



CENTER FOR PEACE AND
VIOLENCE PREVENTION



International Symposium on Security and Peace

March 2nd, 2023
Call for Proposals

The Center for Peace and Violence Prevention (CPVP) and the Conflict Studies Center (CSC, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania) invite NGOs and civil society actors, activists and policymakers to share light on the impact of their work and the communities they serve. We equally invite researchers, scholars, practitioners, students, doctoral, and postdoctoral candidates to share their recent scholarly work, observations, and field experiences, in a virtual conference on global security and peace. Proposals from professionals outside the humanitarian and academic fields are highly encouraged.

About the Conference

The International Symposium on Security and Peace (ISSP) is a CPVP forum where actionable knowledge is shared to address the human suffering caused by violent and non-violent conflicts, climate catastrophes, diseases and the results of human decisions, what governments do and fail to do. It serves as a bridge that connects policymakers, academics, and change-makers who have made significant contributions to their communities through fortitude and moral courage. ISSP is a safe space for those seeking to raise awareness or wanting to share their work and experience. To prevent, we must know, and as we know, we must learn to unlearn. ISSP helps us learn from a diverse scientific community and from frontline actors seeking common solutions to the issues that affect vulnerable peoples, groups, and communities.

Last year, CPVP partnered with the University of Port Harcourt and had over sixty participants from ten countries. We were privileged to have had Prof. Patrick Bond with us, a distinguished Professor of Political Economy from the University of Johannesburg, along with Nnimmo Bassey, recipient of the Right Livelihood Award, Peter Mousaferiadis, CEO and Founder of Cultural Infusion Australia, Christi Wigle, CEO of United Against Slavery, USA, Dr. Charles Wratto, Founder and President of the Center for Peace and Violence Prevention, Prof. Georgewill Abraham, Vice Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, Prof. Prince Mmom, Honorable Commissioner for Education, Rivers State, Nigeria, and Prof. Fidelis Allen, Head, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Port Harcourt.

The papers presented at the last edition are under review and will be published in a special issue of the Journal of Political and Administrative Studies (JPAS) of the University of Port Harcourt.



Theme: Human Resilience and Fortitude

The theme for the 2023 edition is “Human Resilience and Fortitude” and we are pleased to have, as keynote speakers, Her Excellency, Mrs. Safiya Ahmed Nuhu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Romania; Ionuț Raita, Head of Delegation, Terre des hommes – Ukraine; Prof. Patrick Bond, distinguished Professor of Political Economy, University of Johannesburg and Prof. Christian Radu Chereji, Director of the Babes-Bolyai University’s Conflict Studies Center.

Submissions

For humanitarian and nonacademic submissions, please send your name, professional rank, affiliation, and a brief outline of your work and presentation (300 words max) to contact@cpvp.org no later than February 11th, 2023.

Academic Submissions

For academic submissions, please submit a 300-word abstract by February 11th, 2023 to contact@cpvp.org. Please include with your abstract: your full name and your academic or professional rank and affiliation. Abstracts that greatly exceed the 300-word count may not be considered.

Topics of interest include, without limitation:

- Children in Conflict
- Forced Displacement
- Climate Change and Conflict
- Migration and Conflict
- Environment and Energy Security
- Nonviolent Action for Democracy and Human Rights
- Frozen Conflicts
- Women in Peacebuilding
- Covid-19 Recovery and Challenges
- Terrorism, Banditry, and Militant Groups
- Development Policies
- Economic Growth and Conflict
- Cyber Insecurity
- Gender and Armed Violence Prevention

All abstracts and presentations will reflect in the conference proceedings. Note: only high-quality papers will be peer-reviewed and those selected will be published in the Journal of the International Symposium on Security and Peace (ISSP). The closing date for the submission of a 300-word abstract is February 11th, 2023.



Organizing Institutions

The Center for Peace and Violence Prevention (CPVP) is a humanitarian organization dedicated to promoting a culture of peace and protecting the rights and dignity of people affected by violent and non-violent conflict. CPVP strives to understand, create, and implement the conditions that build and sustain positive peace by providing support and training to members of our communities through constructive dialogue and solution-based approaches designed to meet their needs. These members include war victims, refugees, lost and malnourished children, child soldiers, vulnerable and marginalized groups, young people, and minority groups.

The Conflict Studies Center, CSC, is a research unit of Babes-Bolyai University with a focus on understanding the dynamics of conflicts and the complexity of conflict management mechanisms at the organizational and community level. CSC explores the rapid change and increasing interconnectedness that impact individuals and societies across the world with an emphasis on helping students identify sustainable solutions to complex local, regional and global challenges. At CSC, students are encouraged to critically engage with new perspectives and approaches in order to recognize their role as active global citizens. Babes-Bolyai is a public university established in 1581. It currently has 23 Faculties, 2,500 instructors, 506 specializations, and 50,000 students.

Articles

The full articles must be submitted by February 28th, 2023. Papers submitted after February 28th will **not** be accepted. The conference date is March 2nd, 2023, and will be held virtually via Zoom. It will also be streamed live on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram. Participants will be informed of the conference program, panels, and related administrative details following the selection process.

Paper submission form

Authors should kindly submit their articles in electronic format to contact@cpvp.org. By sending the material, it is understood that it contains original information that has not previously been published or otherwise submitted for publication. Papers submitted to the International Symposium on Security and Peace must be readable, jargon-free, and understood by readers with varied backgrounds. All articles submitted must meet the rules of citation listed below. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

Text:

- Submissions ideally should be no longer than 20 pages (font: Times New Roman, font size: 12, spacing:1) Manuscripts must be in English (US spelling).
- Write in an interesting, readable manner. Short, simple sentences and paragraphs, clear logical flow, and ample use of subheadings reduce the reader's workload and improve



readability. Minimize the passive voice, and avoid first-person narrative (e.g., we/I); refer to the study as “the paper”/ “the current study” etc.

- Background and literature reviews should be focused on issues of direct relevance only.

Title and authors:

- Use short, impactful titles to attract the attention of readers – a combination of a short title and a subtitle help advertise the most important content
- The title page must list the full title, names, and complete email addresses of all authors.

Abstracts and keywords:

- Each paper must be summarized by an abstract of about 300 words.
- The abstract should encapsulate the principal subjects covered by the paper.
- It should not contain any citations of other published work.
- The article’s keywords should also be sent with the abstract.
- We encourage a minimum of three and a maximum of five keywords.

Tables/Figures:

- The Tables/Figures should have titles and be numbered consecutively within the main body of the text.
- We discourage heavily detailed charts and ask you to be selective in your use of graphics.

Text notes:

- We encourage the use of text notes.
- For each idea belonging to someone else, references will be used (both in text and within the reference list).
- Reference cited in the text of a manuscript should be in parentheses, by author’s last name and year of publication [e.g., (Smith, 1980)].
- If an author’s name is used within a sentence, the name should be followed by the year of publication [e.g., ...work by Smith (1983)].
- If a page is cited, it should be noted within the parentheses [e.g., (Smith, 1985, 35)].
- For multiple-authored publications, up to three authors, all should be cited.
- Publications with four or more authors should be cited by the first author’s name, followed by “et al.” [e.g., (Smith et al., 1985)].

Final submission and copyright:

- The International Symposium on Security and Peace enforces a strict policy regarding plagiarism and will screen all submitted papers. We ask all authors to ensure their manuscripts meet standard citation practices and acknowledge the contribution of other researchers working in the field.
- In addition, copyright law prohibits a manuscript from appearing in more than one copyrighted publication. Authors are responsible for obtaining permission to use any copyrighted material in their manuscripts.



- Each submission must adhere to the guidelines and those that do not follow such guidelines will be returned to the author for correction.

The cover/title page of the paper

- Paper Title
- Author's First name and FAMILY NAME
- E-mail:
- Department...
- Faculty....
- University/ Institution

Abstract:

The abstract should contain a brief summary of the main idea of the paper, the methodological design (e.g.: research questions, research methods), the findings, and the conclusions of the paper. The abstract should not exceed 300 words.

Keywords: 3 – 5 most important and relevant keywords.

Introduction

The introduction should emphasize the theme of the paper, the context of the studied issue (from the existing literature or from existing reports), the reason for choosing the topic – the existing gap or puzzle, the relevance of the topic, the originality of the paper, research questions, the analyzed cases, and the specification of the research methods used.

Literature review/Theoretical framework

The literature review should comprise both the definitions of used concepts and the discussions on previous research conducted on a similar topic. Text references should be used in the following order: (family name of the author/s, year of publication, page – if it is the case). An example: (Anderson, 2005, 45). Text references should be given every time an idea belonging to another author is used (either it is quoted, or it is rephrased). The information in the literature review should be meaningful for the methodological approach. Use “did not” instead of “didn’t”, it is instead of it’s, etc.

Methodology

A methodology is not necessary if the paper is strictly a theoretical one. If not, the methodological section should contain the following aspects:

- Research design (research questions, hypotheses, description of how the research methods and the research instruments are used, sample, the main aspects/variables that are analyzed, etc.)
- Results and discussions

References should be given within the methodological section if there are instruments replicated from other existing studies. Tables/figures must have a number and a title if available in the paper.



Conclusion

The conclusion must contain the most relevant aspects of the research. It should emphasize how the research question was answered and how the research validates or invalidates the hypotheses.

References

All references should be included and listed alphabetically by the first author's last name. Please find some examples based on APA Style.

Appendixes

This section is not mandatory but is required only if there are, for instance, big tables/figures/images that are not suitable within the main text. At the same time, if the questions from a survey or from an interview or focus group guide are not mentioned in the text, they should be placed within the appendixes. However, we suggest mentioning all these methodological instruments within the corpus of the paper.

Please (re)check your work before sending the final paper. Use English US as a default language.

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