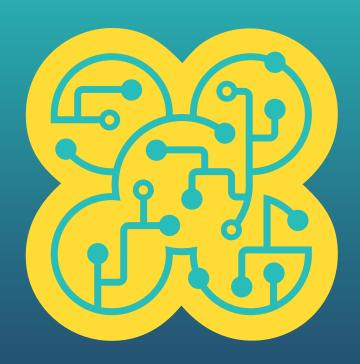
PROGRAMME



BUILD PEACE 2025

Towards a Pluriverse of Peace

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Welcome to Build Peace 2025

Build Peace 2025 is the 12th annual conference exploring emergent challenges to peace in the digital era, and the innovations in peacebuilding that seek to address them.

This year's theme invites us to rethink what we talk about when we talk about peace. In a time marked by oppression, division and othering, inequality and a deep erosion of trust, how do we reclaim and give meaning to peace? How can we harness new possibilities to connect across difference, learn from one another's grounded experiences, and nurture interdependence?

The conference will explore these questions through three key sub-themes—each addressing a central dilemma in the peace and conflict field:

- **Between Polarization and Deliberation**
- **Between Deterrence and Nonviolence**
- **Between Erasure and Memory**

We invite you to engage with these tensions, question the assumptions behind them, and explore new entry points for building and redefining peace.

Build Peace 2025 is co-organized by **Build Up** and **ICIP** (International Catalan Institute for Peace), in collaboration with the City Council of Santa Coloma de Gramenet, City Council of Barcelona, Catalonia International and the Governement of Catalonia.



All plenary sessions are bilingual/interpreted in English, Spanish and Catalan.



All workshops are in the language stated in the program with no interpretation offered.



O LA CIBA

Passeig de Llorenç Serra, 64. 08921 Santa Coloma de Gramenet, Barcelona.

You can find more information on logistics here.

Day 1 Friday, November 21



08:00-09:00

Registration

09:00-09:30

Opening Session & Welcome

Keynote: Alexandra Geese

Member of the European Parliament

09:30-10:30

DIALOGUE:

Pro-social Design to Make Spaces Deliberative Instead of Polarizing

What participatory and deliberative tools, methods and spaces can tackle rising affective and toxic polarization? How can polarized digital spaces become deliberative? We aim to explore where and how that shift happens, the role of alternative narratives and what approaches (technological or otherwise) can be used to include all voices in social and peace processes and movements.



Nadim Nashif 7amleh



Julia KaminProsocial Design Network

Moderated by **Caleb Gichuhi** Build Up

10:30-11:15

Coffee Break

11:15-12:30

SHORT TALKS:
Between Polarization and Deliberation



Applying Prebunking to Build Resilience to Divisive Disinformation: Learning from Libya

Maurice Aaek

(BBC Media)

Listening with Al: Opportunities and Challenges of Al-Supported Sensemaking in Youth Consultations for Peace

Felix Kufus

(CMI - Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation)

Peacebuilder-Al Collaboration

Julie Hawke
(Build Up)

Bringing Digital Culture and Democratic Innovation Closer to the Nearby Territory

Mar Escarrabill

(Canòdrom - Ateneu d'Innovació Digital i Democràtica de Barcelona)

Peacebuilding narratives: Data, Networks, and Technologies to Confront Polarization **Yesenia Camacho**

(El Barómetro)

The Dance Between Us **Ana Tinajero**

(Dance to Power)

12:30-13:30

Day 1 Friday, November 21



13:30-17:00

WORKSHOPS:

(includes 30-minute break at 15:30)



17:00-18:00

DIALOGUE:

How Do We Use Deliberative Tech to Discuss Polarizing Legislative Processes in Democracies?

Del olvido a la memoria viva: Archivos como herramientas para la construcción de paz **Swisspeace & CERJ & ODHAG**

Reclaiming the City: Feminist Urbanism as a Path to Peace The Red Dot Foundation

Challenging Militarized Al: Feminist and Decolonial Perspectives to Resisting Technological Violence

Perú por el Desarme and WILPF Germany

EU Policy Discussion: Changing Business Incentives of Social Media Platforms **Build Up and Ashoka**

Imaging Peace: A Peace Photography Methods Workshop **Fotosynthesis**

Embodying Care: The Power of Pause **Humanity United**

Beyond Right and Wrong: Cultivating Inner Ground for Dialogue

Empathie Initiative

Designing Deliberative Process: Where to Plug in Technology University of Notre Dame



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Nerima Wako-Ojiwa Siasa Place

Moderated by **Mahmoud Bastati**Build Up

18:30-20:00

SIDE EVENT:

"Municipalities, Seeds of Peace"

Inaugural event of the campaign "Municipis, Ilavors de pau" (Municipalities, Seeds of Peace), promoted by the Fons Català de Cooperació al Desenvolupament.

Venue: Sagarra Theatre

Organised by: Santa Coloma de Gramenet City Council

Day 2 Saturday, November 22



09:00-10:00 **DIALOGUE**:

International Arms Race,
Geopolitical Tensions,
and Escalating Military Spending

A critical examination of the growing approach to rely on force as a solution to global challenges in a world that is becoming more multipolar and less multilateral. This dialogue will explore the prevailing narrative that security equates to military defense and offense, while highlighting if possible alternative approaches rooted in human security. How can current trends be countered by diplomacy, cooperation, and peacebuilding over militarization?



José Julio RodríguezFormer Spanish Chief
of the Defence



Anastasiia Holovnenko Centre for Civil Liberties

Moderated by **Kristian Herbolzheimer** ICIP

10:00-10:45 Coffee Break 10:45-12:00

SHORT TALKS: Between Deterrence and Nonviolence



CyberPeace Builders: Stronger Together **Alexandru Lazar**

(CyberPeace Institute)

(Cyberr eace matrice)

Presenting the Global Campaign on Military Spending (GCOMS)

Antonella Di Matteo

(Centre Delàs d'Estudis per la Pau)

How a Team of Young People Is Using Al for Peace in the Sahel

Boukar Kanta Mahaman Laouali

(Innovateurs pour la Paix)

Strengthen the activation of cities to create new narratives about diversity

Carmen Uroz

(Ajuntament de Santa Coloma)

From Amnesty to Accountability: How excombatants and theater makers chapmion for justice in Lebanon

Christina Foerch Saab

(Fighters for Peace)

Day 2 Saturday, November 22



12:00-13:00

WORKSHOPS:



14:00-16:00

WORKSHOPS:



Algunos aprendizajes desde la facilitación de diálogos complejos a nivel local

Berbari Lekua

Bridging Divides: How Syrian Youth Turned Conflict into Collaboration

Olive Branch

Deliberation by Design for a Pluralistic Future: Leveraging Behavioral Insights and Open Innovation to Foster Trust and Consensus in Democratic Spaces

Fundación Corona

Fairtogether: Who is Watching? Feeling

Safe in a Watched World

Act for Transformation geG

Cyber Escape - OSINT and Governance

DreamSpace Technologies

Justice That Heals

Daima Initiatives for Peace and Development

Governments and Civil Society Using Deliberative Tech

University of Notre Dame

13:00-14:00

Lunch

PeaceTech Founders Forum

Conrad Grebel University College /
University of Waterloo

Deliberative Tools Are Taking Off — Let's Decide Where They Should Go! **Sparkable**

Together Against Online Hate: Art Meets Community Meets Data to Process Social Media Discrimination in Europe

Sharing Perspectives, Ichbinhier, FundiPau

Autoprotección civil pacífica en comunidades latinoamericanas. Alternativas a la seguridad militarizada

Masterpeace Cali

How the Body Understands Time Has Always Been (a ritual)

Independent tbc

Building Transnational Digital Archive Coalitions for Justice and Healing

Azadi Archive

Writing as Resistance, Self-Reflection, and Healing

Resonance Network

Day 2 Saturday, November 22



16:00-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-17:45

CLOSING REFLECTION:

Dilemmas of a Tech Panopticon

New technologies that control public space through the use of surveillance, but at the same time surveillance used to hold people to account. Indigenous use of drones and other tech to protect borders, prevent land grabbing, taking cases to human rights courts? How can technology be used as a tool for nonviolent civil defense in times of war, conflict, or authoritarian threat?



Ophelia RivasO'Odham leader and activist against US-Mexico border surveillance



Bruna dos Santos Witness



Jack IslesBorder Forensics

Moderated by **Helena Puig Larrauri** Build Up

Day 3 Sunday, November 23



09:00-10:00

DIALOGUE:

Do We Remember Authoritarianism?

A conversation about the connection between approaches to memory, dealing with the past of conflicts and authoritarian regimes and the rise of the far right. The panel will focus on trends, tools, and approaches to memory processes, truth commissions, at formal and informal levels, and how these shape people's current relationships with the past. We would like to discuss their impact on learning from the past and/or collective healing.



Francisco FerrándizConsejo Superior de
Investigaciones Científicas



Natascha Zupan Berghof Foundation

Moderated by **Maria Fanlo Torrecilla**

10:00-10:45 Coffee break 10:45-12:00

SHORT TALKS:

Between Erasure and Memory



Digital Majority: Archiving the Work of Women in Digital Sphere

Ana Pejovic

(Pro Peace)

Dialogue – No Thanks! Addressing Polarization in a Trauma-Informed Way

Cordula Reimann

(Core, Zwischentöne - Learning from Societal Crises)

Healing Collective Traumas: From Erasure to Memory – The Case of Women in the Conflict-Prone Zones of Northwestern Nigeria

Hauwa Mohammed Sani

(Ahmadu Bello University)

Movement Resource Center: Strengthening Grassroots Activism Through Connection and Civic Memory

Keshab Bhattarai

(Freedom Studio)

The Sudan Memory Project **Sara El-Nager**

(The Sudan Memory Project)

Confronting Erasure: how to prevent Identity-Based Mass Violence in cities

Rachel Locke

(VIP Lab)

Day 3 Sunday, November 23



12:00-13:00 **WORKSHOPS:**

1h

14:00-16:00 **WORKSHOPS**:



LOVE-Squads: Collective Action Against

Online Hate

LOVE-Storm / Federation for Civilian

Based Defence

Qué funciona (y qué no) para despolarizar en el ámbito educativo

Escola de Cultura de Pau - UAB

What's the Difference Between Good and Bad Conflict?

UC Berkeley

From Participation to Policy:
Building Catalonia's Public Policy for Peace
Catalan Peace Forum, Government
of Catalonia, and International Catalan
Institute for Peace

Showcasing Safety-by-Design: A Proactive Approach to Countering Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV) Targeting Women and Vulnerable Groups in Kenya and the Philippines' Digital Civic Spaces IREX

Literature for Peacebuilding: Reimagining Unacknowledged Traumas and Cultivating Empathy in Palestine/Israel

Abdelmalek Essaadi University

13:00-14:00 Lunch Todos Vosotros = All Y'all: The Texan's Peacebuilding Kit

The Church Lab

Deshacer la masculinidad militarista Universitat de Lleida

Using Deliberative Tech in Highly Polarized Contexts **University of Notre Dame**

Where Are They? Using Open-Source Methods and New Technologies to Support the Search for Missing Persons

Violence & Transitional Justice Lab

Seguridad Cotidiana feminista. Otra mirada a la seguridad **Corporacion CIASE**

Digital Cartography of Migrant Women's Actions for Peace: A Feminist-Decolonial Pedagogical Proposal

Geneva Graduate Institute

I Am My Father's Daughter: Preserving Memories to Prevent Intergenerational Trauma

Gender in Action Initiative

Travel Show: A Hybrid Guided Walk Through the Divided Island of Cyprus Independent Peace Activists

Day 3 Sunday, November 23



16:00-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-17:45
CLOSING REFLECTION:
From Archiving to Identity

Identity formation / cultural reclamation - identity as linked to polarization; whose narrative and histories tell us who we are, how are we influencing / retelling / claiming our own histories and therefore identities, and how is that linked to our vision and future? How are new technologies and creative methods used in archival attempts for memory and heritage?



Archie Oclos
Independent artist



Jelnar Ahmad Syrian Archive

Moderated by **Michaela Ledesma** Build Up

17:45-18:15 CONFERENCE CLOSING

Join us to wrap up the conference, and reflect on the thread of learnings that emerged from the three days, and what we take forward.





History of Casal de la Pau of Barcelona

Universitat de Lleida

Imaging Peace: Pluralising
Our Images of Peace Through
Localised Peace Photography

Imaging Peace

Loud Silence - Participatory Artwork

Stiftung Frauenkirche Dresden

San Luis Valley Colcha Embroidery: Mending Stories

San Luis Valley Colcha Embroidery Project tbc

Film screening "Milisuthando"

Milisuthando Bongela

The Technology of Prayer:
A Queer/Trans Poetic Offering

The Haven tbc

Border(line) Disorder: Addressing the Continuing Division in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Contact Zone

Crowns of Memory: Echoes of Power and Peace

King's College London and OSPRE





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