

IFCU International Network on Peace Studies and International Relations

IFCU Peace Studies network is an international group of multidisciplinary research with the aim of studying international relations, conflicts, and strategies for conflict prevention and the construction of sustainable peace.

This network promotes collaboration between academics themselves, between academics and practitioners of international relations, and more broadly, the various actors involved in security issues. It aims to promote joint events among its members through the organization of an annual master class, and encourages university collaboration at the undergraduate, masters and doctorate levels.

Being in a research-action perspective, the ambition of our network is also to encourage forward-looking and innovative thinking, and to provide concrete solutions to contemporary challenges.

The network is dedicated to analyzing the following contemporary issues:

- Prevention (early warning) of conflicts ;
- Analysis of issues related to armaments, particularly nuclear weapons ;
- Analysis of issues related to new technologies, artificial intelligence and their implications for future security ;
- Religions and conflicts (including radicalization) ;
- Impact of interreligious dialogue on peace processes and tolerance policies ;
- Terrorism ;
- Causes and impacts of migration processes ;
- Environmental conflicts ;
- Post-conflict and resilience policies.

As an IFCU international research group, the network benefits from the Federation's registration in international forums where its expertise will be promoted: Council of Europe, OSCE, UNESCO, and ECOSOC in particular. The network has close collaborations with the Catholic Peacebuilding Network (partnership in actions, participation in the CPN's scientific council)

The network will publish a quarterly newsletter.

The first master class of this network will take place at the **Catholic university of Angers (France) from March 27th to 29th 2019**, on the theme "*Human Rights and Armaments*".

Finally, the network announces a series of events organized by catholic universities (members and non-members) :

- **August 30th - September 6th, 2018:** 3rd Summer School "*War, Reconstruction and Establishment of Peace: From the roots of war to the establishment of lasting peace*", organized at Our Lady of Good Counsel University, Tirana (Albania);
- **September 2018:** launching of a training session "*Certificat: Intervention civile de paix*", at the Institut Catholique de Paris.
- **End of September 2018:** Catholic University of Lille Master Class 2018: "*Global Actors for Peace*" (France);
- **December 5th – 7th 2018:** Workshop on "*Peacebuilding*", organized by UCSIA in Antwerp (Belgium);
- **January 30th – 31th 2019:** International Conference on "*Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation: Moving from Violence to Sustainable Peace*", organized at Stella Maris College, Chennai (India).