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# Peacemakers' Ideas about Making and Maintaining Peace

*A roundtable conference October 25 – 27, 2007*



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# Program

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## Thursday, October 25

2:30–3:30 p.m.	Greeting, registration, and lunch buffet	The Norwegian Nobel Institute Henrik Ibsens gate 51 ☎ 22 12 93 00
3:30–3:35 p.m.	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Helge Pharo Director, Center for Contemporary History Professor of History, University of Oslo	
3:35–4:45 p.m.	<b>Session 1: “The Causes of Conflict”</b> Chair: Geir Lundestad Director, Norwegian Nobel Institute Professor of History, University of Oslo	
4:45–5:00 p.m.	<b>Refreshment interval</b>	
5:00–6:00 p.m.	<b>Conclusion of session 1</b>	
7:30 p.m.	<b>Opening dinner</b>	Grand Hotel

## Friday, October 26

9:45–9:50 a.m.	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Ole Didrik Lærum Vice President, Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters	The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters Drammensveien 78 ☎ 22 12 10 90
9:50–9:55 a.m.	<b>Opening Address</b> Erik Solheim Minister of International Development	
9:55–10:50 a.m.	<b>Session 2: “Negotiating Peace”</b> Chair: Daniel Serwer, Vice President Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations, United States Institute of Peace	The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters
10:50–11:10 a.m.	<b>Refreshment interval</b>	
11:10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Conclusion of session 2</b>	

12:30–2:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:00–2:15 p.m.	Optional trip to the Viking Ship Museum	
2:30–3:40 p.m.	<b>Session 3: “Peace vs. Justice”</b> Chair: Gary Bass, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University	The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters
3:40–4:00 p.m.	<b>Refreshment interval</b>	
4:00–5:00 p.m.	<b>Conclusion of session 3</b>	
7:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner</b> Host: Reidun Sirevåg Secretary General, Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters	The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters

## *Saturday, October 27*

10:00–11:10 a.m.	<b>Session 4: “Democracy after War”</b> Chair: Abiodun Williams, Director Strategic Planning Office of the Secretary General (UN)	The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters
11:10–11:30 a.m.	<b>Refreshment interval</b>	
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Conclusion of session 4</b>	
12:30–2:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	
2:30–3:40 p.m.	<b>Session 5: “Individuals in Peacemaking”</b> Chair: Olara Otunnu, President LBL Foundation for Children	The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters
3:40–4:00 p.m.	<b>Refreshment interval</b>	
4:00–5:00 p.m.	<b>Conclusion of session 5</b>	
7:00 p.m.	<b>Closing reception and dinner</b>	Oslo City Hall

# Peacemakers' Ideas about Making and Maintaining Peace

*This is an invited roundtable conference to take place in Oslo, Norway, October 25–27, 2007. It will be hosted by the Norwegian Nobel Institute and the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, which celebrates its sesquicentennial in 2007.*

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## The conference

The conference will take the form of a series of conversations among the members of a small invited group of leading peacemakers from Europe and the United States who have been involved in creating peace in the Middle East and the former Yugoslavia. The discussions will focus on several broad questions from the scholarly literature on peacemaking—with sessions on the causes, negotiations, and aftermaths of conflicts, as well as on some of the moral dilemmas central to peacemaking.

The conference is a so-called eyewitness conference, where key decision-makers and practitioners of diplomacy meet to debate the issues surrounding peacemaking and peacebuilding. It works as a form of group interview that aims to bring to the table information and knowledge that would not emerge as easily either from individual interviews or from consulting written sources. The discussions will be led by respected scholars in the field and also attended by a selected group of historians and political scientists.

By transcribing the conference sessions we will create a small archive with relevance to scholars interested in the various aspects of peacemaking. These transcripts will be a valuable supplement to personal memoirs and other written sources.

## The project's aim

The overarching goal of the conference is to arrive at novel perspectives, informed by personal experience, on the challenges of creating and maintaining peace.

We would like to build a bridge between the ideas and knowledge of high-ranking practitioners of diplomacy and the academic debate on peacemaking.

The discussions at the conference will provide the primary material for a book, which will take the form of a set of intellectual biographies of those peacemakers who take part in the roundtable conference. By linking the knowledge of practitioners more closely to the scholarly debate, this book will attempt to offer an account of peacemaking that is at once personally and theoretically informed. Scholars who take part in the conference will write the chapters of the book to be edited by Professor Helge Pharo and Postdoctoral Fellow Mona Fixdal.

## Participants

Jan Egeland, Peter Galbraith, Hans Hækkerup, Søren Jessen-Petersen, James Leonard, Samuel Lewis, Lord Owen, Wolfgang Petritsch, General Sir Michael Rose, Harold Saunders, Thorvald Stoltenberg

The discussions will be led by Gary Bass (Princeton University), Geir Lundestad (the Norwegian Nobel Institute), Olara Otunnu (LBL Foundation for Children), Daniel Serwer (United States Institute of Peace), and Abiodun Williams (United Nations).

The following scholars will take part in the conference and contribute to the book: Cecilia Albin (Uppsala University), Karin Aggestam (Lund University), Sumantra Bose (London School of Economics), Mona Fixdal (University of Oslo), Jan Willem Honig (King's College, Cambridge), Peter Viggo Jacobsen (University of Copenhagen), Reneo Lukic (Université Laval), Henriette Riegler (Austrian Institute for International Affairs), Anne Julie Semb (University of Oslo), Hilde Henriksen Waage (University of Oslo) and Jay Winter (Yale University).

Erik Solheim, Norwegian Minister of International Development, will give the opening address at the conference.

## Steering committee

The project's steering committee consists of Postdoctoral Fellow Mona Fixdal, Professor Helge Pharo, Professor Hilde Henriksen Waage and Professor Øyvind Østerud, all at the Center for Contemporary History at the University of Oslo. Øyvind Ekelund is administrative coordinator for the conference.

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