



Build Peace 2022

Exploring The Unseen - Ungesehenes Sichtbar Machen

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In person at the Technical University in Chemnitz, Germany

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Installations (All Day)

Yemenis in Exile | Far from Home in Search for Peace Within

By: Yemenis In Exile

Yemenis in Exile will take the audience through a various project outputs the team has done over the past few years to build peace in Yemen, such as the original Podcast, Yemenis In Exile Podcast, as well as the local art competition that was followed by the 3D Virtual Exhibition, with finally the comic illustration the team developed. The politics of the sides have become more important than the politics of the nation - Yemenis in Exile work against that tendency.

Offener Prozess Exhibition: The Complex of the National Socialist Underground (NSU)

By: Offener Prozess

The exhibition Offener Prozess is dedicated to the National Socialist Underground (NSU) terrorist complex. It takes the East German reality as a starting point to tell a story of the NSU complex that starts from the migration stories and the continuities of right-wing and racist violence and resistance against it. With the approach of a "living memory," the exhibition brings marginalized perspectives into focus and takes aim at structural and institutional racism. Artistic contributions by Harun Farocki, Hito Steyerl, belit sađ, Želimir Žilnik, Ulf Aminde, Forensic Architecture and many more are dedicated to the realities of life of migrant workers, right-wing terrorist violence

as well as everyday racism. Activist initiatives remember those who have become victims of this violence and are the loud voices of those who defend themselves against it. Listening is understood here as a political practice, remembering as a process. This exhibition calls for action.

"It's getting worse and worse..." Perception of crime and the people who commit crimes in Germany

By: Center for Criminological Research Saxony

How big is the fear of becoming a victim of a crime? Who do you think of when you talk about "criminals"? How big is the trust in the justice system and the police? A study by the Center for Criminological Research Saxony (ZKFS) deals with these questions based on interviews with 5,000 people throughout Germany. The ZKFS is now presenting the first results in a poster-based installation mapping perceptions and attitudes. It conveys the extent to which perception of criminal offense, offenders and crime is shaped by "unseen" psychological processes, ideological and political attitudes, feelings of threat and other social factors. The aim is to work out what effects stereotypes and distorted perceptions can have on social cohesion.

Free the Body: Art Investigation into Liberation and Abolition

By: Free the Body

Choreographer and dancer Brittany Delany and sound designer and human rights/peace educator Peter DiGennaro are proud to present a process-oriented, interdisciplinary video study of their new dance and sound installation work. The work utilizes distinct conflict transformation frameworks and modalities to explore and experience, ultimately, one's own questions and answers concerning the liberation of the individual and group soma-political body. Special focus is placed on the invisible, invisibilized, and invisibilizing violences levied against and by the somatic body relative to notions of sovereignty and citizenship of the soma-political body given the intersection of analogue input/output in a hyper-digital and, ironically, hyper-surveilled age.

Great Conversations to change the world together: Building dialogue through Self-Organized Learning Environments (SOLE)

By: SOLE Colombia

This open citizen experiment involves up to 20 Chemnitz citizens and conference participants to imagine the kind of future they would like to create. A first Great Conversation raises awareness about the future and collaborative learning, generating. Through a Self-Organized Learning Environments (SOLE), conversations with diverse communities, where the voice of many is heard and agents of change emerge to face the challenges of the future, addressing polarization.

Nature and Peacebuilding in Toronto

By: Estrella Señal Radio Station

A bilingual Spanish-English radio program will be played on loop on the screen and an exhibit will complement the environment. The program will connect the voices of Torontonians by addressing how they perceive peacekeeping and peacebuilding in their communities. They will share their unique contributions, daily experiences and personal perspectives as they coexist in a multicultural city of nearly 3 million people, half of whom were born outside of Canada. However, it is not only people who play an extraordinary role in this. More than 10 million trees also have

their place in Toronto, that is actually over 25% forest coverage. Diversity, green spaces and more than 180 languages and dialects, combine together as a proud legacy of our cultural strength.

Virtual Reality Peace: Artistic Approaches to Making Peaceful Spaces

By: Color Up Peace / Tampere University

The installation explores the intersections of technology, art and grassroots peacebuilding practices. Participants are invited to engage in artistic peace dialogue to create common visions of peace in digital artistic form. Participants can also expect to experience a virtual reality exhibition with a guided tour to explore visions for peace in Yemen and hold discussions in specially created Virtual World.

Political Turing Test

By: John Dewey Research Center for the Didactics of Democracy, TU Dresden

Cognitive empathy or understanding opposing positions as an important prerequisite for deliberative democracy. It is understood as a competence that contributes to a society's ability to counteract polarization. By understanding positions, we are also able to express our attitudes, values and to negotiate interests with each other instead of against each other. One way to measure and promote cognitive empathy is the Political Turing Test, developed by economist Bryan Caplan. It is based on the idea of Alan Turing, who, in the mid-20th century, had developed a similar test to determine whether computers have achieved human-like intelligence. Participants can test their own cognitive empathy in this installation.

#Connected2: Climate and Food systems

By: GOAL Global (Development Education Unit)

The photo essay exhibition is the result of small groups of young people from across the world coming together to discuss what climate change and food systems means to them. The essays show the ways in which all people and communities are #Connected2 each other through experiences of climate change and global food systems. They are windows into the lives of their friends and sheds light on unseen connections all around us.

Day 1: Friday, November 4

8:30-9:30 **Registration, meeting others over coffee and tea**

9:30-10:40 **Opening session**

Welcoming participants to Chemnitz, setting the scene for our themes, and getting to know each other.

10:40-11:20 **Keynote conversation: Turning Points**

Speakers and details forthcoming!

11:30-12:30 **Workshops and Panels (in parallel)**

Who let the trolls out? An Evidence-based Regional Approach to Countering Online Dangerous Speech

Organizer: FHI 360

Dangerous speech targeting people based on their identity continues to incite discrimination, conflict, and inter-group violence across South and Southeast Asia. Yet, practitioners -often local civil society organizations- trying to effectively counter dangerous speech work in isolation or lack the resources to address the virality and sheer volume of content. This session will showcase an innovative new technology platform developed by a social enterprise in Myanmar called Koe Koe Tech to connect civil society organizations across the region to collaboratively identify, flag, report, and analyze dangerous speech that drives polarization and violence.

Converting the "Silent Middle" To Active Allies as a Strategy To Counter Supremacy

Organizer: Young Changemakers Foundation

In all cases of supremacy and injustice, there are always a significant number of people who choose to remain neutral. In the German context, they are referred to as the "silent middle". This workshop will explore different perspectives about the "silent middle," as well as the unseen dynamics of supremacy and the impact it has on societal groups. During the workshop, there will be deep discussions regarding the reasons people decide to join the "silent middle," and how to motivate the "silent middle" to become active allies, in order to counter cases of supremacy in their respective societies.

Using technology to unify communities divided by electoral conflicts in Cote d'Ivoire

Organizer: Action et Humanisme

This session shares the experience of Action et Humanisme's work in the peacebuilding process in Cote d'Ivoire, affected by a long political crisis which divided communities. Participants explore how they used technology and storytelling to convince divided communities to live together as one, and learn more about the power of storytelling for the promotion of peace.

Deep listening and resonance practice: an advanced workshop for peacebuilding practitioners

Organizer: Adapt Peacebuilding

Communication is central to human relationships. While much attention is given in our personal and professional lives to how we express ourselves online and offline, we pay relatively little attention on the flipside to how we perceive and judge others. Even if we have learned to listen actively, our internal process of judging others is often invisible to us, and robs us of the opportunity to recognise others as their authentic selves. This advanced experiential and training workshop will guide practitioners through a series of mindfulness practices, methods training,

paired and group dialogues, participant observations and plenary reflections that model and explain this practice.

"Can We Dance Our Way to Inclusion?": Movement as a tool for shifting the gender-binary role in society

Organizer: Dance to Power

Dance is a reflection of life. The international reach of the Afro-Latin dance/music industry provides us an ability to connect with global communities. In particular, salsa and bachata are some of the most popular and sought after social dances worldwide, yet they are also often regarded as some of the most gender-binary examples of partner dancing. This workshop will dive into a hands-on movement study and conversation highlighting non-gendered and non-binary dance and invite attendees to process how we can build more LGBTQ inclusion into our social spaces.

11:20-12:30 **Short Talks (in parallel)**

Institutional Power Structures

Amanda Luna (MamaKiya e.V.)

A Dual Transition: Political and Personal

Salma Yusuf (World Beyond War)

A WhatsApp Chatbot to Promote Gender-based Violence Response

Mojisola Ogundiran (Basic Rights Watch)

Connecting Youth Online in Diffa

Malika Nassirou (Projection Solidaire)

A path to know who others are: Local Peace Committees in Nineveh/Iraq

Sangar Salih (Peace and Freedom Organization)

Building peace through data insights

Intiaz Ahmed (University of Dhaka)

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 **Workshops (in parallel)**

The Fractals of Governance: Using Art and Storytelling to Explore the Unseen Agreements That Guide Our Life and Work

Organizer: Humanity United

Governance is one of the most misunderstood concepts in peacebuilding. While the word conjures up white-dominated board rooms, bureaucracy, and colonial connotations, governance (better described as "how we choose to show up

together”) is actually at the core of how we live. Discovering this through art and storytelling allows us to see the critical elements of how we agree to be together and make value-based decisions. Come hear stories and participate in an art installation that demonstrates the little decisions and turning points that can help cultivate the conditions for change in our communities and our world.

Overcoming hurtful events: a methodology to heal and achieve consensus born from last year’s social uprising in Colombia

Organizer: Movilizadorio

Let’s co-create a worldwide peace agenda based on a proven methodology. We are going to co-create treatments for dividing and polarizing issues together just as we did during our most divisive time in Colombia, the National Strike of 2021. Bonus: we will use a crowdsourcing platform to map out worldwide peace issues and solutions.

Nipsters & Nazi neighborhoods. On the threat of right-wing violence in Chemnitz

Organizer: Sozialpsychologie/TU Chemnitz

Due to the 2018 marches and riots, some of which were motivated by right-wing radicals, Chemnitz fell into disrepute as a “torn city”. However, a look at Chemnitz shows that the civilian population is also characterized by resistance and solidarity. In a panel discussion, we want to exchange ideas with various political actors from Chemnitz about the mechanisms of protest and how to deal with threats. The speakers come from the fields of social psychology, journalism, activism and counseling for victims of right-wing violence. We want to talk about how political events are perceived and what contributes to political action. The panel discussion will be moderated. Questions will then be taken from the audience.

What does it mean to measure Peace? Ask Eirene!

Organizer: Alliance for Peacebuilding

Indicators are the basis of effective M&E and the foundation of establishing impact, but in the peacebuilding field, most impact measurement has historically been through highly contextual, anecdotal, qualitative, and Western means. This session will provide an interactive demonstration on how to use the Eirene Peacebuilding Database©, a pioneering digital tool from the Alliance for Peacebuilding that catalogs peacebuilding indicators into a shared open-source measurement system. Come and join us to learn not only what Eirene can do for your programming, but how you can contribute towards building better measures for peace.

International Perspectives on the National Socialist Underground (NSU)

Organizer: Saxon State Ministry of Justice and for Democracy, European Affairs and Equality

This workshop centers around the design of a documentation center on the complex of the National Socialist Underground (NSU). How can international experiences widen the perspective on memorial work for this documentation center? How have other contexts dealt with memory of crimes targeting specific groups of people? The organizers invite examples of existing efforts to document crimes and memorial work – be it Srebrenica, Utøya or Cambodia – to explore what worked and why, to learn from these projects for the forthcoming

documentation center. People from cities and regions where the NSU was active or committed crimes will be invited to engage with this international experience.

Chemnitz City Walk

Organizers: Buffer Fringe Performing Arts Festival and Various Chemnitz Actors

An interactive guided walk through Chemnitz, as a means to unravel the past and present of the city, as that manifests itself through space and narratives. *More information to follow.*

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:00 **Talks: Turning points, Supremacy and Polarization**

Practical Peacebuilding & Participatory Dialogue in Eastern Congo

Immaculée P. , Chantal K., Ghislain A., Claudia L., Benjamin I., Magguy B., Safi M.
(Resolve Network)

The Fulani Riddle, Supremacy and Polarization in Nigeria

Prince Dickson (The Tattaunawa Roundtable Initiative)

Power and Visibility – Three Tales of Unseen in the Algo Age

Branka Panic (AI for Peace)

Harnessing the flying robots to transform the formerly war torn cattle corridor Nakasongola in Uganda

Tinah Manduna Mutabazi (Uganda Flying Labs)

17:00 Travel together to evening reception location in Thalheim, a small city in the periphery of Chemnitz (Ore Mountains region)

18:00 **Reception by the municipality of Thalheim and singing with the local choir**

Day 2: Saturday, November 5

7:30-8:30 Movement session

9:00-9:45 **Keynote conversation: Supremacy and Polarization**

Speakers and details forthcoming!

10:00-12:00 **Workshops (in parallel)**

Creative Resiliency in a Time of Crisis
Organizer: Tran Vu Arts

Amidst the pandemic and on-going systemic racism, artists and creatives with mission-driven practices are severely impacted. A lot of us lost gigs and opportunities that were going to sustain us for months and into the future perhaps. Come join this interactive session for artists, culture bearers and tenders on how to rest, stay resilient, work, collaborate, and manage our practices during such turbulent times. Let's strategize, share best practices on adaptation, and learn resources on what to do next to maintain forward momentum for ourselves and as a collective community.

Preparing for and responding to far-right protests

Organizer: Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University

In recent years, multiple countries have seen far-right activism pose a significant challenge to peaceful relations, increasing societal division and threatening some of the most marginalized members of society. In this scenario-based workshop, we invite participants to explore and reflect on the challenges of and opportunities for inhibiting conflict escalation in the context of waves of protests by far-right actors. We do this using a range of visual and creative tools and discussion. The workshop is based on an international research project that examined the escalation and inhibition of protest-related violence and aggression during waves of far-right and anti-minority activism.

Peace is also cooked: Collective care for social transformation and peacebuilding in urban spaces

Organizer: Universidad de los Andes

This workshop provides theoretical and practical tools on collective care as an instrument for social transformation in urban settings. The exercises will reflect on theoretical tools proposed by feminism to understand care from a multi-level perspective (individual, interpersonal, collective, and urban). We will present the experience of the Colombian communal pots as an embodiment of collective care. And finally, we will perform a living experience of collective care through the elaboration of the Canelazo: a traditional drink of the Andean region consumed in the community pots.

Building Peace: Challenges and opportunities for a peaceful future in South Sudan

Organizer: HUDO Centre

History of communal violence in South Sudan, challenges, and opportunities for a peaceful future through the use of technology, harness the youth energy to generate peace, talk peace to grandparents, the women, and the wives. A time to rethink approaches to peacebuilding for South Sudan.

Why is polarization happening and how to tackle it

Organizer: International Catalan Peace Institute

Polarization is a matter that transcends the political sphere. We can find polarizing conversations at a family reunion or at a job meeting. How can we overcome issue polarization in difficult topics such as catalan independence or venezuelan migrants in Colombia? The session will be a conversation about what polarization is, what

are some experiences of it and share strategies to overcome it. Finally, there will be a comparison between contexts and a couple of minutes for some of the audience's thoughts and questions.

10:00-11:00 **Short talks (in parallel)**

Promoting Deliberative Democracy Using Digital Tools

Andrea Bernarte (Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue)

Sri Lanka Youth in Digital Peacebuilding

Kiruthika Thurairajah (Search for Common Ground)

Building The First Social Impact Generator in the Last Divided Capital

Steven Stavrou (CyprusInno)

Technology at the service of peace

Souhadou Diasso (Action pour la sécurité humaine en Afrique)

The Unseen of Post-Saddam Iraq: A Millennia's Perspective

Davar Abdulla (Kurdistan 24)

Virtual Exchange: Recognizing, Connecting through, and Embracing Differences

Rafael Tyszblat (Soliya)

Data science without the hype

Daniel Burkhardt Cerigo (datavaluepeople)

Spiritual Knowledge for Peace? The unseen work of Cheikh Amadou Bamba for anti-colonial resistance and Peace in West Africa

Ibrahima Ndiaye Sall (Jaax And)

Computer Clubs as Connecting Spaces

Konstantin Aal (University of Siegen)

Using technology to solve conflicts related to industrial and artisanal mining

Sadraki Yabre (G-AiD AlertMine)

"Get Home Safe" - Art as Resistance, Human Rights Education, and Liberation in Incarcerated Spaces"

Marissa Gutierrez-Vicario (Art and Resistance Through Education ARTE)

12:00-13:00 Lunch break

13:00-16:00 **Workshops (in parallel)**

The Role of Industry 4.0 Technologies in Building a People's Resistance Movement in Sri Lanka

Organizer: FabLanka Foundation

A highly dynamic, non-violent civil resistance campaign currently challenges the Sri Lankan government for more freedom and rights. The FabLanka Foundation, a not-for-profit social enterprise working on introducing and popularizing Industry 4.0 technologies, helps the campaign to use 3-D printing and other tools to develop a social and solidarity economy beyond conventional business models - making the protest movement more sustainable. This interactive workshop session will examine the process, its methods, successes and lessons learned.

Community-Centered Innovations for Resolving Land and Natural Resource Disputes and Building Sustainable Peace

Organizer: Namati Sierra Leone

This hands-on workshop will focus on how community-centered innovations can create new power dynamics around land and natural resource governance. Participants will first explore several inclusive community-centered approaches and accessible technological tools based on GPS-technology that have helped resolve land and natural resource conflicts in Sierra Leone and Kenya. Through role play, they will then implement these approaches and experience first-hand how technological tools can create new power dynamics that lead to sustainable peace.

A Tech Taste of Educational Drones

*Organizer: Flying Labs. *For school children and drone beginners**

Children and adult beginners learn remote piloting skills in this workshop. The program - developed by five Flying Labs across the globe - includes games, a theoretical training component on safety and pre-flight planning, and practical flying with entertainment multirotor drones. The workshop is built on Flying Labs's experience in providing, promoting and enabling local expertise and leadership to accelerate the positive impact of humanitarian, health, development and environmental solutions.

Unyoke Storytelling Session

Organizer: Shabab Peace and Environment Action Group

The Unyoke session is a space in which peacebuilders share their stories. This approach was first introduced to South Sudanese peacebuilders and has helped them build networks, friendships, collaboration and support systems in their peacebuilding work over the past three years. The Unyoke session is a small space in which people who build peace share their stories with one another to offload, re-energize, inspire and build resilience. *More details about participants follows!*

16:00-17:00 **Talks: Supremacy, Polarization and Connecting Spaces**

An intergenerational conversation to uncover the unseen role of businesses in sustaining peace on Mauritius

Anupah and Raj Makoond

Integration and peacebuilding through fairy tales in Yemen and Germany

Yasser Al-Eryani (Sommaya)

Maskani Digital Peacebuilders in Kenya

Sheila Owino

The park as a space for social interaction

Niklas Sax (Think SI3)

18:00

Theater Play and Discussion with Actors and Producers

So happy that you get scared. *Stories of Chemnitz women from Vietnam*

So glücklich, dass Du Angst bekommst. *Geschichten von Chemnitzer Frauen aus Vietnam*

Những câu chuyện của những người phụ nữ. *Chemnitz đến từ Việt Nam*

21:00

The Poetics of Our Collective Struggle

Artistic Musical Performance by Sounds and Words.

Day 3: Sunday, November 6

9:00-9:45

Keynote conversation: Connecting Spaces

Speakers and details forthcoming!

10:00-11:00

Workshops (in parallel)

Creating meaningful connection in a hybrid world

Organizer: Josefine Roos

This is a workshop for all of us that are working as facilitators in a hybrid world, and that are exploring practices for creating meaningful connections in the spaces that we facilitate. In an embodied and participatory workshop we will experience mindfulness meditation followed by tapping, to then explore and share ideas around creating sustained meaningful connection in hybrid spaces. Participants will leave reconnected with their body and minds, and inspired by each other to explore more of these 'less traditional' practices in both informal and more formal settings.

Open source digital preservation for dealing with the past

Organizer: swisspeace

Archives present only partial narratives since the documents that are preserved tend to be from the "winners" of conflicts, potentially erasing other experiences. Preserving evidence from open sources provides a chance to reveal multiple narratives and perspectives on events, including naming and preserving

disinformation that is also a part of collective memory heritage. swisspeace invites participants to a presentation and discussion of their recent publication: "Open Source Digital Preservation for Dealing with the Past: Guidance for Practitioners".

Wires through walls: media and communication in and out of prison

Organizer: Center for Criminological Research Saxony (ZKFS)

Prison - the unknown place. Anyone who is here will no longer be seen or heard. Or is it? The prison walls hide the inmates from the public eye. However, the need for prisoners to reintegrate into society, as well as therapeutic considerations, mean that prisoners cannot simply be cut off from society. While the dominant images of prisons in news media and popular culture focus on crime and violence, the voices of the prisoners themselves can often be heard in various forms of media. The project "Penal system and media: 'Total institutions' in the mass media business" of the Center for Criminological Research Saxony (ZKFS) examines the role of media and communication in the JVA Chemnitz.

Coming Back To Yourself: Through Poetry, Play and Performance

Organizer: *Transgender Expressions Haven*

This workshop is for peoples who have had their lives impacted by diaspora, migration, borders of gender and land - for us all to tap back into our authentic voice, sound, and expression. Even if it is not translatable. Among all the layers of heaviness and silence, in this workshop we come back to ourselves and our truth. Each exercise is geared towards de-poeticizing, removing all the places we hide, and entering the poem only as truest emotion. This workshop will explore meditation techniques, performance techniques, and especially: poetry as a mode of healing and relearning our authentic selves, sounds and similes.

Reframing Peace and Peacebuilding: Upping Our Collective Communications Game With Evidence-Based Narrative Strategies

Organizer: *Alliance for Peacebuilding*

What is the most effective way to communicate about peace and peacebuilding? How can we use language in a way that builds public understanding and support of peacebuilding measures? Join the Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) for an interactive discussion on framing and narrative strategies that are proven to best explain what peacebuilding is and why we need it. Building off of a multiyear, multimethod research endeavor that culminated in a report released by AfP, PartnersGlobal, and The FrameWorks Institute, participants will learn concrete framing strategies to align messaging.

10:00-11:00 **Short talks (in parallel)**

Arts as a way for developing higher level thinking skills
Douaa Hemade (Alternative Picture)

How a Build Peace Project helped women learn digital skills to turn around their lives

Rabia Mahfooz (Women4peacetech)

Social media peace agreements as a turning point in digital conflict mediation

Zigwai Ayuba (Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue)

Kids for the Future?

Dieter Jaenicke (Aktionskreis Ostafrika AKO)

Hagiga Wahid

Sebit Martin John (Community Development Centre)

How does media literacy contribute to consolidating peace after conflicts?

Ahmad Primo (Verify Media Platform)

Dialogue as a way to connect farmers and herders

Amadou Tila Kebe (Assciation TIERE TEREY)

14:00-16.00 **Workshops (in parallel)**

Football match! Sports as a means of peacebuilding and anti-racist work

Organizers: The University of Bamenda, ASA-ff

This workshop is a mix between an actual football match (bring your sports shoes!) and sharing best practices in using sports to bring people at conflict together, or to reclaim sports environments as anti-racist spaces. It draws inspiration from lessons in Anglophone Cameroon and Chemnitz.

Detecting the Unseen: searching for and automatically detecting (de)polarization on social media

Organizer: datavaluepeople, Build Up

Through demystifying data science and the practicalities of automatic detection of polarization online we hope to deep dive into how we detect the unseen and use technology for peacebuilding on social media. Participants will get a high-level understanding of what data science and machine learning are, and learn about the models datavaluepeople and Build Up have developed. You will be challenged to design your own models to hopefully gain a deeper understanding of what is possible and useful when trying to automatically detect and find insights in social media data.

Wellbeing and Fintech: The Power of Community

Organizer: Green String Network (GSN) / Onkout

How important is it to tie micro-economic gains and tangible improvements in livelihoods to issues of wellbeing and collective social healing? Can new fintech

innovations work to stimulate conflict-affected countries, can micro economies leverage on global mental health best practices? The Green String Network (a regional NGO based in Kenya) has developed peer-support groups which are integrated and hosted on the new Onkout fintech platform for Kenya and Somalia linking to the global diaspora.

Together for Salam
Organizer: Peace Village Global

Join us to engage with art, yoga, music, interactive activities and discussion to help each other discover positive ways of encountering and creating peace together. We will use video art to create a short film that will be installed at the conference. We will be sharing our experiences of creating peace through art with children in combat zones and encouraging others to consider this type of program in their own communities.

Connecting in Safer Spaces – Digital Risk Management for Peace Mediators
Organizer: CyberPeace Institute

Our growing connectivity and dependence on digital technologies will continue to expand in the coming years, bringing radical changes to how we do things, including how we mediate in conflict settings. The Covid-19 pandemic has further accelerated mediators’ use of virtual platforms, digital devices and tools to communicate and engage with conflict parties. Therefore, mediation experts need to understand the risks associated with digital technologies, how they impact our work and the actors we engage with.

New narratives about the future to uncover the unseen: Stories from Afghanistan and Cyprus

Organizer: Reos Partners

This panel will explore how Reos works with diverse stakeholders to uncover new narratives about possible futures, making the invisible visible- In conflictual and polarized situations we often are not able to see each other anymore - and get stuck in the grievances of the past and present. During the session, two experiences from Afghanistan and Cyprus will be shared on setting up connecting spaces that enable diverse stakeholder groups that don’t necessarily like, trust or agree with each other to jointly develop scenarios about possible futures in conflict-affected contexts. You will be able to engage actively with the speakers.

Misinformation, hate speech, and deploying localized early warning systems in Africa: Lessons from the Sentinel Project

Organizer: The Sentinel Project

The Sentinel Project’s experience working on violence prevention initiatives in several countries has shown that rumors, misinformation, and disinformation - which are increasingly online - are leading sources of violent conflict. This workshop session will highlight the Sentinel Project’s current work on addressing rumors in South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Kenya, and provide

insights into WikiRumours, a web-based platform for geographically distributed teams that can be used to contextualize and mitigate misinformation through community involvement, crisis moderation, and transparency.

Building Online Resilience through Digital Storytelling
Organizer: FHI 360

Digital stories are key tools in building relationships and expanding our capacities to interact with each other peacefully. Without sharing our own stories with others, the factors that unite us and divide us will remain trapped under the surface. Participants will learn basic skills in digital storytelling and behavior change communication with the goal of building social cohesion and resilience to digital threats.

The impact of digital hate speech on protection in the humanitarian space
Organizer: UNHCR

Misinformation, disinformation and hate speech (MDH) is a growing problem with a negative impact on forcibly displaced people across the world, from Ukraine to Myanmar, Ethiopia to the Venezuela Situation. During this session, we will hear from those who are suffering from the real-world consequences of online MDH and discuss with key stakeholders roles, responsibilities and key actions to help mitigate against and prevent the impact of digital MDH on protection in the humanitarian space.

16:00-17.00 **Closing Session**