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Keynote speakers

Slađana Lazić



Slađana Lazić (she/they, PhD) is a scholar and educator focusing on the questions of peace and justice, politics of knowledge production in Peace and Conflict Studies, anti- and decolonial approaches to thinking/knowing/doing peace otherwise, and the post-Yugoslav space. They are one of the co-founders of the YugoslaWomen+Collective and serve as an assistant professor of Peace and Conflict studies, and Speaker of the InnPeace Research Center at the University of Innsbruck, Austria. Together with Elena Stavrevska, Slađana co-edited the Special Issue on “Peace in Plural: Towards Decolonial and Feminist Approaches to Peace”.

Micheline Mwendike



Micheline Mwendike is an influential Congolese activist and co-founder of the nonviolent citizen movement LUCHA (Lutte pour le Changement). Recognized for her commitment to human rights and social justice in the DRC, she is also a prolific writer. Her best-known work, La Guerre a échoué (not translated), offers an insightful chronicle of the history of Goma and the origins of nonviolent resistance. She is currently a Program Manager at Afrikki (African Activist Network), where she leads essential programmes that strengthen and connect the voices of change across Africa. She is responsible for turning strategic vision into concrete, measurable and funded actions.

Frank Möller



Frank Möller currently works as a Senior Research Fellow at the Tampere Peace Research Institute, Tampere University, Finland. His main research focuses on visual peace research, the visualisation of peace and the relationship between art and peace. His most recent book is Peace, Complexity, Visuality: Ambiguities in Peace and Conflict (Palgrave Macmillan 2023), written with Rasmus Bellmer. Frank’s current work is well documented on the website Image & Peace, created together with Bellmer.

4 November 2026

Time	Location	Name	Event
09:30-10:30	Reception desk		**REGISTRATION**
10:30-11:00	Auditorium		**WELCOME STATEMENTS** • Ilaria Tucci, EuPRA President • Velma Šarić, Founder & President Post-Conflict Research Center
11:00-12:00	Auditorium		**KEYNOTE** **Slađana Lazić, University of Innsbruck, Austria** "Orientation and Accountability: Shifting our Allegiances from Empire to Liberation"
12:00-13:30			**Lunch**
13:30-15:00	Room 1	Session 1	**DECOLONIAL AND CRITICAL PEACE STUDIES** **Chair:** Ilaria Tucci, Tampere University • Angel Iglesias Ortiz and Bram J. De Smet, Tampere University *"The Forms of Resistance & Practices of Hope (FoRE/HOPE) Project"* • Judith Jordà i Frias, University of Coimbra *"I Am Coloniality: Embracing Discomfort in My Methodological Praxis"* • Melanie Hussak, Peace Institute, Protestant University of Applied Sciences, Freiburg, Daniela Lehner, Graz University *"Rethinking Time and Temporality in Peace Education"* • Julia Jahn, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz *"Agency under Siege: Writing Back as a Tool of Resistance"*
13:30-15:00	Room 2	Session 2	**NONVIOLENCE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS** **Chair:** Caecilie Svop Jensen, Tampere University • Margalita Japaridze, Tampere University *"Navigating Uncertainty: Conducting Research in Rapidly Changing Political Contexts "* • Janith Jayatilake Kankanamalage, University of Leeds *"Resistance, Transformation and Hope: Youth-Led Protests Reshaping Political Orders and Religious and Ethno-Nationalism in South Asia"* • Unto Vesa, Tampere University *"The World Going Crazy. How to get it back on the right tract?"*

13:30-15:00	Room 3	Session 3	**YOUTH, EDUCATION, AND PEACE PEDAGOGIES** **Chair:** Milady Cordero Ulloa, University of Rome La Sapienza • Ilma Kitivojevic, University of Arts in Belgrade *"How Serbian Students Unexpectedly Contributed to Reconciliation"* • Claudio Baraldi, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia *"Facilitation of children's peaceful agency. Suggestions for the education system"* • Philippa Mullins, University of Cambridge *"Peace Studies as Disability Studies: Conceptualising Everyday Worldmaking in Informal Educational Spaces"* • Zeus Mendez, University of Innsbruck *"Epistemic Regimes of Peace: Coloniality, Caste and Disciplinary Foreclosure in Indian PACS"*
13:30-15:00	Room 4	Panel 1	**DECOLONIAL AND CRITICAL PEACE STUDIES** *Embodied Geographies of Peace: Rethinking the Body as a Site of Vulnerability and Repair* • Juulia Niiniranta, Tampere University • Maria Kulikovska, De Montfort University
13:30-15:00	Auditorium	Panel 2	**DIALOGUES, MEDIATION and LOCAL PEACE** *Religions in practice: Reconciliation and Nonviolence as tools for a peaceful coexistence* • Marta Lombardi, University of Rome La Sapienza • Arianna Innocenzi, Fondazione Antonio Emanuele Augurusa • Giuseppina Scala, University of Pisa • Luigi Mariano Guzzo, University of Pisa • Fabio Franceschi, University of Rome La Sapienza
15:00-15:30			**Coffee break**
15:30-17:00	Auditorium	Panel 3	**DECOLONIAL AND CRITICAL PEACE STUDIES** *Remembering Peace Otherwise: Memory, Repair, and Lived Practices of Peace* • Dilara Özel, Middle East Technical University • Samira Hasanzade, University of Glasgow
15:30-17:00	Room 1	Session 4	**FEMINIST PEACE RESEARCH** **Chair:** Judith Jordà i Frias, University of Coimbra • Sara Arias Saiz, Arqus European University Alliance *"Shared Gender Trauma: Militarized Masculinity and the Perpetuation of Gendered Violence"* • Vilja Myllyviita, Tampere University *"Archives as Method in Peace Research: Finnish Socialist Feminist Internationalism in the Late Cold War"*

- Mirna Jancic Doyle, Independent researcher
  "'Into Which Narrative Was I Born?' Inherited Histories and the Possibility of Peace"

15:30-17:00 Room 2 Session 5 **YOUTH, EDUCATION, AND PEACE PEDAGOGIES**

Chair: Milady Cordero Ulloa, University of Rome La Sapienza

- Altomare Distaso & Ilaria Santilli, University of Rome La Sapienza
  "Between Greek Myth and bell hooks: a didactic workshop on interpersonal conflicts and marginality"
- João Dutra, PLANAPP
  "30 years in the making: mapping youth in Balkan peacebuilding documents"
- Anna Di Franco, University of Coimbra
  "When Peace Is Disputed: Peace Education, Consensus, and Relational Ontologies in South Africa"
- Slađana Lazić, University of Innsbruck
  "Myth busting in Peace studies classroom"

15:30-17:00 Room 3 Workshop 1 **DIALOGUES, MEDIATION and LOCAL PEACE**

SKY Online Peace School: From peace research to everyday peace

Organiser: Oona Muje, Suomen Kulttuurienvälinen Yhteisö (SKY)

15:30-17:00 Room 4 Session 6 **SECURITY, POWER AND CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES TO PEACE**

Chair: Merel Selleslach, Flemish Peace Institute

- Maria Rossi, Tampere University
  "Analysing the Analogous Movements of Refugees and Live Animal Exports Across the Mediterranean: Breaking Down Anthropocentric Power Structures"
- Kristoffer Lidén, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
  "Exploring the ethics of priorities in National policies of preparedness"
- Leonardo Scacchi, University for Foreigners in Perugia
  "*From Liberal Interventionism to Neoconservative doctrine: the ideological shift in the justification for military interventions"*

5 November 2026

Time	Location	Name	Event
08:30-09:30	Reception desk		**REGISTRATION**
09:30-10:00	Auditorium		**KEYNOTE** **Micheline Mwendike, Lutte pour le Changement (LUCHA)** "LUCHA: Breaking the Rule of War"
10:00-11:30	Auditorium		**ROUNDTABLE** "*Collective Nonviolent Resistance: From Acknowledging Struggles to Assuming Responsibilities within Academia"* **Speakers:** • Micheline Mwendike, Lutte pour le Changement • Tatjana Milovanović, Post-Conflict Research Center • Maria Kulikovska, De Montfort University **Moderator:** Judith Jordà i Frias, University of Coimbra
11:30-12:00	Cafeteria		**Coffee**
12:00-13:30	Room 1	Session 7	**CLIMATE, ECOLOGY, AND PEACE** **Chair:** Caecilie Svop Jensen, Tampere University • Pragati Parihar, Tampere University *"Ethnographic Research on Indigenous Youth Climate Activism In India"* • Jelica Gordanić, Institute of International Politics and Economics *"Climate Change – A New Threat to Peace"* • Violeta Gutiérrez Zamora and Marjaana Jauhola, Tampere University *"Ecological Care and Decolonial Peace in the face of Commodity Frontiers' expansion and Socio-ecological ruins"* • Anaya Milind Gadkari, Leiden University *"Modern Imperialism: The Eco Revolution and the Climate Crisis as Neocolonial tools of Violent Peace"* • Colins Imoh, University of Bradford *"Peace and Sustainability: Striking a Balance in the Niger Delta"*
12:00-13:30	Room 2	Session 8	**DIALOGUES, MEDIATION and LOCAL PEACE** **Chair:** Ilaria Tucci, Tampere University • Tancredi Marini, University of Rome La Sapienza *"The Political Culture of Peace: Values, Symbols, and Options in the 40-Year History of Italian Local Authorities"*

- Merel Selleslach, Flemish Peace Institute
  "Post-War Recovery of Ukraine: Building Blocks for a Shared Future – A Flemish Perspective"
- Samuel Raus, Independent Activist
  "Arts in the Service of Reconciliation and Peace: Successes and Failures of Turning Violent Past into Creative Energy in Mostar and Brno"
- Jutta Martens, Tampere University
  "Sacred Legitimacy in Secular Crisis: Religious Leaders and Peace Mediation in Transitional Central African Republic"

12:00-13:30 Room 3 Session 9 **MOBILITY, BORDERS, AND GEOGRAPHIES OF PEACE**

Chair: Angel Iglesias Ortiz, Tampere University

- Lejla Mulalic, University of Sarajevo
  "The Intersection of the Transnational Historical Novel and Peace Education: A Place of Hope and Critical Enquiry"
- Barış Yüksel, Tampere University
  "Postmigrant Futures And Imaginaries: Rethinking Belonging With Racialized Young Adults In Times Of Rising Anti-Immigration Sentiments"

12:00-13:30 Room 4 Workshop 2 **FEMINIST PEACE RESEARCH**

"Daydreaming" Alternatives: A Collective Inquiry to Unsettle Crisis Narratives

Organisers*:*
- *Sina Jasmin Krämer, Tampere University*
- *Meeri Tiensuu, Tampere University*

12:00-13:30 Auditorium Session 10 **YOUTH, EDUCATION, AND PEACE PEDAGOGIES**

Chair: Tatjana Milovanović, Post-Conflict Research Center (PCRC)

- Alenka Verbole, Schiller International University
  "Building Future: Peacebuilding Education for young BiH Leaders"
- Marije Luitjens and Miranda van Holland,
  Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
  "Local Capacities for Peace in Higher Education: Rethinking Peace Education through Dialogue Centers"
- Vanessa Tinker, Civitas University
  "When Peace Education Disappoints: Structural Limits of a Youth Peace Action Program in Poland"
- Filippo Iapadre, University of Rome La Sapienza
  "Peace education and unaccompanied children with migratory backgrounds in Italy"

13:30-15:00			**Lunch**
15:00-16:30	Room 1	Session 11	**NONVIOLENCE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS** **Chair:** Merel Selleslach, Flemish Peace Institute • Amy Kokalari, College of Europe *"Who's the real martyr? From competitive victimhood to political mistrust in Bosnia and Herzegovina"* • Michael Schulz & Mikael Baez, University of Gothenburg *"Between Humanity and Cruelty: Civil Resistance and the Moral Dynamics of Liberal Societies"* • Janith Jayatilake Kankanamalage, University of Leeds *"Conceptualising a Model of Youth Engagement in Contemporary Peace Efforts: Conditions for Flourishing and the Role of Pedagogy through the 5As × 5Rs × 5Ps"*
15:00-16:30	Room 2	Session 12	**DIALOGUES, MEDIATION and LOCAL PEACE** **Chair:** Valentina Baú, Humanitarian and Development Research Initiative (HADRI), Western Sydney University • Kartikeya Kumar, O.P Jindal Global University *"Recognition Without Return, Return Without Recognition: Dual Desires and the Limits of Closure in Protracted Conflict in Kashmir"* • Antea Enna, Ca' Foscari University of Venice *"The Anatomy of Instability: Multiple Crises, Latent Socio-Political Conflict, and International Pressures in Lebanon—Pathways Toward Stability"* • Amira Osman, Abu-Alafya Foundation for Peace and Reconciliation (AFOPER) *"Peace from Below: Exploring People's Perspectives on Peace and Security during the War in Sudan"*
15:00-16:30	Room 3	Session 13	**WAR, GENOCIDE, AND EVERYDAY VIOLENCE** **Chair:** Judith Jordà i Frias, University of Coimbra • Sofie Rose, University of Southern Denmark *"Between Vulnerability and Agency: Exploring Experiences Among Military-Age Ukrainian Men Who Flee the Full-Scale War "* • Ashten Vassar-Cain, Pennhurst Memorial & Preservation Alliance *"Understanding Medicalized Violence: Predicting and Preventing Genocidal Violence"* • Sanja Cokolic, Association for Development of Free Society Pozitiva *"The Role of Sacralization of the Female Body in the Instrumentalization of Rape as a Weapon of War during the Bosnia and Herzegovina War (1992 - 1995)"* • Belkıs Sena Top, TED University *"Transformation of Everyday Life and Spatial Resilience in the Time of Siege of Sarajevo"*

15:00-16:30	Auditorium	Workshop 3	**ARTS, MEDIA AND DIGITAL PEACE PRACTICES** *Images of Violence, Hopes for Peace: Using Visual Media for Addressing Sensitive Topics in the Classroom* **Organisers:** • Larisa Kasumagić Kafedžić, University of Sarajevo • Muhamed Kafedžić, Visual artist
15:00-16:30	Room 4	Session 14	**FEMINIST PEACE RESEARCH** **Chair:** Sina Jasmin Krämer, Tampere University • Marta Pitino & Ana Gvozdić, Uppsala University *"The Triangle of Trust: Relational Dynamics in Interpreter-Assisted Interviews on Sensitive Topics"* • Daniela Antonovska, President of EKVALITIKO, North Macedonia *"Reclaiming Everyday Peace: Women's NGOs and Feminist Peace Work during the 2001 Conflict in North Macedonia"* • Anna Micol Tropeano and Daniela Susarenco, University of Rome La Sapienza *"Undocumented bodies and territories of war: feminist perspectives on the continuum between violence and peace"* • Lucie Fayoux, Sciences Po Lille *"Bosnia and Herzegovina as a normative laboratory : the case of children born of wartime rape"*
16:30-17:00	Cafeteria		**Coffee**
17:00-19:00	Auditorium		**GENERAL ASSEMBLY** **Vote:** EuPRA 2027-2028 Board
19:00-21:00	Viennese Café Hotel Europe		**Reception & finger food**

6 November 2026

Time	Location	Name	Event
09:30-10:00	Cafeteria		**Coffee**
10:00-11:00	Auditorium		**KEYNOTE** **Frank Möller, Tampere University** "Everyday Peace and the Limits of Visualisation"
11:00-12:30	Room 1	Panel 4	**YOUTH, EDUCATION, AND PEACE PEDAGOGIES** *Practices of Peace Education: field-based experiences and reflections* • Milady Cordero Ulloa, University of Rome La Sapienza *"Developing nonviolent coexistence competencies: The experimental PeaceLab project in secondary schools in Pisa"* • Tatjana Milovanović, Post-Conflict Research Center (PCRC) *"'Holocaust & Peace': Inclusive Peace Education in Post-Conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina"* • Chiara Marucci, University of Rome La Sapienza *"Schools for Peace: The third sector and attempts to bring peace to schools."*
11:00-12:30	Room 2	Session 15	**WAR, GENOCIDE, AND EVERYDAY VIOLENCE** **Chair:** Meeri Tiensuu, Tampere University • Gentiana Bexheti, Free University Berlin *"What significance did the conspiracy theories prevalent in Serbia under Milošević's authoritarian regime have for the genocides and massacres in the former Yugoslavia?"* • Alexandra Bohm, The Open University *"'Someone has to start' – small steps towards peace"* • Giorgia Beninati, University of Rome La Sapienza *"Western Sahara: story of a resistance suspended between occupation and the right to self-determination of peoples"* • Keanna Smigliani, Northeastern University "*Social Connection After Atrocity: Transformational Resilience in the Balkans"*
11:00-12:30	Room 3	Session 16	**DECOLONIAL AND CRITICAL PEACE STUDIES** **Chair:** Bram J. De Smet, Tampere University • Adna Husagic, University of Copenhagen *"Neutrality as Governance: Economic Knowledge, Crisis Narratives, and the Conditions of Peace"* • Renato Ongania, Cattedra della Pace *"Semiotics of Peace, Cultural Symbols and Minority Recognition"* • Melisa Dzananovic, Maastricht University *"Keeping Looted Art Objects in Museums"*

			• Maéva Clément, Osnabrück University *"Doing emotions, doing peace? Peacebuilding practices, agency and creativity"*
11:00-12:30	Room 4	Workshop 4	**FEMINIST PEACE RESEARCH** *Experimental Workshop on Practices of Embodied, Relational Peace* **Organisers:** • Stine Rasmussen, Tampere University • Maria Mäensivu, Tampere Peace Network • Maria Rossi, Tampere University
12:30-14:00			**Lunch**
14:00-15:30	Room 1	Session 17	**WAR, GENOCIDE, AND EVERYDAY VIOLENCE** **Chair:** Chiara Marucci, University of Rome La Sapienza • Allyson Bachta, University of Massachusetts Boston, Center for Peace, Democracy, and Development (CPDD) *"Schools as Geopolitical Spaces: A Case Study of the Bosnian War (1992–1995)"* • Federico Oliveri, University of Pisa *"Big Tech's complicity in the Gaza genocide: from awareness to action"* • Stine Mark Rasmussen, Tampere University *"Exercising as a Practice of Sumud and 'Pessoptimistic' Hope"*
14:00-15:30	Auditorium	Workshop 5	**ARTS, MEDIA AND DIGITAL PEACE PRACTICES** *Peace Communication Lab - Co-designing media and art-based responses for dialogue and reconciliation* **Organisers:** • Valentina Baú, Humanitarian and Development Research Initiative (HADRI), Western Sydney University • Ilaria Tucci, Tampere University
14:00-15:30	Room 2	Workshop 6	**FEMINIST PEACE RESEARCH** *Emotional Labour, Care and Solidarity in Peace Research: a participatory workshop* **Organiser:** Ioana Popescu, University of Edinburgh

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14:00-15:30	Room 3	Panel 5	**FEMINIST PEACE RESEARCH** *Peace (im)possible? Creative and Critical Dialogues in Feminist Peace Research* • Maria-Adriana Deiana, Queen's University Belfast • Rebecca O'Keeffe, Queen's University Belfast • Mhairi Claire Lynch, Queen's University Belfast
15:30-16:30	Auditorium		**Closing Words**