

International Conference

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PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

Moving from Violence to Sustainable Peace

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Stella Maris International Centre for Multidisciplinary Research
& Departments of Humanities and Social Sciences
Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai

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About Stella Maris College

Stella Maris College, a Catholic institution of higher education for women, is under the management of the Society of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. "Stella Maris" in Latin means "Star of the Sea". "Truth and Charity" is the motto of the College. The College emblem is a ship sailing on stormy waters, led on by a star.

The vision of the College is to build a vibrant and inclusive learning community in a culture of excellence sustained by a sound value system that promotes responsible citizenship and effects social change. Its mission is to empower young women to face the challenges of life with courage and commitment, to be builders of a humane and just society, and to promote a learning community in which all, especially those from less privileged backgrounds, feel part of the collaborative, high quality educational process which is value-based and leads to holistic growth.

About SMICMR

The Stella Maris International Centre for Multidisciplinary Research (SMICMR) is the nodal centre that coordinates and facilitates the vibrant research culture of the College. The Centre encourages research at various levels and is particularly interested in promoting multidisciplinary research initiatives.

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About the Conference

Since war begins in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defence of peace must be constructed.

(Preamble to UNESCO Const 1945)

Difficult to define and challenging to achieve in a sustainable manner, peace has often been regarded as the absence of conflict. Yet, it also has a positive autonomous existence. However, conflict continues to be a major obstacle to achieving peace. Since contemporary political, ethnic and linguistic conflicts are characterized by great complexity and uncertainty due to the rapidly shifting dynamics of power and political borders, approaches to peace need to be considered in a holistic manner. For a creative understanding and possibility of building peace in such a manner it is imperative that conflict and peace be considered from multidisciplinary perspectives.

Understanding the nature of conflicts is necessary to evolve strategies and creative approaches to building peace across different levels of society. To this end, SMICMR and the Departments of Humanities and Social Sciences at Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai hope to bring thinkers, activists, writers, practitioners and theorists in an International Conference on Peace Building and Conflict Transformation: Moving from Violence to Sustainable Peace. The Conference will also be held to mark the sesquicentennial birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi whose discourses on peace have not only made a world-wide impact but also offer paradigms for sustainable development, modernity and conflict transformation.

The conference aims to ensure that learners of all ages acquire the knowledge, skills and values needed to promote sustainable and peaceful societies.

The Conference aims at

- Exploring theoretical and comparative models for understanding conflicts and peace from multidisciplinary perspectives
- Investigating the possibilities of mainstreaming peace education
- Formulating policy recommendations in the area of conflict prevention, transformation and peace building

Sessions

All sessions will be multidisciplinary in nature. Each will address its respective thrust areas from the perspectives of (in alphabetical order) Economics, History, International Relations & Political Science, Visual Arts, Social Work, Sociology and Literary Studies. Every session will begin with a plenary lecture by an expert and will be followed by three paper presentations.

Session I: Contextualising peace and conflict

This session will situate peace and conflict in specific historical, social, political and cultural contexts. It will emphasise an approach to conflict that is specific to the geographic location, historical / cultural / political situation. The session will underscore the need to evolve peacebuilding strategies keeping in mind these specificities. We look for papers that will deliberate upon such contextualised perspectives on peace and conflict.

Session II: Perspectives on peace and conflict

The Plenary and papers in this session will discuss how the different disciplines of Economics, History, International Relations & Political Science, Visual Arts, Social Work, Sociology and Literary Studies study peace and conflict.

Session III: Gandhian approaches to peace

This session will deliberate upon Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi's views on peace and consider the impact of his ideas

and writings on peace from the perspectives of Economics, History, International Relations & Political Science, Visual Arts, Social Work, Sociology and Literary Studies.

Session IV: Mainstreaming Peace Education

This session will consider methods of including peace studies as a component in school and college curricula. It will also reflect upon the components of peace studies that can be introduced into different disciplines and deliberate upon models / modules of peace education that are already in use.

Session V: Policy approaches and strategies for peacebuilding

This session will work towards suggesting policies and developing strategies for peacebuilding from different disciplinary points of view. It will also consider models of successful peaceful protests/ peace initiatives from across the world and use them as possible prototypes for further peacebuilding initiatives.

Call for Papers

We invite papers from academics, practitioners and research scholars on any area of peace building and conflict transformation. The papers should be related to at least one of the sessions of the Conference. Papers should be original work and should not have been submitted elsewhere in any format. All papers will be subject to plagiarism check on URKUND. Full papers should not exceed 5000 words. Selected papers will be published in an edited volume with an ISBN number. The book will be published by Vitasta Publishing.

Abstracts in 150 to 200 words should be submitted on the specified date. Selected abstracts will be notified, following which complete papers should be sent on the specified date.

Guidelines for abstracts

Abstracts should not exceed 200 words and should be typed in Times New Roman font size 12 with 1.5 spacing. The title should be in Times New Roman font size 16. The list of five to seven keywords should be given at the end of the abstract. The author's name (12-point Times New Roman font), designation and affiliations/address, e-mail address and telephone number should be provided.

Selected participants will be notified by 16 August 2018 and will receive the submission guidelines via email.

All communications regarding abstracts and/or papers should be sent to: pbctconf19.stellamariscollege@gmail.com.

Selected papers will be published in an edited volume brought out by Vitasta publishing.

	Indian Delegates		Foreign Delegates	
Paper Presenters	INR 3500		US \$ 420	
Participants	Early Bird registration 10 September 2018 INR 2500	Registration 10 November 2018 INR 3000	Early Bird registration 10 September 2018 US \$ 300	Registration 10 November 2018 US \$ 350
Student Participants	INR 1000	INR 1000	US \$ 100	US \$ 150
Spot Registration	INR 4000		-	-

Full time students should attach a photocopy of their student Identity Card along with the Registration form.

Instructions Regarding Conference Registration

Please visit Conference website for Registration form

1. It is mandatory to provide accurate information asked in the payment form.
2. You are required to write your name exactly as mentioned in your abstract/full paper.
3. Kindly ensure your mobile number and email address are correct as this will be used for all further correspondence.
4. Under the registration type kindly fill in the category Academics/Doctoral students/Scholars/Practitioners/Researchers/PG students/UG students.
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The registration fee covers

Conference kit and materials

High Tea/Coffee at designated breaks during the Conference
Conference lunches

Dates to Remember

16 August 2018	Abstract submission deadline
25 August 2018	Abstract acceptance notification
20 October 2018	Full paper due
10 November 2018	Conference registration deadline
30, 31 January 2019	Conference dates

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