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Education for Urban Revitalization toward Social & Ecological Justice: Peace Education in an Era of Globalization

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2015

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IIPE 2015 will be hosted by The University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio from July 26-Augst 2, 2015. This year's Institute will also celebrate IIPE's new institutional home at The University of Toledo.

The International Institute on Peace Education (IIPE) is an applied peace education laboratory that provides a space for pedagogical experimentation; cooperative, deep inquiry into shared issues; and advancing theoretical, practical and pedagogical applications. For 32 years, the IIPE has brought together educators, academics, professional workers, and activists in the field of peace education from around the world to exchange knowledge and experiences, and to learn with and from each other in an intensive weeklong residential learning community.

IIPE 2015 participants, many whom will be drawn from North America, will join with representatives from other world regions in an experience that embodies the practices and principles of critical, participatory peace pedagogy. The residential learning exchange helps to build global community and solidarity; illuminate diverse views; facilitate an exploration of educational applications; and assess possibilities for practical steps toward addressing the theme of "Education for Urban Revitalization toward Social & Ecological Justice: Peace Education in an Era of Globalization."

Peace education has an important role to play in addressing issues of urban decline and the interconnected dilemmas of poverty, violence, health, and environmental degradation in an era of unprecedented economic globalization. The IIPE provides a constructive process model and interactive space through which these issues will be explored and for the identification and development of strategies and methods to address them.

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Addressing the decline of urban environments and the associated and resulting forms of injustice and violence requires a holistic and comprehensive strategy. The causes of such decline range from the local to the global. The negative effects of globalized economies on local communities are well documented. In its relentless expansion, the global economy gobbles up finite natural resources at an unsustainable pace and threatens cultural and political diversity. Economic policies predominantly favor the interests of wealthy countries over those that are less developed (LDCs). The exploitation inherent in economic globalization pertains to not only LDCs but to segments of developed countries as well: the US cities of Detroit and Toledo are examples, wherein economic globalization has produced profound injustice. Both the economy *and* the injustice *are* global in the sense that they *transcend* national boundaries. Both economic prosperity and economic injustice, along with their concomitant forms of social injustice, are no longer distributed in national terms but are distributed in global-local terms—in terms of global winners and losers, *regardless and independent* of national location. A response to this global economic structure requires a reconceptualization of the scope of social and political distributive justice toward a global, transnational conception. It also requires the development of forms of political and civic education that cultivate the political efficacy of, and thereby empower, current and future citizens to politically engage in the pursuit of justice within and counter to this new economic reality. Peace education, as developed through the IIPE global network of educators, provides a framework and transformative pedagogical practices for consciousness-raising and social and political engagement.

The University of Toledo is uniquely situated at the crossroads of the Midwestern United States where many large cities have been significantly impacted by economic depression. Detroit, one hour north of Toledo, has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation at 16.4% (June 2014, US Bureau of Labor Statistics) and in 2013 had one of the highest violent crime rates at 2,123 per 100,000 residents (2013, FBI Crime Statistics). IIPE 2015 offers a significant opportunity to impact the region through involvement of local educators and community organizers. Specific site visits will be coordinated to meet and learn from both regional community development and education programs that have been successful in lifting up local populations.

Students studying on The University of Toledo campus.

While IIPE will delve into Toledo, Detroit and other "Rust Belt" issues and responses, participants are invited to bring examples, inquiries, and educational projects that will illuminate the global-local and cross-regional connections. Efforts will be made to assure that inquiries and outcomes are adaptable to multiple international contexts. The weeklong programming will include presentations, workshops, and programming drawn from participants' proposals as well as local community contributions, and intra-IIPE dialogues.

At the conclusion of the IIPE, all participants will have the opportunity to contribute to a special issue of *In Factis Pax*, an online journal of peace and social justice based at The University of Toledo. This issue will feature theoretical and practical applications of peace education for urban revitalization toward social and ecological justice as gleaned from the 2015 IIPE. *In Factis Pax* is freely available to educators, peace builders, and community change agents from around the globe.

The IIPE was founded in 1982 by Betty Reardon and colleagues at Teachers College, Columbia University. Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2013, Betty Reardon is well recognized as a founder of the field of peace education. While the IIPE is an annual gathering, this is the first time that it has addressed the issue of urban revitalization. This is also the first time the IIPE has been hosted in the domestic United States since 1995.

Participation Fees

Participation fees for IIPE 2015 are **$550 USD**. Participation fees cover all onsite expenses including meals, lodging (double occupancy dormitory with air conditioning), local transportation and airport shuttles (if required).

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