



Is Peace Possible? A Summit of Peacemakers on Today's Frontlines

A Series of Public Panel Presentations and Interactions

Oct. 23 to 24, 2007
Peace & Justice Theatre

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**JOAN B. KROC INSTITUTE FOR PEACE & JUSTICE (IPJ) at the
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Presents

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The Women PeaceMakers Program at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) is celebrating its fifth anniversary. Each fall, this unique program hosts four heroic women and documents their stories of working to end conflict and build just and sustainable peace. As the IPJ welcomes four new peacemakers in 2007, it is also hosting previous women peacemakers for a two-day summit. The women will update us on their work and share how they are handling some of the treacherous obstacles to peace.

Day 1: Tuesday, Oct. 23, Peace & Justice Theatre

9:30 a.m. to noon: **"Peacemaking: Persevering in the Face of Violence"**

A discussion of roadblocks and runways in peacemaking.

2 to 4 p.m.: **"Seeking Human Security: Crossing Conflict Lines"**

A discussion of cross-sector work to foster inclusive human security.

7 to 9 p.m.: Joan B. Kroc Distinguished Lecture Series Panel – **"International Strides for Inclusive Peacebuilding"** – Three international leaders will address how their organizations are supporting local peacemakers.

Day 2: Wednesday, Oct. 24, Peace & Justice Theatre

10 a.m. to noon: **"Peacebuilding: Fostering Civic Trust"**

A discussion of the essential tools in peacebuilding.

2 to 3:30 p.m.: **"Media as a Tool for Peacebuilding"**

A panel on the use of media as an effective tool for peacebuilding.

Please also join us on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. for "The Faith Club," a special panel presentation on interfaith dialogue by the three authors, a Christian, Jew and Muslim, of the book The Faith Club.

For more information about the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, go to <http://peace.sandiego.edu>; or call (619) 260-7509.

The USD Campus is reached via Linda Vista Road.

For directions, go to: <http://peace.sandiego.edu/about/directions.html>.

These events are free and open to the public. RSVPs are encouraged for the Summit panels and required for the DLS panel and Faith Club events. RSVP at <http://peace.sandiego.edu>.



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Day 1: Tuesday, Oct. 23

9:30 a.m. - Welcome to the Fifth Anniversary Summit

10 a.m. to noon - "Peacemaking: Persevering in the Face of Violence"

Panelists will present the complexities of real-world conflict mitigation and peace negotiations in their respective countries. Reflecting on the current obstacles to their past initiatives to cross conflict lines and create the conditions for peace, women on the frontlines will share their perspectives and updates on the recurring challenges and possible improvements they encounter in their work.

2 to 4 p.m. - "Seeking Human Security: Crossing Conflict Lines"

In entrenched conflicts, dehumanizing perceptions of the "other" must be called into question. These speakers will discuss their on-the-ground work to dispel politically-motivated myths through education, policymaking, grassroots activism and cross-border communication. By working across conflict lines these women demonstrate and model methods to achieve and foster inclusive human security in communities, nations and regions scarred by ethnic conflict, identity politics and discrimination.

4 to 4:30 p.m. West Coast Launch of *Women Building Peace: What They Do, Why It Matters*

Join Sanam Anderlini, author of *Women Building Peace: What They Do, Why It Matters*, for a comprehensive, cross-regional analysis of women's peacebuilding initiatives around the world.

7 to 9 p.m. Joan B. Kroc Distinguished Lecture Series - "International Strides for Inclusive Peacebuilding"

International policymakers and experts will highlight gender concerns and inclusion in conflict resolution, peacekeeping operations and long-term peacebuilding efforts such as reconciliation and accountability for war crimes, particularly gender-based human rights violations.

Day 2: Wednesday, Oct. 24

10 a.m. to noon - "Peacebuilding: Fostering Civic Trust"

Steps toward peace and security remain tentative without gender-inclusive governance and policies. A range of issues must be addressed at each level in society following periods of mass atrocity and gross human rights violations. From the grassroots level to the national arena, from building the capacity of civil society to ensuring good governance, women have a key role to play.

2 to 3:30 p.m. - "Media as a Tool for Peacebuilding"

Today's emerging information and communication technologies have the potential to connect the world as never before. New media tools can enable us to share peacebuilding solutions, strengthen cultures, educate communities (no matter the level of literacy), monitor peace processes, promote civic empowerment and create new levels of accountability and transparency in governments and corporations around the world.