



Peace and place: A symposium exploring peace in the home, community and the urban environment.

April 5-7 2006, Centre for Peace Studies, University of Tromsø, Norway.

First call for papers November 2005

‘This is the true nature of home – it is the place of Peace, the shelter, not only from injury, but from all terror, doubt and division’. (John Ruskin, 1868).

Conference theme

The issues of peace, place, home and community are of increasing importance in current international debates about the governance and facilitation of stable communities, the creation of new forms of living and the division of public and private space. Contemporary debates emphasise the breakdown of community life and the prevalence of street crime, anti-social behaviour and civil disobedience in everyday life, whilst increased security measures, surveillance technology and the curtailment of individual freedoms through legislative and/or social control, appear to be an antidote to such risks. Community development and urban renewal in post conflict areas are also of increasing interest and importance as a range of responses and initiatives, similar to those indicated above, are implemented to create and maintain ‘street peace’¹ and sustainable communities. This symposium is likely to be of interest not only to those already located in a peace studies environment but also to, for example, criminologists, urban geographers, housing and legal scholars, planners, and practitioners.

Conference goals

The proposed symposium provides an opportunity to look at peace studies in an urban context and to examine the ways in which risk, conflicts and threats to individual and ‘street peace’ are managed and avoided. The intersection of home, community, the urban environment and peace fuses together a range of issues in a novel way, which offer a positive contribution to the peace studies research agenda and which have not previously been conceptualised or considered through the lens of peace studies. This symposium aims to explicitly promote the fusion of these areas of research and raise an awareness of peace in the context of everyday relations in civil society. Examples of the types of themes likely to be explored are:

- Street Crime and fear of crime;
- Anti-social behaviour and community conflict;
- Social space and segregation;
- Human rights;
- Post conflict community development; and
- Sustainable communities.

¹ Jacobs, J, (1961) ‘The uses of sidewalks: safety’ in *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, LeGates, R, and Stout, F, (eds) (1996) *The City Reader*, Routledge, London, pp103-9.

Submission information

Please e-mail abstracts of proposed papers to Diane Lister at dianel@sv.uit.no by January 31st 2006. Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words with double spaced pages. All accepted presentations will be published in a conference report that will be a part of the series "CPS Working Papers". The final decision on participation will be announced in February 2006.

The conference fees are the following:

Full Conference Package: 1750 NOK. The full conference package entitles the participants admission to all presentations, coffee breaks, lunch, workshops, conference dinner and social arrangements, plus a copy of the conference programme.

Presentations only: 500 NOK (special student fee 300 NOK). The pass entitles the participants admission to all presentations and coffee breaks.

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