

EUPeace Conference 2025

Advancing Justice, Peace and Inclusiveness in Times of AI



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OVERVIEW

In an increasingly AI-driven world, how can we advance justice, peace, and inclusiveness? The second EUPeace Conference will provide an interdisciplinary platform for discussing AI's far-reaching implications on societal conflicts, environmental justice, migration, human rights, and global health.

Building upon the expertise and contributions of the EUPeace Research Hubs, the conference will centre on the impact of AI in shaping contemporary global issues. Recognising the importance of a comprehensive and multi-disciplinary research landscape in fostering peace and justice, the conference also includes topics beyond Artificial Intelligence. Thus, the conference will bring together a wide range of disciplines, fostering a dynamic and diverse dialogue on the pressing societal challenges of our time. It will also provide valuable insights into how research enhances teaching by delivering current knowledge, enriching course content with practical applications, and stimulating critical thinking through evidence-based perspectives.

The conference features keynote lectures, panel discussions, and workshops, fostering dialogue among scholars, teachers, practitioners, and policymakers. Next to cutting-edge contributions on the conference topic "Advancing Justice, Peace and Inclusiveness in Times of AI", the EUPeace Research Hubs created a rich conference programme encompassing contributions from different methodological and disciplinary perspectives. This also includes presentations which focus on translating research into teaching and research-based teaching. Finally, the conference will provide the opportunity to participate in Creative Spaces which present an open space for transdisciplinary discussions of cutting-edge questions around the topics of peace, justice, and inclusive societies.

The following pages will provide a comprehensive overview over the programme of the EUPeace Conference 2025. The programme will be continuously updated in the upcoming months. A long-version of the programme with all abstracts will be published as the conference approaches.

DETAILS ON THE CONFERENCE DAYS

Monday 22.09.2025	Joint Conference Program on "Advancing Justice, Peace and Inclusiveness in Times of AI". <i>Venue: Parkhotel Pilsen</i>
Tuesday 23.09.2025	Parallel Conference Program of the EUPeace Research Hubs. <i>Venue: Parkhotel Pilsen</i>
Wednesday 24.09.2025	Parallel EUPeace Creative Spaces. <i>Venue: University of West Bohemia in Pilsen</i>



DAY 1: MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2025, PARKHOTEL PILSEN

10:30 – 11:30	Arrival of the participants
12:00 – 13:00	Common Lunch
13:00 – 13:30	Opening of the conference
13:30 – 14:15	<p>Keynote presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lukáš Benzl: Application of AI tools and approaches in the Czech Republic in the context of Europe (President of CAAI) ○ Miloslav Konopík: Evolving Intelligence: The Journey of AI at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen (University of West Bohemia in Pilsen)
14:30- 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 17:00	<p>Plenary session 5x 15 min + 9 min of discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Francesco Scarcello: Working and Learning with Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education (University of Calabria) ○ Sophia Hercher: Language about AI and AI literacy - linguistic representations of generative AI and the implications for AI literacy in higher education (Marburg University) ○ Pavel Ircing: Inclusive AI at ZČU - how do we make AI beneficial and accessible to different communities (University of West Bohemia in Pilsen) ○ Sergio Cuenca: Political Horizon (Comillas Pontifical University) ○ Přemysl Rosůlek: Political campaign ethics in the emerging age of ai: towards a code of conduct for the 2025 Czech parliamentary elections (University of West Bohemia in Pilsen)
Evening	Common Gala Event at Parkhotel (For conference participants, EUPeace Body members and invited guests of UWB)



DAY 2: TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

PARKHOTEL PILSEN

09:00 – 10:30 • Panel 1 • Research Hub Security and Conflict Transformation “Theoretical approaches to Security and Conflict Transformation”

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
From Negative to Positive Peace: The role of Democratic Peace Theory in shaping Europe’s future	Fatima Mahmutović	University of Sarajevo
War and hegemony: the global arms race in systemic transformation	Carmelo Buscema	University of Calabria
Institutional management of ethnic conflict in Northern Ireland	Jaime Villaverde Rivero	Comillas Pontifical University
Ecological justice and the rights of future generations: rethinking conflict reparations through socio-ecological co-viability	Alice Brites-Osorio	University of Limoges

09:00 – 10:30 • Panel 2 • Research Hub Climate Science and Just Transition “Governing Climate Change in a Dynamic Political Environment”

Chair: Jiří Preis, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
Modernity and the institution gap: How to govern sustainability?	Jörn Ahrens	Justus Liebig University Gießen
The Africa They Want (and Why We Should Want It Too): a critical view on the pan-African document	Jiří Preis, Jan Záhorský & Šárka Packanová	University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
Climate Migrations between Climate Justice and Global Wall	Gilda Catalano	University of Calabria
The Impact of Colonial Legacy and Modern Water Management Dynamics on Recession Agriculture in the Senegal River	Ornella Tchanque	University of Limoges



Valley: A Nexus and AI Approach for a Just Transition		
Transnational Real Estate Development and Sustainability Challenges in Mauritius	Bérangère Collet	University of Limoges
Islamic Approaches to Climate Change Mitigation: Faith-Based Solutions for a Sustainable Future	Ömer Faruk Altun & Selin Nur Altun	Çukurova University
The Devotee, The Disoriented, and The Delusional: Representations of Citizen-Consumers in the Discourse of Meat Lobbies	Estela M. Díaz, Amparo Merino & Antonio Nuñez	Comillas Pontifical University
Educating Political Leaders for a Sustainable Future: A Case Study	Ehlimana Spahić	University of Sarajevo

09:00 – 10:30 • Panel 3 • Research Hub Migration and Human Rights “Navigating Human Rights and Legal Frameworks in Migration”

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
Governing Migration through Rights: Human Right-ization and the Social Order(ing)	Samir Forić	University of Sarajevo
Impact of the Best Interests Principle on the Protection of Migrant Children in the 21st Century	Jaroslav Větrovský	University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
Doing Human Rights: How the Categories “Human” and “Migrant” are made (Ir-)Relevant in Everyday Life	Dariusz Zifonun	Marburg University
Migration and human rights in the context of contemporary Tunisia and Libya	Karolína Hanzlová	University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
Migration and Asylum Policy in the EU – Human Rights in motion	Monika Forejtová	University of West Bohemia in Pilsen

09:00 – 10:30 • Panel 4 • Research Hub Inclusive Health and Well-Being “Digital Technologies for Advancing Inclusive Health”

Chair: Lorena Pochini, University of Calabria

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
Digital Transformation in Healthcare Services: Trends, Challenges, and Future Directions	Kenan Ateşgöz, Çağla Okyar, Ebru Gozüyeşil, Şule Gokyıldız Sürücü & Damla Kısırik	Çukurova University
Artificial Intelligence-Based Home Rehabilitation for Post-Stroke Patients: Usability, Expectations, Fears and Needs Analysis in the AISN Framework	Poeiti Abi Saab	University of Limoges
From science to practice: Exploring the knowledge co-creation and translation process in digital climate health technologies	Razieh Rezabeigisani & Sören Becker	Marburg University
Brain-Computer Interface System for Neurorehabilitation	Roman Mouček	University of West Bohemia in Pilsen

10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 • Panel 5 • Research Hub Security and Conflict Transformation “Legal and historical approaches to Security and Conflict Transformation”

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
The legislation-peace nexus	Franz Jedlicka	University of Vienna
Fact and fiction in contemporary historical novels on German South West Africa	Carmen Letz	University of Limoges



Ethical Governance of Artificial Intelligence	Zeynep Ozarslan	Çukurova University
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11:00 – 12:30 • Panel 6 • Research Hub Climate Science and Just Transition

“Impact of Climate Change on Local Communities: Constraints and Opportunities”

Chair: Gilda Catalano, University of Calabria

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
Energy Justice, AI, and the Securitization of Socioeconomic Wellbeing in the Energy Transition	Janina Jasper	University of Stavanger
Climate warming in Europe and how AI supports weather and climate predictions for adaptation	Gholamreza Nikraves, Alfonso Senatore & Giuseppe Mendicino	University of Calabria
Adaptation of Czech cities to climate change: a case study of the city of Pilsen	Jan Kopp, Jiří Preis & David Vogt	University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
Adapting to climate change in small urban centres, between climate injustices and new methodologies	Antonella Pelaggi, Massimo Zupi & Paola Cannavò	University of Calabria
Reconciling Environmental Preservation and Social Justice in Access to Land Ownership	Morgane Brissaud	University of Limoges
Production of affects and dispossession, the case of an ecological community in western France	Arthur Béranger	University of Limoges
Power relations and dynamics of environmental conflicts over water and forests in a context of climate change (central-western France)	Pierre Texier	University of Limoges
Impact of climate change on the vulnerability of river-protection levees under cascading earthquake-flood events	Paolo Zimmaro & Giacomo Franco	University of Calabria



11:00 – 12:30 • Panel 7 • Research Hub Migration and Human Rights “Cultural Dynamics, Discourses and Politics of Migration”

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
Beyond Borders: The Rhetoric of Fear and the Perspectives of International and Foreign Students in Southern Italy	Tomaino Stefania	University of Calabria
The logic of migratory crisisification: a conceptual proposal to analyze contemporary discourses and practices	Cecilia Estrada Villaseñor	Comillas Pontifical University
The role of visual and textual narratives in shaping migration discourses ... not only	Lenka Kovarikova	University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
Experiencing Affective Responses to Images of Migration: A Survey Analysis	Simona Adinolfi & Greta Olson	Justus Liebig University Giessen
Reimagining Displacement: Digital Storytelling and Collaborative Media in Migration Studies	İlke Şanlıer, Kıvanç Türkgeldi & Aslı Ilgıt	Çukurova University

11:00 – 12:30 • Panel 8 • Research Hub Inclusive Health and Well-Being Interdisciplinary Approaches to Women's health

Chair: Ehlimana Spahić, University of Sarajevo

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
Development of Midwife Awareness Training Module on the Effects of Climate Change on Maternal-Fetal Health: A Preliminary Study	<u>Damla Kısırk</u> & Burcu Avcıbay Vurgeç	Çukurova University
Breastfeeding: a sustainable world and a natural solution to combat climate change	Burcu Avcıbay Vurgeç & <u>Pelin Yüksekdağ</u>	Çukurova University

The Role of Digital Twin Technology in Advancing Women's Health and Well-Being	Vít Nováček	University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
Overcoming genomic challenges in breast cancer research in Sub-Saharan Africa to improve inclusive Health and well-being	Alexis Parenté	University of Limoges

12:30 – 13:30 COMMON LUNCH

13:30 – 15:00 • Panel 9 • Research Hub Security and Conflict Transformation “Quantitative approaches to Security and Conflict Transformations”

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
Income, subject wellbeing and violence in Afghanistan: evidence from a nationwide survey	Mohammad Haroon Asadi	Marburg University
Unveiling securitisation: perspectives on MENA-European vs. Ukrainian refugee crises in Czechia	Zdenek Rod & Miroslav Plundrich	University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
Propaganda in times of conflict: Russian information warfare between 2014-2024	Taha Kalayci	Çukurova University
AI and local democracy: strengthening inclusivity, transparency and interaction in times of crisis and transformation	Denys Tkachov	University of Limoges

13:30 – 15:00 • Panel 10 • Research Hub Climate Science and Just Transition “Education for Better Climate Change Governance”

Chair: tbc

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
Different fields – same ‘justice’ – similar ‘transitions’?: Establishing a dialogue between environmental, energy and climate justice	Sören Becker	Marburg University



The role of universities in a just transition. Evidences from a case-study: The university of Calabria (Italy)	Francesco Saverio Oliverio, Annamaria Vitale & Gilda Catalano	University of Calabria
Simulating Climate Governance in the Classroom: A Mock COP Summit for Engineering Students	<u>María del Mar Cledera-Castro</u> , Katia Hueso-Kortekaas, Carlos Morales-Polo & Inés Redondo	Comillas Pontifical University
Artificial Intelligence-Based Teaching in Climate Education: A Meta-Analysis of Students' Climate Impact on Literacy	Firdevs Gundogan Önderöz	Çukurova University
Virtues as an educational pathway for nurturing multispecies justice	Amparo Merino & Estela M. Díaz	Comillas Pontifical University
Rethinking Climate Change Communication: Challenges, Successes, and Strategic Approaches	Kenan Ateşgöz, Çağla Okyar, Halime Paksoy & Sevda Ünal	Çukurova University
Representation of climate change in Turkish media: Turkey's first climate bill	Sevda Ünal	Çukurova University

13:30 – 15:00 • Panel 11 • Research Hub Migration and Human Rights “Technological Transformations in Migration Studies and Narratives”

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
A Double-Edged Sword: AI as an Instrument of Bullying or a Means of Prevention	Sedat Uçar	Çukurova University
Artificial Intelligence (AI), Migration and Education – AIME: Socio-technological research perspectives	Anna Elia & Lucia Groe	University of Calabria
Artificial Intelligence, Migration, and the Right to Education in the Legal Order of the European Union	Claudio Di Maio	University of Calabria
Border policies of Eastern EU states: Interactions, Implementation & EU Integration	Maraike Vandergrift	Justus Liebig University Giessen

13:30 – 15:00 • Panel 12 • Research Hub Inclusive Health and Well-Being “Cross-Sector Approaches to Inclusive Health and Wellbeing”

Chair: Michael Knipper, Justus Liebig University Giessen

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
Inclusive nature: How nature-based education provides a healthy anchor for all in a rapidly changing society	Katia Hueso-Kortekaas	Comillas Pontifical University
Mental and Physical Wellbeing Experiences of Immigrant Students in Health Sciences: A Phenomenological Study	<u>Çağla Okyar,</u> Damla Kısırk, Ebru Gözüyeşil, Şule Gökyıldız Sürücü, Burcu Avcıbay Vurgeç & İlke Şanlıer	Çukurova University
Preventing Falls in Older Adults: A Six-Month AI-Based Prediction Approach	Amadou M. Djiogomaye	University of Limoges
Transfer of Knowledge and Technology in the Function of Strengthening the Healthcare System of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ehlimana Spahić & Mirza Pojskić	University of Sarajevo Marburg University
The case of care: from fiction to action	Valeria De Luca, Marie-Hélène Cuin, Valentin Moulin & Cécile McLaughlin	University of Limoges

15:00 – 15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30 – 16:30 • Meeting • Research Hub Security and Conflict Transformation

Moderation: Mario López Areu, Comillas Pontifical University &
Manuela Stranges, University of Calabria

15:30 – 16:30 • Meeting • Research Hub Climate Science and Just Transition

Moderation: Alfonso Senatore, University of Calabria

15:30 – 16:30 • Panel 13 • Research Hub Migration and Human Rights “Resonances of Displacement: Bodies, Objects, and Critical Thought in Migration”

Title of Talk	Speaker	Affiliation
The Impact of International Migration on Rural Areas: The Case of the ‘Montagne Limousine’ (France)	Louis Tissot	University of Limoges
Who migrates for the migrant? Tamara Cubas’s polyphony of voices and gestures	Valeria De Luca	University of Limoges
People, Things, And Emotions on the Move: Academics from Ukraine and Materiality of Displacement	Nadiya Kiss	University of Erfurt
Spaces of Exception: Human Rights Violations in Migration Detention Centers	Hana Núr Dóubová	University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
When quantum criticism meets migration: the case of Thomas Paine	Lyne Hervey-Passée	University of Limoges

15:30 – 16:30 • Meeting • Research Hub Inclusive Health and Well-Being

Moderation: Lorena Pochini, University of Calabria &
Michael Knipper, Justus Liebig University Giessen

16:30 – 17:00 JOINT CONFERENCE CONCLUSION

Person: tbc

Venue: tbc

EVENING



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Optional joint dinner (own costs)

[Tour of the pilsen brewery, Plzeňský Prazdroj](#)

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2025, UNIVERSITY OF WEST BOHEMIA IN PILSEN - UNIVERZITNÍ 2732/8, 301 00 PLZEŇ 3-JIŽNÍ PŘEDMĚSTÍ

09:00 – 12:00 • Creative Space 1

“Beyond the Places of Pain”

Sarina Bakić, University of Sarajevo

Adis Elias Fejzić, free-lance artist and part-time lecturer, University of Sarajevo

Hariz Halilovich, RMIT University, Melbourne

This Creative Space explores the interdisciplinary convergence of social science and visual art, centred on the memory and representation of the 1992–1995 Bosnian War, with particular focus on the Srebrenica genocide. Initiated by a visual artist and an anthropologist—both direct witnesses to the conflict—this collaboration reimagines the role of creative expression in both scholarly and non-scholarly research, and vice versa.

Our work pushes disciplinary boundaries by fusing documentary, ethnographic, and artistic methods. Through the travelling exhibition *Beyond the Places of Pain* (in earlier iterations exhibited in BiH, EU, Australia and USA, mostly in the places where Bosnian diaspora live, including war and genocide survivors), we evoke personal and collective experiences of trauma, memory, and resilience. The multimedia exhibition—featuring photographs, texts, archival materials, drawings, sound, and video—honours the individuality of genocide victims, celebrating both their uniqueness and ordinariness, too often erased by statistics, collective categories, or grand national narratives. It also foregrounds the strength and endurance of survivors.

This Creative Space—in form of a public exhibition and a workshop—functions as a platform for dialogue and open-ended conversation, engaging actors beyond academia—artists, activists, educators, survivors, and community members (public)—whose participation actively shapes the work. Their insights and inputs help co-create an evolving, socially embedded, and ethically grounded narrative.

Coinciding with the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, the societal relevance of this initiative is both profound and timely. While rooted in post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina, its themes resonate globally amid rising nationalism, forced displacement, and the erosion of democratic norms. In this context, our Creative Space fosters critical reflection on the politics of memory, human rights, and justice.



By embracing a methodology that is at once scholarly and artistic, subjective and collective, this Creative Space contributes meaningfully to the pursuit of peace, justice, and inclusive societies—key socio-humanistic challenges of our time.

09:00 – 12:00 • Creative Space 2

“Framing, enabling, and teaching the concept of justice in the context of climate change”

Alfonso Senatore, University of Calabria

Christoph Müller, Justus Liebig University Giessen

Sevda Ünal, Çukurova University

Kenan Atesgoz, Çukurova University

Sören Becker, Marburg University

Simone Strambach, Marburg University

While a broad consensus exists in the scientific community on the causes of climate change and the mitigation actions to be taken, the policy direction for implementing these actions is continuously undermined by contingent events, also (but not only) in Europe, in a way that makes the transition to climate neutrality longer, ineffective, and ultimately inequitable. Indeed, climate change and decarbonization raise complex issues of equity involving several forms of justice, defined in the literature as distributive, procedural, recognition, corrective, and, more recently, transitional, meant as “how should policies be sequenced to make them bring us overall closer to an ideally just state” (Zimm et al., Nat. Clim. Change, 2024). Furthermore, intersecting climate change and social inequality involves accounting for themes like colonialism, racism, and capitalism, making the objective of defining and framing just transition concepts and actions a particularly challenging interdisciplinary effort. Yet, this is a topical issue that not only needs to be considered by researchers and policymakers but also needs to start being transferred to university classrooms.

A broad group belonging to the EUPeace ‘Climate Science and Just Transition’ Research Hub (RH) proposes a Creative Space focusing on Just transition, which will be analyzed and declined in several contexts, possibly corresponding to the main topics of the working groups created within the RH. The discussion, which will be based on the physical data on the impacts of anthropogenic emissions, will be enriched by at least one invited expert and fed by the fundamental contribution of policymakers at the EU level, who will be involved as actors beyond academia. Special attention will be paid to the transfer of Just Transition concepts into education, while in-person discussion and subsequent virtual exchange will lead to the writing of an opinion paper to be sent to an international specialized journal and the strengthening of a network devoted explicitly to this topical subject.



09:00 – 12:00 • Creative Space 3

“Social Mediation and Inclusive Justice: Bridging Grassroots Knowledge and Academic Perspectives in Europe”

Hamid Ghobrini, European Mediation Referent, City of Limoges

Alice Brites Osorio, University of Limoges

This workshop offers a space for dialogue between grassroots practices and academic dynamics around social mediation, drawing on the innovative experience of the *Tour of Europe of Social Mediators* (ArleKin and ArleKin Pro) and the initiatives led by the City of Limoges in its priority neighborhoods. The aim is to explore how methodologies derived from social mediation can enrich academic and civic efforts to build more inclusive, just, and peaceful societies.

We invite mediators, researchers, students, and institutions to collectively reflect on the conditions that foster the recognition of experiential knowledge across Europe. The format will include life storytelling and collaborative mapping in order to identify transferable tools and approaches between cities and universities.

The workshop aims to co-create a transsectoral cooperation protocol to strengthen the recognition of skills acquired through social mobility and to lay the foundation for a mobile Living Peace Lab at the European level, inspired by “compagnonnage” practices.

09:00 – 12:00 • Creative Space 4

“Digital Tools and Women’s Pelvic Health Awareness”

Vít Nováček, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen

Luděk Hynčík, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen

This Creative Space will focus on the topic of women’s pelvic health, with a particular emphasis on the use of computational modeling and simulation to better understand the pelvic floor and associated disorders such as pelvic organ prolapse and incontinence. Drawing from ongoing research in medical imaging, biomechanics, and digital twin technologies, the event will explore innovative ways to increase public awareness, early diagnosis, and personalized treatments for pelvic floor dysfunctions.

This topic is of societal relevance as pelvic floor disorders affect a significant portion of the female population—particularly postpartum women and aging individuals—yet remain largely underdiscussed due to stigma and lack of awareness. These conditions can severely impact physical health, mental well-being, and overall quality of life. Through this Creative Space, we aim to bridge the gap between scientific research and public understanding, empowering women and communities to seek early interventions and support.

The Creative Space will adopt an interactive and transdisciplinary format that brings together researchers, clinicians, designers, and members of the general public. By integrating voices beyond academia, we will explore how digital tools can be co-developed and communicated to non-specialist audiences. The session will include guided discussions, visual demonstrations, and a participatory design thinking workshop to identify actionable strategies for improving education and outreach around pelvic health.

Our ultimate goal is to foster a deeper societal dialogue around women's health and contribute to a more inclusive and just approach to healthcare, resonating with the EUPeace mission.

12:30 – 13:30 COMMON LUNCH

AFTERNOON

Optional campus tour or city tour - tba



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