

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

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.

Details for the OLA:

Receiving Institution:

Country: Hungary

Name: Pecs Puspoki Hittudományi Főiskola

Faculty: Episcopal Theological College of Pécs

Erasmus code: HU PECS02

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Component code: EBIPP1

Component title at the Receiving Institution: On the Search for Peace - Multidisciplinary Approaches

Number of ECTS credits: 3

Short description of the virtual component:

Tuesday 10th of March 16.00-18.00 (CET, GMT+1)

Peace and Art - Lecture of Renee Hattar, Catholic University of Milan (Italy), former director of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies in Jordan (Jordan)
Plus 30 minutes of Q&A on the practical aspects of physical mobility

Physical part in Pécs:

Monday (March 16th)

16:00 – Arrival (Administration, Accommodation)

18:00 – Opening evening

Tuesday (March 17th)

8.30-10.00 Peace and music - lecture (Renee Hattar)

10.30-12.00 Peace and music - art performance (Renee Hattar)

13.00-14.30 (Annie Kunnath)

Wednesday (March 18th)

8.30-10.00 Peace and anxiety of the heart as a subject of art (Marek Jodkowski)

10.30-12.00 *Parallel sessions*

a) Digital Eschatology and Ontological Pacifism: Deconstructing the TESCREAL Vision of a Post-Human World (Ivica Kelam)

b) Between Faith and Fear: Building Peace Through Critical Understanding of Religious Conspiracy Narratives (Alice Košárková)

13.00-14.30 *Parallel sessions*

a) Architects of the Biopolitical Cage: AI, Algorithmic Governance, and the Christian Sabotage of Digital Determinism (Ivica Kelam)

b) Dancing workshop (max. 10 students): “The Body that remembers - the lasting impact and imprints of trauma” (Darija Kelam)

15.00-16.30 *Parallel sessions*

a) Universal responsibility and dialogue in the context of religious morality: The Global Ethics Project (Dejan Donev)

b) Byzantine Philosophy in Dialogue with Antiquity, Western Middle Ages and Modernity (Milan Đorđević)

Thursday (March 19th)

8.30-10.00 Peace treaties as exemplified by the visual arts/ Presentation (Marek Jodkowski)

10.30-12.00 In search of Peace- Multidisciplinary approaches (Mateja Pevec Rozman)

13.00-14.30 Was Pope Francis a pacifist? (Roman Globokar)

14.00-17.30 Time for preparing Friday's program

18.00-19.00 Thousand-colored clarinet (concert)

Friday (March 20th) STUDENTS' DAY

8.30-12.00 Program for high school students organized by the participants of the spring school.

13.00 – End of BIP

Letter of Confirmation and getting a Grade:

Participation in the Friday morning program is extremely important for completing the course! You will get a short description of this after signing Online Learning Agreement so that you know what to expect. It will be fine to form the teams on physical part's Wednesday and prepare them on Thursday. Based on your work on this Friday's Student's Day, you'll get a grade for the course, and receive the Letter of Confirmation after this program.

Accommodation:

It is possible to book shared accommodation (<https://cisztercihazpecs.hu/>), the final price depends on the size of the group, but it will be around 7000 HUF / person / night, not including meals. We will pay jointly the accommodation bill, so you can make the payment for the jointly booked accommodation in HUF cash during the first and second day of the physical part.

You can indicate who you would like to share a room with, and I will try to take everyone's requests into account, but I cannot guarantee that all requests can be fulfilled.

There is limited parking available in the yard of the Cistercian House for those arriving by car. Please indicate in advance by email if you need parking.

Registration form: <https://forms.office.com/e/bcGgmXggJJ?origin=lprLink>