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How to reach the Peace Palace

Public Transportation

Bus Line 24 (to Kijkduin) from the bus platform above the station (direct service, all day long)
Get off at stop **Vredespaleis**

Tram Line 1, direction Scheveningen Noorderstrand (direct service, all day long).
Get off at stop **Vredespaleis**

Parking

Parking close to the Peace Palace is possible at Tobias Asserlaan and at the Parking Garage Mauritskade.

Security

- Please make sure that you have your **passport**, or Dutch driving license with you. It will be necessary to pass through security at the Peace Palace.
- Security at the peace palace is very strict because it is a UN building, so please take into account **60 minutes** for this. If you are early, we will have coffee and croissant for you and you can also have a walk through the garden of the Peace Palace.

KEEP PEOPLE AT THE HEART OF CONFLICT IN CHARGE

Panelists from 11 different parts of the globe and different backgrounds will share personal stories about their activities as peacebuilders to keep people at the heart of conflict in charge. They represent one of the following areas of focus: law, government, military, business, journalism, mediation, women, combatants, youth or a combination of these.

These practitioners work on a wide range of missions from trade restrictions of conflict diamonds to personal recovery as a child soldier and many more. Each has an impact on and has been impacted by international conflict. The practitioners will share their stories throughout three panels.

Each of the three panels will be followed by structured interpersonal dialogues of inquiry and exploration around the title of the session. Goal is to create a dialogue of understanding, learning and cooperation with new insights and perspectives. Participants and Panelists will work together in small groups.



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On Thursday after registration, brunch welcome and introduction, we kick off with the first panel:

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“What are missing pieces in the process of keeping people in the heart of conflict in charge?”

We talk about what panelists experience as their missing piece which sheds a light on the missing piece in interactions between communities, institutions etc. You will hear short personal stories from (click the name for more information):

VP Joyce Aluoch (law)

Freek Landmeter (mediation, business)

Shadia Marhaban (mediation, women)

LtC Ellert Klotz (military)

David Verberckt (journalism)

Lia Valero (journalism)

Followed by breakout session in groups of 4.

High Tea Break at 15:00 - 15:30

Second panel:

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“How do you take ownership of preventing another conflict: what were your personal turning points?”

We talk about what combination of events and transforming moments that motivated the panelists to take ownership and make a change. You will hear short personal stories from (click the name for more information):

Ra'ed al-Haddar (combatants)

Nariman Hamo (women, community)

Michal Shamir (women)

Mekka Abdelgabar (mediation, women)

Padraig O'Malley (mediation)

Allioune Badara Cissé (government)

Followed by breakout session in groups of 3.

3

Open Space Event at Indonesian Dinner Buffet at 18:00

An open space set up will give the opportunity to talk more in-depth about questions you share with others, or just meet. This is the moment to bring in your pressing questions.

Friday is all about acquiring tools, identifying partners and taking a clear next step. The third panel is about

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“Why we need to incubate innovative interaction”

We talk about the "WHY", inner drives underlying the actions of the panelists towards their innovation in interaction leading to keeping people at the heart of people in charge. You will hear short personal stories from (click the name for more information):

Padraig O'Malley (mediation)

Rajkumar Sabanadesan (business)

Edward Asscher (business)

Colonel Ludy Schmidt (military)

Gwendolyn Myers (youth)

Kenneth Cloke (mediation)

Followed by breakout session individual task in groups of 3

Lunch at 12:00 - 13:00

Documentary Screening: The Peacemaker

To share to your insights from the personal session we will watch together in the great auditorium a documentary about the work and live of one of the most influential and engaged mediators of our time, who created bridges in intractable conflicts of South Africa, Northern Ireland, Iraq and Kosovo. The film is also focussing on the personal struggles and costs of Padraig O'Malley which adds an additional perspective to the panels of the two days.

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Opportunity to Share

With so much work done by all the participants this is your opportunity to share reflections, lessons learnt and to ask questions to everyone in the room. We will reflect and find out what the next step will be for our connections that started here.

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Closing Reception "Borrel" at 16:30

Closing reception to celebrate and say goodbye and we hope to meet again - with Prosecco and Canapés.