



V INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PEDAGOGY
Education and Culture of Peace: Memory, Truth and Forgiveness
(January 18-20, 2024)

PRESENTATION

The V International Conference of Pedagogy, with the title “Education and Culture of Peace: Memory, Truth and Forgiveness”, intends to constitute a space for reflection and sharing of ideas and experiences capable of contributing to a deepening of the paths leading to a more peaceful and harmonious society.

The current situation, marked by strong military, social, religious and political conflicts, as well as by the growing wave of migrants and refugees, requires a deep thought about the driving role of education for the understanding and good relations between persons and peoples. This dimension involves, at least, the three major vectors that constitute the main themes of this conference: (a) memory; (b) truth and (c) forgiveness.

- (a) Memory – individual and collective – situates us against the backdrop of our contemporary identity. Ignoring or distorting the memory could lead to the dangers of its antiquarian glorification or its belittlement and rewriting through anachronistic revisionism. Education must have an active voice in the not-forgetfulness the past, against the abuses and manipulation conveyed by autocratic political systems and/or radical, extremist and populist movements. Furthermore, any reconciliation process requires acknowledgment of both past achievements and past mistakes. In this way, space will be created for encounters and memory healing in order to promote a just and sustainable peace.

- (b) Our era has been characterised by a phobia towards the notion of truth, whose clearest expression is materialised in the concept of post-truth. The idea that truth has ceased to be a central factor in our culture has gained enormous traction in recent decades. The truth has been progressively replaced by rival ideas that intend to constitute the goal and foundation of knowledge and human societies, such as those of entertainment and/or emotions. A well-told narrative, based on a manipulative culture of conscious and biased selective forgetting, seems to be more important than the facts, as it awakens emotions and enjoyment in us. However, how can a culture of peace sustain itself without the truth?
- (c) Forgiveness is an active reality that presupposes memory, truth and the will to reconcile, as necessary points for the purpose towards which it tends: a peace that necessarily springs from/with/in justice. Only a dynamic of forgiveness, based on these assumptions, makes it possible to rehabilitate or heal a wounded, traumatic and resentful memory, leading to the reestablishment of the integrality of the person in their dignity or of the communities, whether they are the victim(s) or the oppressor(s). Only through dialogue capable of forgiveness, in an encounter in truth, which has justice as its necessary basis, between victim and oppressor, can both emerge restored all their dignity and humanity. A humanist pedagogy of peace will promote the interiorisation of the action of forgiveness in society, overcoming radicalism and fragmentation and, consequently, the creation of a culture of peace.

This Conference therefore aims to facilitate the presentation and discussion of papers and research on the place and role of Education in promoting and implementing a culture of peace, particularly in the vectors of memory, truth – which demands justice –, and forgiveness.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Conference is directed to academics and professionals, researchers and teachers, governmental and non-governmental organisations, civil society, educators and students, school administrators and directors and all those interested in the theme of Education and Culture of Peace.

TOPICS:

1. Dignity, Truth and Peace
2. Identities and Interculturality
3. Education and Memory: Family and Intergenerationality

4. Forgiveness, Dialogue and Culture of Peace
5. Ecology and Peace: Emancipatory and Reconciliation Movements
6. Democracy, Truth and Populisms
7. Human Rights, Coexistence and Path to Peace
8. Diversity, Tolerance and Reconciliation
9. School, Indiscipline and Cultures of Peace
10. Contributions of the Society of Jesus to the Culture of Peace

1. Organization

Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the Regional Centre of Braga
of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa (UCP)
Universidad of Deusto

2. Partners

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5. Thematic areas

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2. Identities and Interculturality
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6. Keynote Speakers

Laborinho Lúcio (Juiz Conselheiro): *Direitos Humanos, Convivência e Caminho para a Paz* (19 de janeiro)

Izaskun Sáez de la Fuente (Universidade de Deusto) : *Contribuciones de los Diálogos entre Historia y Memoria a la Reconciliación* (20 de janeiro)

Third (to be confirmed)

7. Pannels

1. "Education and Culture of Peace: the Duty of Memory"
2. "Education and Culture of Peace: the Openness to the Truth"
3. "Education and Culture of Peace: the Path of Forgiveness"

Call for papers

Academics, researchers, educators and educational professionals in general are invited to present communications on all topics related to the theme of the Conference, *Education and Culture of Peace: Memory, Truth and Forgiveness*, in the areas described above.

Abstracts and texts of the Communications

The communication proposals will be submitted by presenting an abstract, on an anonymous basis, to the evaluation of at least two members of the Scientific Committee of the Conference, and selected by the Organizing Committee. The proposed abstracts of the communications should not exceed 500 words (excluding references) and should clearly outline objectives and issues, theoretical framework and methods of analysis, data and expected results. They can not mention the author (s), nor his/her/their institution or address.

The subject of the email must be "abstract-communication proposal". The body of the email should contain the following information:

- 1) Name (s) of the author (s)
- 2) Institution (s) to which he/she/they belong(s)
- 3) Title of the Communication
- 4) Full postal address
- 5) Email address (email)
- 6) Telephone and / or fax number
- 7) Thematic area in which the Communication is preferably registered

The abstracts should be sent in an attachment, preferably in .doc or .docx format (also in PDF version, if it contains special symbols), to the following official electronic address: paedagogia.braga@ucp.pt

The approved communication proposals will be presented publicly during the Conference by the author (or authors) in a period of time corresponding to fifteen minutes (with a further ten minutes of debate).

Note: A selection of the best original texts presented at the Conference will be published after being submitted to an *inter pares* review (*peer review*) through a *double-blind* anonymous system. Those papers should not exceed 8,000 words (including footnotes and bibliography). The texts can be written in Portuguese, Spanish, English and French in .doc or .docx format. The style guide is the *16th Chicago Manual*.

The style norms will be publicized opportunely on the website of the Conference.

Deadlines

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **15 October 2023**.

It is proposed as the date of notification of the results to the registered Authors the **3rd November, 2023**.

After the communication of the results, the authors will make the registration for Communications official by filling in a **Registration Form**, available in due time *online*.

The final formulation of the Program will then be publicized by the Organizing Committee.

The deadline for registration and payment by the participants presenting communications is scheduled for **5 December, 2023**.

Registrations

Early Registration (until 5 December, 2023):

Participants: 120 Euros

Teachers of Basic and Secondary Education and participants of the partner entities of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences: 80 Euros

Graduate students *: 80 Euros

CRBr Students: 30 Euros

(Deadline for registration and payment by participants who do not present communication: **15 January 2024**)

Registration after 5 December 2023:

Participants: 150 Euros

Teachers of Basic and Secondary Education and participants of the partner entities of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences: 100 Euros

Graduated students *: 100 Euros

CRBr Students: 50 Euros

* By means of the presentation of documentary evidence

This amount includes:

- a) certificate of participation;
- b) support material: folders, paper, program, book of abstracts, coffee break.

Note: This Conference is accredited by the CCPFP (Scientific-Pedagogical Council for Continuous Formation).

The registration form will be timely available .

Place of the Conference

The Conference will be held at the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the Regional Center of Braga of the UCP, located in the centre of the city of Braga, a 5 minutes walk from Avenida Central.

Accommodation

The list of hotels and the booking form will soon be available on our website.

Social and cultural program

January 19th, 2024: Dinner party.
(Registration: 25 Euros)

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