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Summer Schools



**Narratives of Peace, Conflict and
Reconciliation**

> 26 – 30 July 2021



> Online (Zoom)

Description

The last two decades have seen the increase of conflicts of an ethnic, cultural, racial, environmental, religious, political or economic nature around the world. Hence, it is urgent to reflect on the hostilities that have come to be characteristic of our contemporary societies. Of equal relevance is to address the processes of negotiation and peace building that were pursued during this time. These processes have multiplied in various conflictive situations, prompting creative ways of narrating the historical memories of wars and confrontations and fostering spaces prone to dialogue between belligerent actors and their victims. The main questions of the summer school are based on the hypothesis that the recent peace process in Colombia —as well as new-

fashioned cases of negotiation of other internal armed conflicts— represent fertile scenarios to understand or visualize the narratives through which societies confront, explain and process the effects of the conflict from both, a local and a global perspective. The aim of this summer school is to reflect on these processes of conflict, transition and peace, and on how cultures strive to imagine and build future horizons of peace. The central theme of this edition is cultural narratives of conflict, post-conflict and reconciliation. Key questions like the following will be addressed in the summer school: How narratives of conflict, transition and reconciliation can be addressed from a theoretical perspective? What relevant features and perspectives explain conflict and social transformation around the world? How cultural narratives relate to, activate, orientate and represent conflict? In which ways the relationship between the notions of peace and truth enlighten the peace-making process in Colombia? What are the main challenges for pursuing a state of peace? How to address conflict resolution in the future?

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