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JUST PEACE DIALOGUE

IMAGINING PEACE

Opening Day of the
JUST PEACE FESTIVAL

Date: 16 June 2026

Time: 15.30 – 19.00

Location: Leiden University - Wijnhaven



Just Peace Dialogue: Imagining Peace:

This is the opening panel for the Just Peace Dialogues, a series of public forum discussions on key topics for building peace in today's world. Amidst today's armed conflicts, authoritarian governments, cyber attacks, organized crime, economic insecurity, and ecological destruction, it can be hard to imagine peace. What do we mean by 'peace', beyond the absence of war? What kind of peace are we seeking? What makes people and society at peace? This dialogue brings together leading thinkers who push us to get more clear and creative about peace.

Opening statement will be given by Koen Caminada (Dean Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs, Leiden University), Mariëlle Vavier (Deputy Mayor of The Hague), and Jill Wilkinson (Managing Director Hague Humanity Hub).

Schedule:

15.30 - 16.00 Doors open
16.00-17.00 Roundtable
17.00-18.00 Breakout Groups
18.00-19.00 Borrel

Universiteit Leiden - Wijnhaven
Turfmarkt 99
2511DP, Den Haag

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The Panel

Baukje Harmsma, Youth Activist for Peace

Baukje Harmsma is a student of the MA International Relations programme in Leiden. She is a political activist for Palestine, climate justice, decolonisation and peace. As part of the pacifist wing of GroenLinks/PvdA, Baukje advocates for a strong stance for peace and disarmament. She is also a critical voice in the debate on the normalisation of militarism and the militarisation of society.

Shyamika Jayasundara-Smits, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Shyamika Jayasundara-Smits is an associate professor at the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam. Her research and teaching focuses broadly on the inter-connections of Governance, Development, Violent conflict and Peace(building).

Paul Klahre, United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY)

Paul Klahre works at UNOY to strengthen the capacity of over 130 youth-led peacebuilding organisations worldwide. He has over six years of experience in youth advocacy, i.a., as German UN Youth Delegate in 2020 and found the NGO Root Foundation Germany. Paul's field research on the transformative potential of inner peacebuilding on communities in violence in South Africa is grounded in work experience in Rwanda and Cote d'Ivoire

Joachim Koops, Leiden University

Joachim A. Koops is Professor of Security Studies and Jean Monnet Chair on the Role of the European Union in Security and Global Affairs at the Institute of Security and Global Affairs of Leiden University. Joachim’s research focuses on regional and global governance approaches to peace, security and diplomacy with a particular emphasis on EU foreign policy and United Nations peacekeeping.

Lidija Zelovic, Producer and Director at Zelovic Film

Lidija Zelovic is the creative producer at Zelovic Film. She worked for years as executive producer and researcher for BBC and Channel 4 and has been producing Zelovic Film for 15 years. From 2012 to 2016 she took place in the documentary advisory committee at the Media Fund. Her latest award-winning documentary, 'Home Game' (2024), warns against the violent consequences of social polarization.

Moderator: Alexandre Taillandier, The Hague Humanity Hub

Alexandre Taillandier is Head of Programmes & Community Development at The Hague Humanity Hub, where he facilitates connection and collaboration among peacebuilders, human rights defenders, and justice innovators. With a background in entrepreneurship and innovation and a passion for fostering inclusive dialogue, Alexandre supports communities working toward positive social change.

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