



Draft Schedule 2024 CCU Conference

About

Title: Catholic Universities: Standing in Solidarity with Partners and Peers in Conflict Zones

Date: July 31 – August 2, 2024

Location: Notre Dame in Rome (Via Ostilia, 15 00184, Roma)

Conference Hotel: Mercure Roma Centro Colosseo (Via Labicana, 144, 00184 Roma)

Conference Guiding Questions

Responding to global conflict has long been a part of international education and, as Catholic universities, we believe we can come together to think upon how to offer community and support for a world in need.

This conference intends to explore two main questions:

1. What are important ways universities, especially Catholic universities, through teaching and research, can contribute to cross-cultural dialogue that strengthens resilience and nurtures peace in conflict zones?
2. What are good and best practices, especially by Catholic universities, for expressing solidarity with partners and peers in conflict-impacted zones?

Modality

- Upon request, presenters who are not able to attend in person will be able to present via Zoom.

Schedule

July 30 - Conference attendees arrive. No scheduled conference-related activities.

Day One – July 31

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| 9:00am-9:30am | Mass |
| 9:30am-9:50am | Check-in (coffee provided) |
| 10:00am-10:10am | Session 1.1 - Welcome
<i>About:</i> Welcome to Notre Dame Rome and CCU's 2024 conference |
| 10:10am-11:30am | Session 1.2 – Opening Remarks
<i>About:</i> Representatives from CCU members are invited to provide opening remarks and reflections about the conference theme: 'Catholic Universities: Standing in Solidarity with Partners and Peers in Conflict Zones' |
| 11:30am-12:30pm | Session 2 - TBD |
| 12:30pm-1:45pm | Lunch |
| 2:00pm-3:30pm | Session 3 – Partners in Conflict Zones Plenary
<i>About:</i> Listening Session to hear from university faculty and administrators about their experiences in conflict zones. |
| 3:30pm-3:45pm | Break |
| 4:00pm-5:15pm | Session 4 - The ND-UCU Partnership Plenary
<i>About:</i> Introduction of the ND-UCU Partnership |
| 5:15pm | End of Sessions |
| 5:30pm-6:30pm | Welcome Reception (heavy hor d'oeuvres provided) |

Day Two – August 1

9:00am-9:30am Mass

9:30am-10:00am Coffee & Welcome

10:00am-11:30am **Session 5 - Concurrent Sessions**

About: Sharing of research projects or initiatives related to the following multidisciplinary areas of study.

Research: Democracy & Peace Building

Walsh Aula

- **Prof. Semion Lyandres**, University of Notre Dame - *Lessons in Solidarity: Notre Dame-Supported Archival Projects to Preserve Ukrainian Cultural Heritage*
- **Dr. Yuriy Shchurkuv**, Ukrainian Catholic University - *Threats and Challenges for Just Peace in Ukraine*
- **Dr. Anne Maureen Syallow**, Strathmore University - *Democratic participation in fighting poverty: Building resilient and peaceful communities in South Sudan*
- **Prof. Meng-Jen Chang**, Fu Jen University - *In search of achieving lasting peace in Ukraine: The Pope's inspiration to the Catholic university*

Solidarity: Students

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- **Dr. Ashley Beck**, St. Mary's University - *Catholic Social Teaching and International Relations: what a Catholic university can do*
- **Prof. Alessandro Frino**, The University of Notre Dame Australia - *Recruiting new students from conflict zones: A case study in saving lives and the remarkable learning opportunity afforded to our current students*
- **Dr. Nyree McDonald**, University of Notre Dame - *Summer Research Opportunities, Value and Collaboration*
- **Mrs. Olha Mykhailyshyn**, Catholic University Eichstaett-Ingolstadt - *Adaptation of the Service-learning Methodology for Wartime and Recovery*
- **Ms. Solomiia Rozlutska**, Ukrainian Catholic University - *Academic Solidarity in Action: Students Support Practices amidst the War in Ukraine*

Teaching: Resilience

Annex

- **Prof. Kirsty Beilharz**, The University of Notre Dame Australia - *Cross-cultural dialogue of reconciliation and embedded Indigenous Knowledges in University teaching towards overcoming adversity and conflict*
- **Dr. Rowena Roppelt**, Catholic University Eichstaett-Ingolstadt - *Advancing Peace and Democratic Engagement: The Role of the KU-JWL Partnership in Conflict-Impacted Zones*
- **Prof. Renee Ryan**, The University of Notre Dame Australia - *Immersion as Initiative: The Core Curriculum Pilgrimage Experience at University of Notre Dame Australia*
- **Dr. Dmytro Sherengovsky**, Ukrainian Catholic University - *E pluribus unum: Fostering Catholic global solidarity through Engaged Universities' alliances*

11:30-11:45am

Break

11:45pm-1:15pm

Session 6 – Concurrent Sessions

About: Sharing research projects or initiatives related to the following multidisciplinary areas of study.

RESEARCH: Policy Development & Impact

Walsh Aula

- **Dr. Fernanda Liberali***, Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo - *Fostering Cross-Cultural Dialogue and Resistance through Play: The Impact of Projeto Brincadas*
- **Mr. Dhiraj Mehra**, University of Notre Dame Mumbai - *Empowering Education: Transforming Marginalized Communities through Project Sampoorna in Telangana*
- **Dr. Carole Murphy**, St Mary's University - *Fostering cross-cultural dialogue, competency and humility to improve the prevention of human trafficking/modern slavery and to enhance the protection of survivors*
- **Dr. Paulo Pereira**, Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo - *Building Resilience: the São Paulo Public Security and Drug Policy Popular Forum's Journey Towards Community Empowerment*

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- **Ms. Margaret Doherty**, St. Mary's University - *Harnessing the Power of Online Support Communities: Implications for Catholic Universities in Nurturing Resilience and Peace in Conflict Zones*

- **Dr. Gabriel Loureiro de Lima**, Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo - *Internationalization at Home: Innovative Teaching Practices for Global and Intercultural Competencies*
- **Dr. Halyna Protsyk**, Ukrainian Catholic University - *Uniting minds for peace and solidarity: the power of COIL in Catholic university networks*
- **Dr. Wojciech Rybka**, Fu Jen University - *“Blessed Are the Peacemakers”: The Perception of Selected Fu Jen Catholic University’s Students Concerning University’s and Religion’s Role in Promoting Cross-Cultural Dialogue, Justice and Peace*

Research: Ethics

Annex

- **Mr. Oles Dobosevych**, Ukrainian Catholic University - *Title Pending*
- **Prof. Juan Carlos Riofrio**, Strathmore University - *The Role of the Catholic Social Principles in Contemporary Research*
- **Prof. Clemens Sedmak**, University of Notre Dame - *The Ethics of Resilient Universities*
- **Dr. Annette Pierdziwol**, The University of Notre Dame Australia - *Good lives in challenging times: How research in ethics can strengthen resilience and foster peace*

1:30pm-2:30pm

Lunch

2:30pm-4:00pm

Session 7 – Concurrent Sessions

About: Share research projects or initiatives related to the following multidisciplinary areas of study.

Research: Health

Walsh Aula

- **Dr. Pedro Ambra**, Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo - *Psychological Suffering and Extreme Phenomena: From Recognizing Difference to Building Peace*
- **Dr. Laura Miller-Graff***, University of Notre Dame - *Developing Evidence-Based Supports for Palestinian Families: Community-Engaged Research as a Practice of Solidarity*

Placeholder for additional sessions for remote participants

4:00pm-4:30pm

Coffee Break

4:30pm-6:00pm

Session 8 - Institutional Solidarity Best Practices (Walsh Aula & Zoom)

About: Representatives from CCU member institutional best practices to develop, sustain, and promote solidarity.

- **Prof. Martin Drum**, The University Notre Dame Australia - *Cross-cultural dialogue in a post-conflict zone: Notre Dame Australia and St Paul Institute Cambodia*
- **Prof. Francis Yi-Chen**, Fu Jen University - *Multi-stakeholder International Education Cooperation for Refugee Students*
- **Vice President***, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile - *Title Pending*
- **Dr. Jarek Nabrzyski**, University of Notre Dame - *Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Supporting Catholic Universities in Conflict Zones: A Computational and Social Science Approach*

6:00pm End

7:30pm-9:30pm Conference Dinner

(*) = indicates confirmed remote speakers

(~) = indicates potential remote speakers

Day Three – August 2

8:00am-8:30am	Mass
8:30am-10:00am	Coffee
9:00am-10:00am	Session 9 - Working Session (only moderators and recorders) <i>About:</i> A working session for all moderators and recorders to confirm brief presentations on key themes from each session
10:00am-11:45am	Session 10 - Reports from Day 2 Sessions + Discussion (all) <i>About:</i> Brief presentations on key themes from each session combined with discussion by all conference participants.
11:45am-12:00pm	Break
12:00am-12:45pm	Session 11 - Where do we go from here? <i>About:</i> Discussion on how we can develop scholarly and institutional collaboration after the conference
12:45pm-1:00pm	Closing & Final Remarks
1:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch

A designated representative from each member university of the Consortium is asked to attend a planning session. All other conference participants may depart.

2:00pm-3:30pm	Session 12 - CCU Planning <i>Attendees:</i> A representative from each member of the CCU <i>About:</i> Post-conference plans
3:30pm	Conference adjourns for all

No evening gathering.

August 3 - Conference attendees depart. No scheduled conference-related activities.