

Call for Contributions

Youth for Peace and Security

Young People's Participation in Peacebuilding – an Underestimated Contribution on the Way to Sustainable Peace?

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Today, over half the world's population is under the age of 30. More than 600,000,000 youth live in fragile and conflict affected areas. Despite the political discourse portraying youth either victims or perpetrators of violence, many young people are engaged in building peace in their communities.

Following a worldwide #youth4peace movement the United Nations Security Council adopted resolution 2250 on Youth Peace and Security (UNSCR 2250) on 9. December 2015. It is the first document of its kind to recognize the positive role young people play in building peace. UNSCR 2250 and its follower 2419 urge the need for governments and other stakeholders to support young people in this role and include them in their peace and security efforts and represent a landmark for all young people involved in transforming conflict, peacebuilding and countering violence.

In recognition of the role young people play in peace and security we invite you to participate in and contribute to our conference, and discuss with us the rising research field of young people's participation and role in peacebuilding.

Our conference aims at discussing the emerging field of young people in peace and security which has only very rarely been systematically investigated and gather new insights on their role in sustainable peace. It sets out to critically analyse how young people contribute to peace and to include the role young people play in the study of peace and conflict. Further, we aim to investigate on the importance of the topic and its future in Peace and Conflict Studies research. It advances novel frameworks and outlooks on young people in peace through, comparative and case analysis and discussions that explore young people's role in peace and security through approaches, both empirically and theoretically.

The conference will provide an opportunity for young and established, academics, scholars, practitioners, and subject-matter experts from all around the world to come together and share their knowledge and expertise on matters related to youth, peace and security.

Prospective contributors are welcome to submit contribution proposals on any aspect related to the topic of young people's role in peacebuilding, related but not limited to:

Youth, Peace and Security

Youth, Peace and Development

Past, Present and Future Participation of Youth in Peacebuilding

Young people in Mediation, Diplomacy, and Decision Making

UNSCR 2250 & 2419

Prospective panelists please send their **abstracts** (400 words max.) and bios (200 words max.) to Burkej@students.uni-marburg.de **by 07. October 2018**. Panel submissions should additionally provide an abstract (200 words max.) explaining the rationale of the panel. The conference languages are English and German.

Presentation time for panelists is limited to max.15 minutes (10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions).

The conference is organised by the Student Council MA Peace and Conflict Studies (fuchschaft) and the

Student Council MA International Development Studies, in cooperation with the Young German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies and the Centre for Conflict Studies Philipps Universität Marburg.

Questions? Please contact Burkej@students.uni-marburg.de

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding your attendance or contribution proposal!