



SECOND CONFERENCE OF THE UNESCO CHAIR ON NON-VIOLENT SOCIAL INTERVENTION HISTORICAL ROOTS, CHALLENGES FOR PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

Date: 28, 29 and 30 October 2025

Location: Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogota, D.C., Colombia

Strategic alliances: Social Work Programme, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences and CIDS.

PRESENTATION

The Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of Externado University, Columbia, via its Social Work Programme and the Centre for Research into Social Dynamic (CIDS) is proud to invite you to the 2nd Conference of the Unesco Chair on Non Violent Social Intervention, « Historical roots, challenges for peace and non-violence » on October 28, 29 and 30, 2025. The conference will be an academic and cultural encounter, organised to bring together people working on questions of violence and the multiple strategies possible for resistance and transformation.

The Social Work programme and the Social Sciences Faculty recognise the vital importance of dialogue around the building of peace and non-violent social intervention, as a means to setting up social and political sustainability in the region. Professionals in the field play a major rôle in the conception, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes with these objectives. Equally, the CIDS, through its fields of research over two decades, has added considerably to understanding the stakes and challenges of conflict management and violence in peace building.

In this context, the Social Work Programme and the CIDS, through three of its eight fields of research, Culture and Society, Economy, and Health, are working in partnership with Bordeaux Montaigne University for the UNESCO Chair on Non Violent Social Intervention, which brings together universities and professionals working in the field from 13 countries around the world, with the aim of contributing to the empowerment , through the development of concrete skills, of professionals working on social issues.

This involves a capacity to work according to ethical values to build opportunities for action where the fundamental principle is humanism and non-violence. The Chair, with an approach of global synergy between North and South, works on the development of methods of non-violent action able to transform social and political relations on these issues.

Hence the invitation to the 2nd Conference of the UNESCO Chair on Non Violent Social Intervention of all professionals, lecturers, researchers and students, to participate in the discussion on the contexts of the enduring violence in several regions of the world, as well as scenarios of public policy and action, social movements, popular initiatives, and professional approaches in the field. The Conference will propose a space for dialogue and for raising the profile of these different actions, which aim to build strategies and alternatives to violence.

OBJECTIVE:

Promotion of exchange of experience and knowledge on the contexts and relations influencing the building of peace and of non-violent social intervention in public and professional action.



CALL FOR PAPERS

As part of the programming, three round tables will be open for the presentation of papers. The round tables aim to develop an academic space in which I) ideas and knowledge on an issue of common interest can be exchanged; II) debate around research and intervention are encouraged; III) an innovative space for interdisciplinary reflection is made available to facilitate debate and help build work networks.

Papers can be presented as an oral presentation with a maximum of 3 presenters per paper.

Presentations will be made at round table discussions organised by theme. Presenters will have 20 minutes to present their paper. If several authors are presenting the same paper, they will have to share the allotted time. At the end of each session, there will be time allotted for questions to encourage dialogue and discussion among round table participants.

Thus the national and international academic community of lecturers, researchers, doctoral and other students, professionals and activists, committed to building peace and non-violence are invited to present research results, theoretical analyses and situations of social intervention or programmes and projects, current or past according to the following key topics :

1. Contexts of violence and conflicts: understanding in order to act.
2. Scenarios of public policy, public action and professional involvement.
3. Strategies and alternatives to violence.
4. Intercultural violence, conflict, peace and non-violence

Table 1 Contexts of violence and conflicts: understanding in order to act.

This round table aims to open up a space to highlight practical experience and/or research into processes where the different forms of violence and conflict inherent in contemporary social relations can be demonstrated and discussed. It will look at the processes through which structural violence is made manifest in the social relations of class, gender and colonial racialisation present in our societies. Also welcome are papers on cross-sectional issues such as generation, life experience, territory, disability and other elements in the life experience of social beings.

Table 2: Scenarios of public policy, public action and professional involvement.

This round table represents one of the interests of our research laboratory: public affairs and their relation to normative development; public policy in response to 'social issues' of institutional and cultural violence (inequality, poverty, marginalisation) in State social policy, strategies for local deployment, social realities and local actors who put them in place. How State developed social policy interacts with social intervention when faced with the complexities of vulnerable people, made more vulnerable by their history.

Table 3 : Strategies and alternatives to violence.

This round table aims to discuss strategies and alternatives, which can be developed in the fight against violence. Research and papers by bodies, institutions, organisations and foundations, strategies



developed within communities, families and groups. Socialised experiences of action/intervention for a more humane, peaceful and non-violent society on a day-to-day basis.

Table 4. Intercultural violence, conflict, peace and non-violence.

This round table, in partnership with the Programme for Multicultural Exchange, aims to bring together papers analysing and reflecting on experience relating to intercultural or identity-based conflict, and its relation with social intervention for peace building. Themes of interest: deepening knowledge of different cultures and factors of intercultural conflict, intercultural communication and mediation, building inclusive, intercultural dialogue, training challenges.

Guidelines for papers :

- Papers will be selected based on an abstract which should present : the chosen key topic, the title, the main subject , the objectives of the study or research, theoretical and methodological approaches, principal results, discussion and conclusions (700 words with bibliography, Word Arial 11 1.5 spacing).
- Author(s) may include in a footnote: name, qualifications, link to institution, contact address
- Up to 3 authors may be associated with an abstract.

Approved abstracts presented at the Conference will be published on the sites of the Human and Social Sciences Faculty of Colombia University, and of the UNESCO Chair on Non Violent Social Intervention.

PRICE

Student FCSH	--
Price – national participant	\$150 mil pesos colombiens
Price - international participant	\$150 dollars

CALENDAR

Receipt of Abstracts	31 January 2025
Evaluation results	28 february
Programme	30 May 2025
Registration for Workshops	July 15 2025 (limited numbers)
Registration for visits	July 15 2025 (limited numbers)
ISNoV Conference	28,29,30 October 2025
Attendance and presentation certificate	24 Novembre 2025
Publication of Abstracts	8 December 2025