

## **Peace Studies**



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# Message from the Editor-in-Chief

The times we live in call for meaningful dialogue and action toward peace. From global conflicts and political violence to the spread of hate speech and online incivility, advancing knowledge that contributes to lasting peace has never been more urgent.

Peace Studies offers an inclusive platform for diverse perspectives, welcoming empirical research, critical essays, and reviews that spark innovative thinking and data-driven solutions. Guided by a distinguished international Editorial Board, the journal is committed to excellence, integrity, and global collaboration.

On behalf of the Editorial Office, we extend a warm welcome to all potential contributors and readers of Peace Studies—join us in shaping a more peaceful future.

#### **Editor-in-Chief**

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#### **Aims**

Peace Studies (ISSN 3042-6529) is an international, cross-disciplinary, scholarly, open access journal that covers—both in theory and practice—conflict resolution, peacebuilding, peacemaking, mediation, reconciliation, and transitional justice with related topics (e.g., human rights, sustainable development), framed in direct connection to peace.

In awareness of the importance of peace and achieving sustainable development for humanity, *Peace Studies* strives to support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations, and it explicitly links peace studies to relevant SDGs such as Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions). As a transdisciplinary journal, *Peace Studies* supports open access and open science by encouraging researchers to provide full experimental and methodological details so that their results can be reproduced and/or assessed.

#### Scope

- Locally led/locally driven peacebuilding.
- Peace journalism, education, and linguistics.
- Peace in relation to climate, food, water, resilience, and health.
- Private sector roles and multi-sector partnerships for peace.
- Peace and digital spaces: social media, online communities, hate speech, and civil discourse.
- Arts, performance, and cultural expressions of peace.
- Economic and policy analyses, including the economics of peace and sustainable development.
- Computational and participatory approaches to peace research.
- Promotion of peace, human rights, and wellbeing.
- Social, economic, and governmental policies related to peace.
- Social work, care, and community-level initiatives in local and international contexts.
- Studies on equity, equality, and equal rights.
- Public provision and institutional roles in the respect and promotion of human rights.
- Governance, administration, and state/ international institutional efficiency in peacebuilding.
- Governmental policy analysis, decisionmaking, and strategy development for peace.
- Comparative policy studies and evaluations of peace-related interventions.
- Continued development, financial efficiency, and resource allocation for sustaining peace.

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