

On the Search for Peace - Multidisciplinary Approaches
10th PPHF International Summer School
(March 16–20, 2026, Pécs, Hungary)

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Component title of the blended intensive mobility programme: On the Search for Peace - Multidisciplinary Approaches

ECTS credits: 3

The program details focuses on:

Have you ever considered the variety of approaches to achieving peace and their theological, philosophical, social-scientific and historical roots? This Blended Intensive Programme presents peace as an interdisciplinary concept that encompasses theological, ethical and cultural considerations. The course is designed primarily for students from various fields who wish to deepen their understanding of multidisciplinary interpretations of peace. At the same time, it places strong emphasis on interreligious dialogue and introduces the core concepts of secular peace studies. Participants will explore how different concepts of peace relate to one another, and how they complement or challenge each other in practice. The programme pays particular attention to major twentieth-century conflicts, wars and traumas as sources of learning. This historical analysis clarifies the interconnections between structural violence, the politics of memory and reconciliation processes. The course seeks to answer the question of how we can learn from past experiences to help present-day conflicts move towards reconciliation. The international student cohort fosters culturally sensitive thinking and the comparison of diverse contexts. Through seminars and workshops, the programme aims to enable participants to develop an integrated understanding of peace. As part of this process, participants' critical thinking, ethical discernment and capacity for dialogue are strengthened.

Virtual component description:

Before the physical part. We have not yet received a final answer from our planned speaker (Renée Hattar from Milan and Jordan), but you can definitely expect a two-hour lecture in the evening during the week of March 9-13. Plus 30 minutes of Q&A on the practical aspects of physical mobility.

Physical part in Pécs:

Monday 16th:
18:00 – Opening evening

Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th:
Lectures and workshops during the day, cultural programs on the evenings.
Exact schedule under coordination, instructors already registered:

- Darija Rupčić Kelam, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Croatia)
- Ivica Kelam, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Education (Croatia)

- Roman Globokar, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Theology (Slovenia)
- Mateja Rozman, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Theology (Slovenia)
- Alice Košárková, Palacký University Olomouc, Faculty of Theology (Czech Republic)
- Marek Jodkowski, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Faculty of Theology (Poland)
- Milan Dordevic, Ss. Cyril und Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Orthodox Theology St. Clement of Ohrid (North Macedonia)
- Dejan Donev, Ss. Cyril und Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Philosophy (North Macedonia)
- Renée Hattar, Catholic University of Milan (Italy), former director of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies in Jordan (Jordan)

We are still waiting for applications from other teachers who would be able to give lectures during these three days, especially on Tuesday.

Friday 20th: Closing workshop in the forenoon. The programme ends at noon.

Jointly organized accommodation can be requested. If necessary due to travel, this can be as early as Sunday evening, the 15th, or Friday evening, the 20th.