing as Decolonizing: Recentering Peace and Conflict Studies  
Dr. Pushpa Iyer, *George Mason University*

10:30 a.m. Coffee break (DeSantis Atrium)

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. SESSION BLOCK A

Ways of Knowing (Virtual; DeSantis 1048)	[Zoom TBA]
Agency and autonomy (Hybrid; DeSantis 1049)	[Zoom TBA]
PANEL: Identity-based Conflict & Peacebuilding (Virtual; DeSantis 1053)	[Zoom TBA]
The Publics (Virtual; DeSantis 1054)	[Zoom TBA]

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. LUNCH (DeSantis Auditorium)

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. SESSION BLOCK B

Language (Virtual; DeSantis 1048)	[Zoom TBA]
Gender (Hybrid; DeSantis 1053)	[Zoom TBA]

3:00 p.m. COFFEE BREAK (DeSantis Atrium)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. SESSION BLOCK C

Restorative (Hybrid; DeSantis 1049)	[Zoom TBA]
Equity (Hybrid; DeSantis 1054)	[Zoom TBA]

5 p.m. EDITORIAL BOARD'S RECEPTION (DeSantis 3000)  
All registered attendees are invited for heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshment.  
Virtual attendees can join us in a virtual reception [Zoom TBA]

### November 11, 2022

9:00 a.m. CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST (DeSantis Atrium)

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. SESSION BLOCK D

PANEL: Conflict and conflict resolution initiatives in Africa (Hybrid; DeSantis 1048)	[Zoom TBA]
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WORKSHOP: Protracted Identity Conflict: Understanding Conflict & Identity in  
Marginalized Groups (DeSantis 1049)  
Dynamics (Virtual; DeSantis 1053) [Zoom TBA]

11:00 a.m. COFFEE BREAK

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. SESSION BLOCK E

PANEL: Sites of peacebuilding: Human rights, decolonizing research, museums, cultural  
sources of knowledge (Virtual; DeSantis 1048) [Zoom TBA]  
Natural resources (Virtual; DeSantis 1049) [Zoom TBA]  
Sense-making and education (Virtual; DeSantis 1054) [Zoom TBA]

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. LUNCH (DeSantis Atrium)

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. SESSION BLOCK F

Dynamics (Virtual; DeSantis 1048) [Zoom TBA]  
Unity (Hybrid; DeSantis 1053) [Zoom TBA]  
Local-global connections (Virtual; DeSantis 1054) [Zoom TBA]

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. WORKSHOP: Demystifying the publication process (DeSantis 1049)

4:15 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. Optional CAMPUS TOURS with Colina Cole and GQ Haze (Meet in  
DeSantis Atrium)

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. CLOSING SESSION (Knight Auditorium) [Zoom TBA]

6:00 p.m. Optional DINE-AROUNDS (Ft. Lauderdale)

## Full Schedule

### 9:00 a.m. OPENING [Zoom]

**Remarks:** Dr. Holly Lynn Baumgartner, Dean, Halmos College of Arts and Sciences  
Dr. Terry Savage, Chair, Department of Conflict Resolution Studies  
Dr. Cheryl Duckworth, Professor, Department of Conflict Resolution Studies

### 9:30 a.m. KEYNOTE LECTURE

#### **Rehumanizing as decolonizing: Recentering peace and conflict studies**

Dr. Pushpa Iyer, Director, Center for Conflict Studies

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



Dr. Pushpa Iyer is an activist, practitioner, scholar, and teacher, in conflict resolution, peacebuilding, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Her work to bring peace between Gujarat's (India) divided Hindu and Muslim communities laid the foundation for her social justice work. Her research in South and Southeast Asia, Africa, and the United States, has focused on identity-based conflicts, non-state armed groups, and peacebuilding. Dr. Iyer's current research centers on developing approaches to decolonizing the mind through a historical and contextual understanding of how colonized minds impact knowledge acquisition and dissemination. As Senior Technical Advisor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Catholic Relief Services, she designs and develops programs that facilitate attitudinal and behavioral changes for a more equitable and inclusive organizational/ societal culture.

Dr. Iyer published her coffee table book, “Gandhi’s Gujarat: Vibrant Diversity through the Center for Conflict Studies.” She is currently writing a book titled “Challenging the Binary: Decolonizing Antiracism Approaches with Compassionate Courage” (Routledge, 2023.) Dr. Iyer is a Visiting Scholar at her alma mater, the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University, where she received her Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution. She also holds an MBA in International Management from the University of East London, U.K. After graduating from George Mason University, Dr. Iyer was an Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution at the Middlebury Institute and served as the Institute’s first Chief Diversity Officer.

Dr. Iyer is the founder and director of the Center for Conflict Studies, which has successfully run many initiatives, including a Summer Peacebuilding Program, a Certificate in Conflict Resolution, and a research-cum-practice initiative for racial equity - *Allies at MIIS*. A current initiative of the Center is *Compassionate Courage*, an intervention approach for resolving identity-based conflicts.

Dr. Iyer serves on the Board of various non-profits, has organized eight conferences and symposiums, is a frequent speaker and trainer on various social justice issues and writes on topics that stir her conscience.

### **10:30 a.m. COFFEE BREAK (DeSantis Atrium)**

### **10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. SESSION BLOCK A**

#### **WAYS OF KNOWING [VIRTUAL; DeSantis 1048]**

ZOOM TBA

Session Chair: Daniel Rothbart

Tech Chair: Charlotte Santana

Conflict research as praxis

Daniel Rothbart, *George Mason University*

Responses to Canada’s largest mass shooting: A peacebuilding analysis

Nancy Ross, *Dalhousie University*

Sue Bookchin, *Be the Peace Institute*

An artistic response to social unrest in Hong Kong: Utilizing the arts to build up and sustain an understanding and respectful community

Shue-kei Joanna Mok, *University of Maryland, College Park*

The Ukraine crisis narrative in Western scholarship

Nikos Lekakis, *University of Crete*

#### **AGENCY & AUTONOMY [HYBRID; DeSantis 1049]**

ZOOM TBA

Session Chair: Kimberly Hamilton-Wright

Tech Chair: Eden Schneider

Organizational conflict management systems: Towards design, innovation, creativity, and inclusion

Eileen P. Petzold-Bradley, *Nova Southeastern University*

Alexia Georgakopoulos, *Nova Southeastern University*

An exploration of workplace bullying through the lenses of group relations theory, Bion's theory, and the U.S. Air Force acquisition leadership challenge

Kimberly J. Hamilton-Wright, *Nova Southeastern University*

Experiential education for social justice: Lessons learned during the pandemic

Laura Finley, *Barry University*

The importance of peace of mind in quality of life and work of secondary school teachers: A case study in Dimapur District, Nagaland.

V.T. Vsagan, *Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University*

Nimmi Pappachan, *Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University*

**PANEL: Identity-based conflict and peacebuilding [VIRTUAL; DeSantis 1053]**

**ZOOM TBA**

Session Chair: Jessica Senehi

Tech Chair: Katherin Rivas

Adam Muller, *University of Manitoba*

Imani Michelle Scott, *Savannah College of Art and Design*

Michele Lemonius, *University of Manitoba*

Sean Byrne, *University of Manitoba*

Mehmet Yavuz, *University of Manitoba*

Jessica Senehi, *University of Manitoba*

**THE PUBLICS [VIRTUAL; DeSantis 1054]**

**ZOOM TBA**

Session Chair: Frank Chiwada

Tech Chair: Shenée Simon

Rethinking the role of the media in peacebuilding: The case of Zimbabwean newspapers

Frank Chiwada, *Solusi University*

Role of social media in promoting and countering religious freedom: A case study of Bangladesh

Oeshwik Ahmed, *British Council*

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## **1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. SESSION BLOCK B**

**LANGUAGE [VIRTUAL; DeSantis 1048]**

**ZOOM TBA**

Session Chair: Mehmet Yavuz

Tech Chair: Eden Schneider

The shape of the story: Peace versus justice in narrative studies

Solon Simmons, *George Mason University*

Queering the language of peacebuilding in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Bosniak, Croat, and Serb perceptions of social justice

Mehmet Yavuz, *University of Manitoba*

The peace education nexus and its impact on long-term peace consolidation in post-conflict Sierra Leone

Christina Mammone, *Flinders University*

GENDER [HYBRID; DeSantis 1053]

ZOOM TBA

Session Chair: Robin Neustater

Tech Chair: Charlotte Santana

Reconciling women, peace, and security and conflict transformation through conflict transformation education in Afghan refugee communities

Ava Strasser, *New York University*

Deconstructing feminist peacebuilding using a postcolonial feminist lens

Muna Killingback, *University of Massachusetts at Boston*

Not to be ignored: People's peace power

Robin Neustater, *St. Francis Xavier University*

When is it convenient for indigenous women to participate in policy advocacy?

Alaide Vences Estudillo, *University of Manitoba*

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### **SESSION BLOCK C 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

RESTORATIVE [HYBRID; DeSantis 1049]

ZOOM TBA

Session Chair: Mohammed Abu-Nimer

Tech Chair: Elohor Aduomayebe

Education for forgiveness and reconciliation among Iraqi teachers: Challenges and possibilities

Mohammed Abu-Nimer, *American University*

Mapuche and the power of women: Incorporating indigenous practices to navigate a modern world

Peter Kent, *Nova Southeastern University*

The contribution of ex-combatant disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) to the sustainable development goals (SDGs)

Dylan Herrera, *University of Iceland*

Exploring alternative approaches to peace: Traditions, beliefs, and memories in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Yvon Muya Cimanga, *Saint Paul University*

EQUITY [HYBRID; DeSantis 1054]

ZOOM TBA

Session Chair: Sean Byrne

Tech Chair: Eden Schneider

Building infrastructures for peace

Giselle Huamani Ober, *On Common Ground*

Economic aid, peacebuilding, and reconciliation in Northern Ireland

Sean Byrne, *University of Manitoba*

Mehmet Yavuz, *University of Manitoba*

Using action research as a tool for community healing and transformation

Dumisani Maqeda Ngwenya, *Durbin University of Technology*

Peace as a tactic of state sponsored anti-Black police violence: Reflections from the front lines of the 1960s Black power movements  
Tony Gaskew, *University of Pittsburgh at Bradford*

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**Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. SESSION BLOCK D**

PANEL: Conflict and Conflict Resolution Initiatives in Africa [HYBRID; DeSantis 1048]

ZOOM TBA

Session Chair: Genevieve Sabala

Tech Chair: Charlotte Santana

Reclaiming the indigenous and Re-envisioning Conflict Resolution Institutions;

*Dare* adoption and adaptation in Zimbabwe

Ismael Muvingi, *Nova Southeastern University*

Forgiveness, a necessary factor in unorthodox women-led peacebuilding and sustainable peacekeeping initiatives

Genevieve M. Sabala, *Nova Southeastern University*

Giving voice to the female victims of the insurgency in Eastern Uganda in the late 1980s and early 1990s

Lawrence Egulu, *Nova Southeastern University*

WORKSHOP (DeSantis 1049)

Protracted identity conflict: Understanding conflict and identity in marginalized groups

Adrian N. Carter, *Nova Southeastern University*

DYNAMICS [VIRTUAL; DeSantis 1053]

ZOOM TBA

Session Chair: Jeremy Rinker

Tech Chair: Katherin Rivas

Analysis of socio-technical controversies in two cases of socio-environmental conflicts in Peru as a requirement for transformation of conflicts

Sandro Macassi, *Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru*

The settler colonial imagination: Hindutva, neoliberal interests, and coming to grips with collective trauma and genocide in Kashmir

Jeremy Rinker, *The University of North Carolina at Greensboro*

Endangered rights in emerging democracies: Policing protests, dissent, and civil disobedience in Nigeria

Paul Ani Onuh, *University of Nigeria*

Perpetual Nneka Onuigbo, *University of Tasmania*

Conflict resolution, peace studies, and emerging intersections: Optimal search strategies and “mapping” the field for the future

Stacy R. Allsop, *Nova Southeastern University*

Andrew Duffy, *Nova Southeastern University*

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**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. SESSION BLOCK E**



PANEL: Sites of peacebuilding: Human rights, decolonizing education, decolonizing research, museums, cultural sources of knowledge [VIRTUAL; DeSantis 1048]

ZOOM TBA

Session Chair: Anya Russian

Tech Chair: Katherin Rivas

Seeing the system: Adapting peace and conflict studies to the task of school system critique  
Marc Benjamin Kuly, *University of Winnipeg*

Not decolonized yet: A call to peace educators to help decolonize universities  
Heidi Lamb, *University of Manitoba*

Museums at the seams: How two North Carolina museums are supporting racial literacy, critical education, and civic activism  
Anya Russian, *University of Manitoba*

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights...but  
Tamika Osiname, *University of Manitoba*

Storytelling my way to a more peaceful self  
Jennifer Tesoro, *University of Manitoba*

NATURAL RESOURCES [VIRTUAL; DeSantis 1049]

ZOOM TBA

Session Chair: Alexandru Balas

Tech Chair: Elohor Aduomayebe

Building community climate change resilience through the use of the war metaphor in citizen lake science & stewardship  
Adam Zemans, *Nova Southeastern University*

The European Union as a third party in environmental conflicts in central Asia  
Alexandru Balas, *State University of New York at Cortland*

SENSE-MAKING AND EDUCATION [VIRTUAL; DeSantis 1054]

ZOOM TBA

Session Chair: Henry W. Young

Tech Chair: Eden Schneider

Dialogic pedagogy as peace education pedagogy for youth: With lessons from post-civil conflict Sri Lanka  
Janith Prabashwara Perera Jayatilake Kankanamalage, *University of Nottingham*

Perceived lack of teacher empathy and remedial classroom conflicts: A phenomenological study  
Henry W. Young, Jr., *Cuyahoga Community College District*

Secondary science as a vehicle for peace and conflict resolution education  
Pamelia N. Khaled, *University of Toronto*

The emergence of a conflict-free society: A study of the Bodo and Santhal communities of Kokrajihar, Assam, India  
Shibu Varghese Palayathil Chacko, *MGM College*

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## **2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. SESSION BLOCK F**

**DYNAMICS [VIRTUAL; DeSantis 1048]**

**ZOOM TBA**

Session Chair: Michael Chadukiewicz

Tech Chair: Katherin Rivas

Dilemmas of war and peace in Ukraine

Karina Korostelina, *George Mason University*

Grassroots coalitions: Relationships, creativity, and conflict resolution

Michael Chadukiewicz, *Nova Southeastern University*

What is peace for victims? Understanding the pitfall of liberal peacebuilding in the Chittagong Hill Tracts from 'below'

Tareq Hossaon Khan, *Education University of Hong Kong*

Bottom-up approach peacebuilding mechanism: A study of peace centre initiatives and peace infrastructures in Nigeria

Oseremen Felix Irene, *Federal University Oye-Ekiti*

**UNITY [HYBRID; DeSantis 1053]**

**ZOOM TBA**

Session Chair: Tanna Krewson

Tech Chair: Charlotte Santana

Congolese citizen movements and the challenge of mobilization in the political arena: An analysis with LUCHA

Yvon Muya Cimanga, *Saint Paul University*

Contested narratives of what it means to be American: Perceptions of national identity in the time of Covid

Robin Cooper, *Nova Southeastern University*

An analysis of riots and electoral politics in India

Daipayan Dhar, *Indian Institute of Technology – Guwahati*

**LOCAL-GLOBAL CONNECTIONS [VIRTUAL; DeSantis 1054]**

**ZOOM TBA**

Session Chair: Claudine Kuradusenge-McLeod

Tech Chair: Shenée Simon

Exile activism and conflict resolution: Evidence from the Tibetan diaspora in India

Surbhi Mehta, *Jamia Millia Islamia University*

Local wits of peace: A qualitative investigation of local peacebuilders engaged in international reconciliation processes

Beltin Gjeloshi, *George Mason University*

Power to the people when diaspora communities take a side: A comparative case study of Ethiopian and Rwandan communities in the United States

Claudine Kuradusenge-McLeod, *American University*

Institutional legacies of violent conflict

Unmana Sarangi, *Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, India*

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

WORKSHOP: Demystifying the publication process [HYBRID; DeSantis 1049]

ZOOM TBA

Session Chair: Cheryl Duckworth, *Nova Southeastern University*

Tech Chair: Eden Schneider

Robin Cooper, *Nova Southeastern University*

Mary Hope Schwoebel, *Nova Southeastern University*

Laura Ramirez, *Nova Southeastern University*

Cheryl Duckworth, *Nova Southeastern University*

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