

UNAI-Kyung Hee International Symposium
In Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the UN International Day of Peace

GIVE PEACE ANOTHER CHANCE



September 14, UN Headquarters, New York
September 15, Grand Peace Hall, Kyung Hee University, Seoul

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G I V E P E A C E A N O T H E R C H A N C E

Kyung Hee University and UN Academic Impact—a United Nations initiative that aligns institutions of higher education with the UN—will host a joint symposium on September 15 in Seoul and New York simultaneously. The international symposium is being held in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the UN International Day of Peace, which was proposed by Kyung Hee University and endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981. The United Nations officially declared the third Tuesday of September (September 21 from 2001) as the International Day of Peace and the year of 1986 as the International Year of Peace.

The International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) was timely in forecasting that the easing of Cold War tensions would contribute to world peace. As the world observed the first UN International Year of Peace, the East and the West began to witness a new era in world history. On the first day of the year, the heads of the conflicting sides, US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, sent a message of peace to the people of the opposing side (January 1, 1986). The two power blocs thereafter saw a series of smooth disarmament talks. Afterwards, a plan to reduce nuclear weapons and efforts to relieve regional confrontations continued to warm the relationship between the two sides of the Cold War.

For the 30th anniversary of the UN International Day of Peace, UNAI proposed the “UNAI-Kyung Hee International Symposium” to celebrate the day’s contribution to raising awareness of the importance of world peace, and to create an opportunity to bring the world together with higher education institutions to resolve global issues that threaten world peace.

Purpose

Give Peace Another Chance

The 2011 observance of the International Day of Peace is significant since it marks the thirtieth anniversary of its inception. It was Kyung Hee University's then President, Dr. Young Seek Choue, who proposed the idea at a conference of the International Association of University Presidents, held in San Jose, Costa Rica in 1981. The proposal was endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly on 30 November 1981 in resolution 36/67, which declared that the Day *"shall be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples"* and invited *"all Member States, organs and organizations of the United Nations system, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, peoples and individuals to commemorate in an appropriate manner the International Day of Peace, especially through all means of education, and to cooperate with the United Nations in the observance of that day."*

Enhancing the significance still further, this is the first observance of the International Day of Peace since the launch of the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon last November. UNAI is the first structured alliance of institutions intended to bring the power of education to serve the purposes and mandates of the United Nations, including the preservation and enhancement of peace, which scholarship and academic activity can give another chance of success. It is thus an instrument of active engagement with the "means of education" indicated in the mandate of the General Assembly.

UNAI is also premised upon the rights and worth of the individual and it is this link that the roundtable on “Higher Education and Human Dignity” will seek to address as it explores the reconciliation between the acquisition of fact and knowledge, on the one hand, and the instilling and sharing of human values and understanding on the other. As President Inwon Choue of Kyung Hee has observed, there is a “crisis of pure learning,” where the study of specific subjects is pursued in an intensity which precludes a vision of its larger, human possibilities. It is in acknowledging, and reinforcing, the role of higher education in furthering human dignity that the true potential and promise of learning can be realised.

In the words of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, “the United Nations understands the enormous impact of scholarship, innovation and ideas. We are trying to harness that great power to build a better world, a world where human ingenuity will make our homes, communities and consumption patterns socially and environmentally sustainable, a world where research receives the funding and support it needs to defeat disease, deprivation and despair, and a world where the unlearning of intolerance will bridge barriers that still divide nations and peoples. Promoting and advancing these goals is the essence of the United Nations Academic Impact.”

Over the thirty years since the establishment of the International Day of Peace, the world has changed dramatically, and a number of truths have become particularly evident.

1. the inter-dependence of peace, development and human rights; the absence of any one of these elements imperils the others
2. the growing emergence of intolerance—rather than national or military ambition—as a cause of conflict
3. the growing incidence of such conflicts within countries as much as between countries



4. the increasing assertion of democratic aspiration in States where participatory government is inhibited, and the resort to violence to attempt to quell peaceful protest
5. the recognition of “planetary,” rather than national or regional, dangers, including climate change, water scarcity, natural disasters and epidemic disease which demand planetary resolve and can spur disruptions of peace
6. the escalating threat of terrorism
7. the rapidity in inter-personal communication platforms which offer both bridges to knowledge and understanding and easy transport for hate and prejudice

Central to all of these are two elements. *One*, that each has the potential to diminish human dignity. *Two*, that each can be addressed through the power and means of education that absorbs, and yet transcends, specific disciplines but fosters the thinking, caring and compassionate individual. It is our hope that this symposium will offer ideas in this regard that can contribute to the true exercise of “intellectual social responsibility.”

Programme

Theme Give Peace Another Chance

Date New York (September 14) / Seoul (September 15)

Venue UN Headquarters, New York, USA / Grand Peace Hall, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, Korea

UN Headquarters, September 14

UN Webcast www.un.org/webcast UNAI-Kyung Hee Homepage unai.khu.ac.kr

19:00~19:20	Musical Performance	Kaleidhaphonic K. Nathaniel / S. Suso / T. Dudley / J. Ragusa	
19:20~19:30	Multimedia Presentation	“Here and Now: At the Forefront of Peace”	
19:30~19:33	Musical Performance	“This Life That’s Lent to You” by Beth Nielsen Chapman	UN Webcast
19:36~19:44	Opening Remarks	Ban Ki-moon Secretary-General, UN	UN Webcast
19:45~19:53	Keynote Speech	Inwon Choue President, Kyung Hee Univ. & Kyung Hee Cyber Univ. “On Peace, Another Dream Ever Onward”	UN Webcast
19:55~20:55	Roundtable Moderator Panelists	Higher Education and Human Dignity Ramu Damodaran (Chief, UNAI) Aftab Seth (Chairman, India Global Link Co. Ltd.) Beth Nielsen Chapman (Singer-songwriter) Eduardo Ulibarri-Bilbao (Permanent Representative of Costa Rica, UN) Francis Deng (Special Adviser to the Secretary-General, UN) Norhan Basuni (Former Board Member, Brooklyn for Peace) Yersu Kim (Professor Emeritus, Kyung Hee University)	UN Webcast
20:55~21:35	Q&A	(in real-time between Seoul and New York)	UN Webcast
21:35~21:50	Concert	Dvorak, Piano Quartet in E-flat Major Mov. 4 Julius-Jeongwon Kim (Piano) / Ko-Woon Yang (Violin) Jin Won Yoon (Viola) / Young Song (Cello) Magnolia Blossom A Kyeong Lee (Mezzo-Soprano), Sung-Hoon Hong (Tenor) Kyung Hee Orchestra conducted by Seung-Eop Yoon Kyung Hee Chorus led by Sun-Wook Lee	UN Webcast
21:50~21:55	Chorus	John Lennon’s “Imagine” led by Beth Nielsen Chapman & Kaleidhaphonic (All members of the Seoul-New York audience participate)	UN Webcast

This symposium will connect UN Headquarters in New York to Kyung Hee University's Grand Peace Hall in Seoul in real-time on the United Nations Webcast page. The events in New York will be shown live-on-screen to those in attendance at Grand Peace Hall. Participation in the Q&A session with panelists from the roundtable discussion will also be made possible via live Internet connection between New York and Seoul.

Grand Peace Hall, September 15

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08:00~08:20	Registration		
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Opening Remarks

World Peace and the Role of Higher Education

The Academic Impact aims to generate a global movement of minds to promote a new culture of intellectual social responsibility. It is animated by a commitment to certain bedrock principles. Among them: freedom of inquiry, opinion and speech, educational opportunity for all, global citizenship, sustainability, and dialogue.



Ban Ki-moon

H. E. Ban Ki-moon, elected in 2006 and sworn into office in 2007, is the eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations. In 2011, he was reelected in a unanimous vote by the 192 member nations of the UN to serve an additional five-year term in office. Some highlights during his tenure thus far include such globally pertinent issues as Climate Change, Health Care, Epidemics and their economic aftermath, the Food, Energy and Water Crisis, and Empowering Women. During his tenure as the Secretary-General, he has given nations all over the world that are suffering from poverty, the right to speak. He has also made numerous efforts to empower the UN. In 2010, he took the lead in the establishment of the UNAI to inquire into the most effective ways of relieving poverty, eradicating illiteracy, promoting human rights, and solving the problem of sustainable development through the cooperation of higher education institutions around the world.

Keynote Speech

On Peace, Another Dream Ever Onward

Universities must also open a new intellectual space for reflective humans while leading the way to deep scholarly pursuits and dialogue with an open universe.

The harmonious bonding of academe and global practice as well as each individual's "transcendental engagement" should lie at the heart of all such endeavors.



Inwon Choue

Dr. Inwon Choue, President of Kyung Hee University, is a political theorist who has pioneered the study of the "Esthetic Space in Life and Politics." He wishes to reconstitute "Realpolitik" through a creative union of "reason and emotions," "humans and institutions," and "realism and romanticism." The future society he envisages is human-centered and would be achieved through discourse on "transcendental engagement." As scholar-cum-social practitioner, Dr. Choue has published a number of books such as *State and Choice*, *Politics Beyond Trammels: Political Discourse for Transcendental Engagement*, *The Dusk of Modern Civilization: Clashes and Beyond*, *Dialogues Off the 20th Century*, *Exploring Utopian Future of Politics*, and *Transformative Challenges: Modern Civilization and Beyond*. He has also served as Head of the Planning Committee of the 1999 Seoul International Conference of NGOs and is currently the Chair of the World Civic Forum.

Roundtable

Higher Education and Human Dignity

The UNAI was founded to achieve the UN's mission through education and draws its inspiration from the rights and dignity of the individual. It is that aspect of academic impact that the roundtable on “Higher Education and Human Dignity” will seek to address.



Ramu Damodaran Ramu Damodaran is currently the Deputy Director of the Outreach Division of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations. He is responsible for drafting the UN Academic Impact, the Department's relationships with non-governmental organizations and educational institutions, as well as programmes for the general public, including exhibits, guided tours, concerts and DPI special events. His last national position was that of Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of India from 1991 to 1994. He has also served in Indian diplomatic missions in Moscow and at the United Nations. He worked extensively in Indian mass media, including television, radio and print publications.



Aftab Seth Aftab Seth is the Chairman of India Global Link Co. Ltd. He was the Indian Ambassador to Japan, Micronesia, Vietnam and Greece. He served as the first chief of the Global Security Research Institute at Keio University. He has lectured at Seoul National University, the Reischauer Institute at Harvard, the Hudson Institute in Washington DC, the Moscow State University and St. Petersburg State University in Russia, the Institute of International Relations in Vietnam and Vietnam University. Ambassador Seth received a B.A. (Honors) from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, an M.A. from Christ Church College, Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and a Doctor of Laws degree from the American College of Greece.



Beth Nielsen Chapman Beth Nielsen Chapman is an American country and pop singer-songwriter. She began her career performing in a rock band called “Harmony” in 1976. She has received acclaim for her songs, which deal largely with peace, philanthropy and carry a strong message of hope. In 1969, she began to show interest in human hardship after witnessing Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination when she was moving from Germany to Alabama, US. The song, “Sand and Water,” which was released in 1997, has given numerous people comfort and hope. She is currently an adviser and director for various public welfare foundations such as “Healthy Child Healthy World.” <http://www.bethnielsenchapman.com>



Eduardo Ulibarri-Bilbao Eduardo Ulibarri-Bilbao is the Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations, and current Chairperson for the Committee on Information. He has an extensive professional and academic career in communications, journalism, political analysis, freedom of expression, public transparency and governance. He served for two decades as Editor-in-Chief of Costa Rica's main newspaper. Since 2003, he has devoted most of his time to teaching, consulting and participating on the boards of a number of public and private organizations and writing for leading news media about his country and Latin America. Ambassador Ulibarri-Bilbao was born in Cuba in 1952, moved to Costa Rica in 1966 and became a Costa Rican citizen in 1970.



Francis Deng Francis Deng was appointed as the Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in 2007. Mr. Deng is currently Director of the Sudan Peace Support Project based at the United States Institute of Peace. Mr. Deng served as Human Rights Officer in the United Nations Secretariat and as the Ambassador of the Sudan to Canada, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. He is also a Wilhelm Fellow at the Centre for International Studies of MIT and a research professor at Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Deng holds a Doctor of the Science of Law degree from Yale University, and has authored and edited over 30 books in various fields.



Norhan Basuni Norhan Basuni is a CUNY Baccalaureate alumna. She is currently working with WNYC/NPR on a project for the 10th anniversary of 9/11. She is the Public Relations Officer for the Muslim American Society's Community Outreach Department and was a Board Member of Brooklyn for Peace. She served as John Jay College's University Student Senate Representative and President of John Jay College's National Model United Nations Team from 2009-2010. Within the Model UN, she served by nomination as a Chair of the Security Council in 2009 and in the Organization of the Islamic Conference in 2010. She was awarded the Distinguished Delegate Committee Award in the Economic and Social Council Committee in 2008. In January 2011, she participated in the Tahrir Square events in Cairo.



Yersu Kim Yersu Kim is a philosopher and Professor Emeritus of the Graduate Institute of Peace Studies at Kyung Hee University. He served as director of the Division of Philosophy and Ethics at UNESCO Headquarters and as secretary-general of the Korean National Commission for UNESCO. He also served as a member of the executive board and vice-president of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies. For almost two decades, he was a professor of philosophy at Seoul National University. Dr. Yersu Kim graduated from Harvard University and holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Bonn, Germany.

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UN Academic Impact (UNAI)

The UN Academic Impact was established in 2010 upon the proposition of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to realize UN Millennium Development Goals such as poverty eradication, literacy, human rights, and sustainable development through the cooperation of the world's higher education institutions.

UNAI Website <http://academicimpact.org>



Kyung Hee University

Kyung Hee University has pursued "the better humans and the better world" with its tradition of "Academe and Peace." A new paradigm for a university of the future in pursuit of "Global Eminence"—this is the new value that Kyung Hee seeks.

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