IARS - WORLD CONFERENCE ON RECONCILIATION

CALL FOR PAPERS

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The International Association for Reconciliation Studies (IARS), in cooperation with

The Center for International Reconciliation Studies at Waseda University, the A-KAKENHI project of "Creation for Reconciliation Studies",

The Jena Center for Reconciliation Studies and

The Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, seeks paper proposals for the upcoming World International Conference On Reconciliation

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THEMATIC PANELS

- Theories of Reconciliation (Reconciliation with the Self, etc)
- Reconciliation in Religion and Philosophy
- Reconciliation and International Politics
- Reconciliation in Divided Societies
- Reconciliation and Justice
- Indigenous Approaches to Reconciliation
- Reconciliation and Historical Memories
- A Panel of Activists, Media and Civil Society Organizations
- Issues of Reconciliation in East Asia

DEADLINE

Prospective participants are invited to submit proposals in English for paper, panel, round table, film or book presentations (you must select one) until 30th April, 2021. The proposal must include an abstract (about 250 words), a title for their presentation and a CV to the email: Binyamin.gurstein@uni-jena.de or bean0903@gmail.com
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"The art of life lies in a constant readjustment to our surroundings". Okakura Kakuzo

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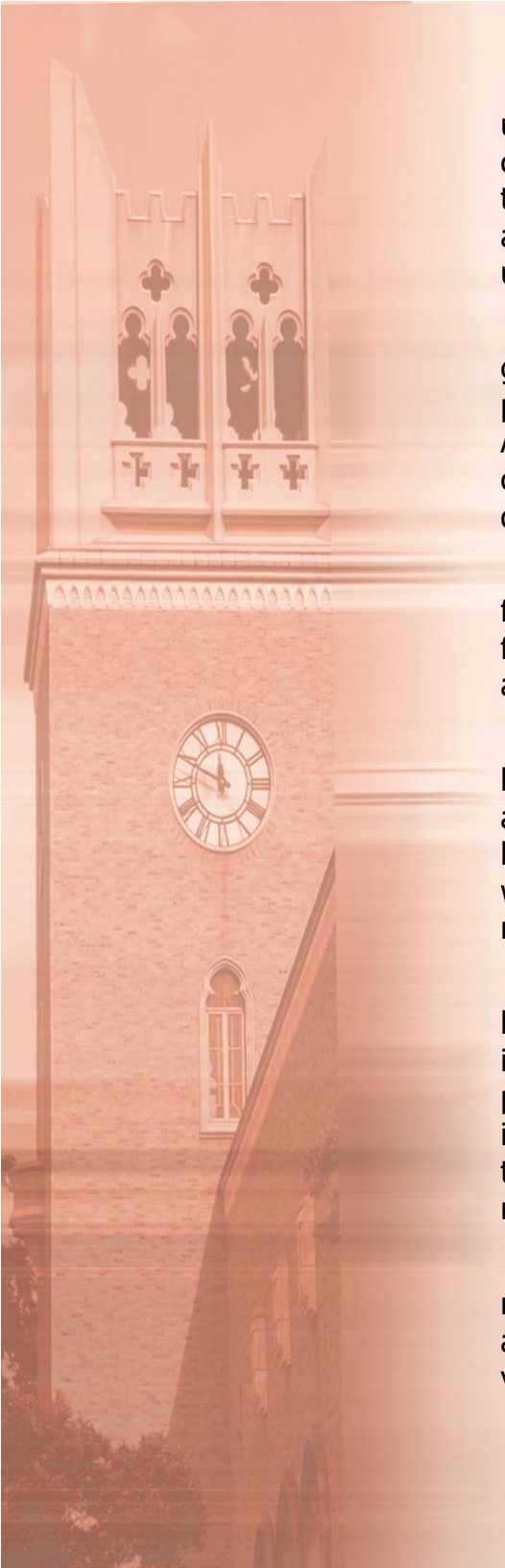

A deep cultural bond between human beings leads us to focus on the universalities of humanity and connections between identity of the individual and the collective, and the collective to the social and natural environment. The integrity of these multidimensional relationships is often threatened by lack of understanding, anger, inequality, injustice and violence. Empathy and common understanding enable us to overcome these challenges and make progress toward peace and reconciliation.

Reconciliation seeks to create future-oriented relationships between nations, groups, social organizations, and individuals who have been affected by contemporary power interests as well as past memories of violence, enslavement, colonialism and Apartheid. These relationships developed thorugh reconciliation are meant to contribute to the prevention of wars, genocide, atrocities, forced displacement, dictatorship, oppression, and other grave human rights violations and injustices.

The IARS, which was established on August 10th, 2020, has united members from all five continents. Our mission is to convene activists, academics and politicians from all segments of society regardless of ethnicity, nationality, region, race or gender and to support the advancement of peace and reconciliation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the traditional conceptions of boundaries between nations that prevailed in 20th century. The global pandemic joins and amplifies other transnational issues, such as politics and the economy, public health, ideals of democracy, justice, and even human emotions themselves, facing the world in the 21st century. While physical proximity makes these issues relevant within nations, we must increasingly work internationally to address them.

We hope that our collective approach to reconciliation studies will provide a basis for cooperative cultural and educational policy and global citizenship, which will in turn increase our ability to address global issues facing all of us today, such as poverty, the environment, infectious disease and the clash of ethnic and national identities. Together with unification through sports during Tokyo Olympics of 2021, this conference intends to foster global cooperation around general issues of reconciliation.

The IARS is open to academics and practitioners in various fields of reconciliation and peace research, including activists, media reporters, politicians, and artists. We kindly invite you to attend our conference and join our efforts to promote values of peace and reconciliation around the world.

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Proposals should indicate one of the thematic panels to which they intend to contribute. All abstracts will be subject to a blind review process.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Participants are self-responsible for paying their travel costs as well as for their accommodation. By participating in the conference participant accepts the membership and fees of the IARS, according to the statute of the association. Additional information can be found at: https://mir-nikita.wixsite.com/website