



The Hiroshima Dialogue Forum on the Sustainability-Peace Nexus in the Context of Global Change

Organizer: Network for Education and Research on Peace and Sustainability (NERPS)
Hiroshima University

Venue: The Headquarters Building (4th floor), Higashi-Hiroshima Campus, Hiroshima University

Background and Rationale

The Hiroshima University Network for Education and Research on Peace and Sustainability (NERPS) will hold the first Hiroshima Dialogue Forum on the Sustainability-Peace Nexus in the Context of Global Change from August 10-11, 2019 at Hiroshima University Higashi-Hiroshima campus. The objective of the Forum is to engage a diverse community of experts from academia, private, and public sectors to examine complex interactions between sustainability transitions and desires for peaceful existence as promoted under the SDG16. The key outcome will be the identification of research themes related to peace and sustainability nexus and fostering research networks for collaborative research on themes identified at the forum.

10 August 2019 (Saturday)

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:20 Opening remarks
Prof. Kaneko, Hiroshima University

Agenda, aims, and objectives
Prof. Virji, Hiroshima University

Transdisciplinary context for sustainability-peace nexus under global change
Prof. Shrivastava, Penn State University

9:20-10:20 **Plenary Session I: How do environmental conditions impact peace and sustainability?**

This session will consider challenges of global changes that impact underlying processes of peace and sustainability.

Chair: Prof. Shaw, Keio University

Climate change and conflict
Prof. Hendrix, University of Denver

Complex systems framework for environmental conflict management
Dr. Fisher, Columbia University

Disaster risk reduction in contexts of violence, conflict, and fragility
Dr. Peters, Overseas Development Institute

10:20-10:40 Break

10:40-11:40 **Plenary Session II: Stakeholders' perspectives on peace and sustainability**

This session will focus on considerations on how to engage different stakeholders in a cohesive co-engagement process for designing actions towards achieving peace and sustainability.

Chair: Prof. Weaver, University of Texas at Austin

Policy perspectives on peace and sustainability
Hon. Ma, Jeju National University and Former Ambassador to Israel and Denmark

Private sector's perspectives on peace and sustainability
Invited

Public sector's perspectives on peace and sustainability
Ms. Nishizawa, Hiroshima Prefecture

Governmental perspectives on peace and sustainability
Mr. Katsuki Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters, Cabinet Office

Intergovernmental and/or ICT perspectives on peace and sustainability
Dr. Memon, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Asia Pacific Regional Office

12:10-12:30 Self-introduction by the participants

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-13:40 Purpose and structure of working groups
Dr. Sharifi, Hiroshima University

In view of the presentations during the plenary sessions, the following working groups will discuss various issues related to bi-directional positive and negative interactions between peace and sustainability. Examples might include, but are not limited to, the following considerations: Is tangible progress on SDGs a precondition for fostering peaceful co-existence? Would challenges related to poverty alleviation, adequate access to resources, climate change, etc., exacerbate challenges for sustainability?

13:40-14:40 First round of working groups

Working Group 1: How might sustainability foster/hinder peace?
Chair: Prof. Hendrix, University of Denver
Rapporteur: Dr. Bettini, Lancaster University

Working Group 2: How might peace foster/hinder sustainability?
Chair: Dr. Fisher, Columbia University
Rapporteur: Dr. Shams, UNITAR

14:40-15:00 Break

15:00-16:00 Second round of working groups

Working Group 1: How might peace foster/hinder sustainability?
Working Group 2: How might sustainability foster/hinder peace?

16:00-17:00 Working Group chairs' reflection and open discussion

11 August 2019 (Sunday)

8:30-9:00 Announcements

The following working groups will consider major driving forces of technology and economy, socio-political systems, and natural and environmental system that need to be understood in the context of peace and sustainability nexus. These include, but are not limited to, urbanization, Belt and Road Initiative, cybersecurity, state fragility, nuclear disarmament, small arms proliferation, migration, carbon cycle perturbation, climate change, food production, extreme events, biodiversity loss, digital revolution, and biosecurity.

9:00-10:30 First round of group discussions

Group A: Technology and economy
Chair: Prof. Pangotra, Hiroshima University
Rapporteur: Dr. Memon, UNEP, Asia Pacific Regional Office

Group B: Socio-political systems
Chair: Hon. Ma, Jeju University
Rapporteur: Dr. Simangan, Hiroshima University

Group C: Natural and environmental system
Chair: Prof. Mechler, IIASA
Rapporteur: Dr. Sharifi, Hiroshima University

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:15 **Second round of group discussions**

Group A: Socio-political systems
Group B: Natural and environmental system
Group C: Technology and economy

12:15-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 **Third round of group discussions**

Group A: Natural and environmental system
Group B: Technology and economy
Group C: Socio-political systems

15:00-15:15 Break

15:15-16:00 **Plenary Session IV**

Group presentations (10-min presentation; 5-min Q&A)

16:00-17:00 **Closing Session**

Ideas for collaborative research and funding
Prof. Kaneko, Hiroshima University
Prof. Virji, Hiroshima University