

International Online Seminar

Narratives of Conflict, Peace
and Reconciliation



All the sessions will be conducted in Spanish



Introduction

In recent years, academic collaboration between Universidad de Antioquia (Colombia) and the University of Groningen (Netherlands) has grown stronger and has revealed the immense potential arising from the exchange of experiences, the accumulation of knowledge, and teaching–learning methodologies. In 2019, Pablo Valdivia led a delegation from the University of Groningen that visited two of the Universidad de Antioquia campuses, the main campus in the metropolitan area of the Aburrá Valley, and the campus in the municipality of Andes. Upon this encounter, a relationship of mutual trust and acknowledgement was established, and many academic areas were identified and considered as having a great potential for the joint development of research and teaching initiatives. Of these areas, the most important are those related to the narratives of conflict, peace, and reconciliation.

Each university has a unique and distinguished way of developing the narratives of conflict, peace, and reconciliation through specific theoretical and methodological approaches. This opens up the possibility for reciprocal exchange and comparative analysis. Additionally, it makes it possible to engage in joint reflection of the results, reflections which can be applied to the training of both PhD candidates and new research personnel. Knowledge issues that arise can be addressed by interdisciplinary and interinstitutional work teams, driving the creation of a vast, long-term network of collaborative work through which both universities can strengthen their academic capabilities. The former would enable, among other things, the implementation of joint doctoral degree programs, summer courses, comparative research projects, alliances between academic cooperation networks, and the offer of training courses aimed at diverse populations.



Aim

To strengthen academic collaboration in postgraduate and doctoral education between Universidad de Antioquia and the University of Groningen.



Objectives

- To reflect collectively on the theoretical developments and the methodological advances made in the field of narratives of conflict, peace, and reconciliation.
- To closely examine each institution's meaningful pedagogical experiences in postgraduate education, so as to become experienced in the realization of joint research projects.
- To identify the subject matters of a summer school program dedicated to understanding the narratives of conflict, peace, and reconciliation set to take place in 2021 and to designate those who will be in charge of the academic agenda.
- To exchange information about the institutional organization of research and doctoral programs in order to facilitate communication and collaboration between the two institutions.
- To identify potential doctoral students for a joint degree program.
- Integration between the University of Groningen Winter School, directed by Pablo Valdivia, and the Universidad de Antioquia Summer School, Narratives of Conflict, Peace, and Reconciliation..



Seminar program

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October
28
2020

Opening Session of the International Online Seminar

09:00-10:30 (GMT-5) -Time, in Colombia
15:00-16:30 (GMT+1) -Time, in the Netherlands

Speakers

- Pablo Valdivia - Universidad de Groningen.
- Marcela Garcés and Vladimir Montoya - Universidad de Antioquia.

Conflict: Methodologies and Narratives

The thematic focus of this session is on the various qualitative and quantitative methodological tools that are useful in studying cultural narratives that serve as the foundation for the representation and experience of violent conflicts.

Speakers

- Pablo Valdivia - Universidad de Groningen.
- Konstantin Mierau - Universidad de Groningen.

November
25
2020

Geopolitics of Peace: Negotiations of Peace, Truth, and Reconciliation from a Comparative Perspective

09:00-10:30 (GMT-5) -Time, in Colombia
15:00-16:30 (GMT+1) -Time, in the Netherlands

The focus is on the critical approach to peace negotiation processes in internal armed conflicts, such as those that occurred in South Africa, Rwanda, Spain, Ireland, and Colombia, reflecting on the geopolitical conditions that have characterized each peace agreement and on the role of international actors in their execution.

Speakers

- Heriberto Cairo - Universidad Complutense de Madrid.
- Luis Berneth Peña - Jena Center for Reconciliation Studies (JCRS), University of Jena.



February



24
2021

Intervention Methodologies for the Construction of Peace

09:00-10:30 (GMT-5) -Time, in Colombia
15:00-16:30 (GMT+1) -Time, in the Netherlands

The focus is on the presentation of the interdisciplinary methodological advances made by the Special Unit of Peace of Universidad de Antioquia in the multiple scenarios in which it has collaborated: Reincorporation into society of ex-combatants, initiatives for conflict memory and for the strengthening of both social organizations and institutions pertaining to Colombia's comprehensive system to build peace

Speakers

Special Unit of Peace - Universidad de Antioquia.

March



24
2021

Narratives of Reincorporation and Reintegration

09:00-10:30 (GMT-5) -Time, in Colombia
15:00-16:30 (GMT+1) -Time, in the Netherlands

The focus is on the presentation of reincorporation experiences of ex-combatants in Antioquia, Chocó, and southern Córdoba. A revision of the reintegration and reconciliation processes will be made by analyzing the narratives of the communities in accordance with the instances of participation enabled by the Peace Agreement. Emphasis will be on the methodological aspects and the narratives discovered in this process.

Speakers

Alejandro Pimiento and Andrés García - Universidad de Antioquia.



April
28
2021

The Challenges of Peace in the Face of Social Protest Movements

09:00-10:30 (GMT-5) -Time, in Colombia
15:00-16:30 (GMT+1) -Time, in the Netherlands

In addition to our society's structural issues of conflict and violence, there is an emergence of different social protest movements, such as those of the indigenous populations, sexual dissidences, students, workers, and health care system patients. In these cases, it is necessary to establish relational behaviors based on the matrix of peace, and not on that of conflict.

Speaker

Carlos del Valle - Universidad de la Frontera.

May
26
2021

Studies on the Representation of the Context of Conflict and Peace in Latin American Literature

09:00-10:30 (GMT-5) -Time, in Colombia
15:00-16:30 (GMT+1) -Time, in the Netherlands

We will present a systematization of studies carried out –from literature or cultural studies– on the representation of neoliberalism in the literature of countries that have gone through conflict and peace processes. These studies take into account the economic model of the countries in question, as well as the cultural, social, and political regime this model entails.

Speaker

Jacqueline Fowks - Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

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