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BRING PEACE
BACK TO THE PEOPLE



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EDITORIAL BY HERVÉ MORIN

President of the Normandy Region

Bolstered by its rich history, Normandy has set itself the goal of becoming an internationally recognised think-tank for dialogue on peace. With this in mind, the Normandy Region launched the Normandy for Peace initiative in 2017, to continue the work of remembrance carried out by the region's stakeholders and to help new generations understand the contemporary world.

Since 2018, the Normandy World Peace Forum has been the highlight of this initiative. This major event, which is free and open to all, has become a genuine forum for reflection on world conflicts and the creation of lasting peace.

The theme of this year's 6th Normandy World Peace Forum, to be held on 28 and 29 September 2023 at the Abbaye aux Dames in Caen, is 'Resistance! Bring peace back to the people'. With democracy on the wane in many parts of the world, we are witnessing an upsurge in grassroots action to tackle global conflicts. Ordinary people are playing a major role, both in the prevention of violence and in the restoration of peace. They are rising up in protest to assert their rights or to end domination, which is exercised either by the regime in place or by a foreign power.

During these two days of the Forum, dozens of speakers will meet to discuss and share their views on this issue, as well as on the issues of freedom and peace. **Through conferences, workshops and debates,** these peace fighters will alert us, challenge us and **provide us with the solutions for a better understanding of these values, which are essential to our societies.**

In a particularly complex international context, the 2023 Forum once again reaffirms **Normandy's adherence to the values of peace and freedom, which it has championed for nearly 80 years.** More than ever, the Region hopes to make a concrete commitment through this Forum by offering the generations of today and tomorrow the opportunity to become builders of peace.

While the success of the Normandy World Peace Forum has never wavered, with an ever-growing audience of curious people and experts, this 2023 iteration will once again aim to bring together all those who share the desire **to build a fairer world and to commit themselves to peace and freedom.**

Normandy for Peace represents hope, the hope of showing that the greatness of a country lies not in the number of nuclear warheads or in the repeated expression of mediocre nationalism, but in the capacity of a country to **convey a universal message of peace and rapprochement between peoples, an ideal of freedom and democracy or to tackle climate change which concerns us all.**

"Peace is hope, but above all it is determination"

THE THEME OF THE 6TH NORMANDY WORLD PEACE FORUM: RESISTANCE! BRING PEACE BACK TO THE PEOPLE.

RESISTANCE! BRING PEACE BACK TO THE PEOPLE

In the past, peace was equated with 'not being at war'. It was established when weapons were laid down and disappeared when they returned. The people were kept out of the picture, as possible collateral and passive victims.

The French Revolution, the mass draft and the 'soldiers of Year II' signalled the start of a process that was quickly curbed by the dogma of civic allegiance and the pressure of nationalism that was still controlled by governments. This kind of scheme has left its mark on our memory, and on much of our law and practices today. But it's becoming more and more out of date. The awakening of the peoples of the world, marked by the wars of decolonisation, globalisation and widespread communication, is leading to an increasingly globalised social vision and is transforming the current situation.

From now on, **international stability depends on the people**, and social resistance thwarts the simplest plans derived from old geopolitics and princely strategies. Peace itself is no longer a reality if it does not, in one way or another, involve the whole of society. The idea has been around for three centuries, ever since the Abbé de Saint-Pierre, who foresaw **the importance of including the needs of the people in the establishment of peace**, without giving them an active role: nowadays, it's becoming empirically obvious. Because societies carry ever greater weight in the international arena, because the duality between those who govern and those who are governed is less and less synonymous with the contrast between the active and the passive, because the demands of global, food, climate and health security are bringing the human component back to the forefront in the international arena and because territories are no longer currencies of exchange between princes, but human realities, which are socially relevant.

Observing **international relations**, and even more so acting on them, means taking these factors into account. From now on, these 'tectonics of societies', **the social anger and multiple expectations** generated by the people must be factored into any explanation of the threats **to peace today**. In the name of ethics and efficiency, we also need to invent **a new approach to conflict resolution, one that makes room for the human, the social and the people.**

Bertrand BADIE

› Emeritus University Professor at Sciences Po

Nicole GNESOTTO

› Professor at CNAM, holder of the Europe Chair, Vice-President of the Jacques Delors Institute



THE SCIENTIFIC DIRECTION

The scientific and strategic management of the Normandy World Peace Forum is led by **Bertrand Badie**, Professor Emeritus of the Universities of Sciences Po, **Nicole Gnesotto**, Professor of the CNAM, holder of the Europe Chair, Vice-President of the Jacques Delors Institute and **François-Xavier Priollaud**, Vice-President of the Normandy Region, responsible for European and international affairs and the reputation of Normandy.

To ensure a **wide range of viewpoints**, it is composed of high-level experts and personalities from different backgrounds, including **Frédérique Bedos**, producer, director and founder of the information NGO, Project Imagine.

The role of scientific management is to **develop the strategic and editorial orientations of Normandy for Peace**, by ensuring that the actions and themes are coherent and that the Normandy Region maintains **a neutral stance.**

REVIEW OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FORUM SINCE ITS CREATION IN 2018

The Normandy World Peace Forum was created in 2018 by the Normandy Region. This event is dedicated to peace and freedom in the world and brings both the general public and international experts together.

"With Hervé Morin, we were coming out of COP21 and we said to ourselves that there were major events devoted to all types of subjects – economic, environmental, etc. – but no meeting really existed regarding the issues of peace and international security. These subjects have a particular resonance for our region, and, with the support of a network of partners, we decided to found the Normandy World Forum for Peace."

emphasises **François-Xavier PRIOLLAUD**, vice-president of the Normandy Region in charge of European and international affairs and the reputation of Normandy.

The Normandy World Peace Forum is the culmination of the Normandy for Peace initiative, a global approach that includes annual events in Normandy and internationally, to promote the universal values of peace and freedom.

Ban Ki-Moon,
former UN
Secretary General
*The Normandy
World Peace
Forum 2018*



The presentation of the Normandy for Peace Manifesto, by its 6 authors and first signatories:
Anthony Grayling, Sundeep Waleskar, Denis Mukwege, Jody Williams, Mohamed ElBaradei and Leymah Gbowee
The Normandy World Peace Forum 2019



Press conference on the situation in Ukraine in the presence of the Ukrainian ambassador to France **Vadym Omelchenko**, **Nicole Ameline**, president of the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace and **François-Xavier Priollaud**, Vice-President of the Normandy Region
The Normandy World Peace Forum 2022



Sébastien Lecornu,
Minister of the
Armed Forces
*The Normandy World
Peace Forum 2022*



Award ceremony for the 1st Freedom Prize and tribute to veterans on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Landing
The Normandy World Peace Forum 2019



Contributions by **Fawzia Koofi**, **Chékéba Hashemi** and **Ali Maisam Nazary** on the situation in Afghanistan following the withdrawal of the American army and the return to power of the Taliban.
The Normandy World Peace Forum 2021



The Normandy Appeal for the Rohingya by Hervé Morin in the presence of Tun Khin in partnership with Human Rights Watch
The Normandy World Peace Forum 2018



The arrival of parliamentarians from all over the world to take part in the **Parliamentarians for Peace** programme, led by **Open Diplomacy** with the support of the Normandy Region.
The Normandy World Peace Forum 2022



| THE PROGRAMME

Programme subject to change

The 6th iteration of the Normandy World Peace Forum, which will be held on 28 and 29 September 2023 at the Abbaye aux Dames in Caen, is taking place against a particularly complex backdrop.

The Normandy World Peace Forum is holding two days of discussions and activities once again this year. Anyone can attend these meetings simply by registering in advance on the website normandiepourlapaix.fr.

Two large plenaries, an unprecedented highlight in the presence of Nobel Peace Prize winners, fifteen debates and ten youth workshops will address topical issues from different points of view in the presence of around 100 experts.



NORMANDY WORLD PEACE FORUM

| The plenaries

Popular resistance is often in response to a situation of injustice or oppression experienced by society. The decline of democracy in the world has led to the increased mobilisation of its people.

People play a major role, both in the **prevention of violence** and in the restoration of peace. They rise up in protest to assert their rights or to put an end to domination, which is exercised either by the regime in place or by a foreign power. We can cite several topical examples: the war in Ukraine and the revolts in Iran, China and Kurdistan. This resistance also revolves around **fundamental social subjects** such as women's rights or the climate crisis.

Franceinfo, the first global non-stop public service news media, is joining forces with the Normandy World Peace Forum. franceinfo reports the main news in real time and deciphers it in a concrete, direct and useful way for its audiences. With 180 journalists and unrivalled experience in handling breaking news, its editorial team is supported by the franceinfo agency, which is responsible for certifying the news.

France Info

PLENARY

'RADIOGRAPHY OF RESISTANCE'

THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER FROM 10 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

The first plenary aims to analyse the different situations and types of resistance in the world and put them into perspective.

Two round tables will present current forms of resistance, as well as examples of resistance in different parts of the world.

PLENARY

'NO PEACE WITHOUT PEOPLE'

FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER FROM 10 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

The second plenary session will attempt to explain why certain peace agreements have failed and how people can be persuaded to embrace peace.

| The debates

15 thematic and geographical debates are open to the public to help them better understand and discuss topics related to current events:

1 | Who can resist Vladimir Putin?

THURSDAY 28 | FROM 16:30 TO 18:00

In partnership with the **Collège des Bernardins**

Feedback session from the seminar for a democratic Russia, organised by the Collège des Bernardins. What are the main points of the Russian opposition's common programme? What future relations can exist between Ukraine and the European Union? What de-radicalisation and civic-mindedness training programmes are there? What is the strategy of the Russian democratic opposition vis-à-vis the Resistance in Russia (Navalny networks, Russian Freedom Legion, etc.)? What are possible responses from the European authorities before, during and afterwards?

2 | Are economic sanctions effective?

THURSDAY 28 | FROM 16:30 TO 18:00

In partnership with **le Cercle des Economistes**

Economic sanctions, which have existed since ancient Greece and have been codified by the UN, are being used more and more frequently by the international community: Iraq, Iran, Libya, North Korea and now Russia. The stated goals are to force the regimes and their leaders to negotiate via economic pressure that is first experienced by the people. Are these sanctions effective? Are they actually achieving their goals? Aren't the people ultimately the only ones to pay the price?

3 | India: new global superpower?

THURSDAY 28 | FROM 16:30 TO 18:00

In partnership with **Asia Society France**

India, the most populous country in the world and a growing economy, has opted for non-aligned diplomacy, aimed at increasing its influence. But the country is facing multiple challenges: social and political protests, preponderant Chinese regional leadership, persistent conflict in Kashmir or even the economic and strategic consequences of the war in Ukraine. How are we to understand these issues, just a few months ahead of general elections that that are expected to be won by the nationalist Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

4 | Resisting interference

THURSDAY 28 | FROM 16:30 TO 18:00

In partnership with **ESSEC and Paris Cité University**

Would interference be the modern and discreet form of invasion? Intrusions into national elections, the purchases of individual loyalties, the acquisition of stakes in companies, misinformation, etc. While the use of force often fails, more pernicious interference offers a new means of serving one's own interests. How can we spot it and fight it, without paranoia and the restriction of fundamental freedoms? How can we make citizens aware of these strategies, to enable them to resist them?

5 | The state of the world in 2023 as seen by leading reporters and editorial writers

THURSDAY 28 | FROM 16:30 TO 18:00

How do you view the state of the world in 2023? The return of the war in Europe has profoundly upset international relations, the arms race is starting up again and the rivalries between the powers are being exacerbated as never before. The shift from cooperation to confrontation is changing the world. We are witnessing the convergence of fractures and confrontations between North and South, democracies and autocracies, the West and the rest of the world.

Against this flow of news, every citizen has the right to ask: what is the world coming to?

These journalists and editorialists comment on current international events, and will be giving their retrospective and forward-looking analyses of this great chessboard of the world during this debate.

6 | Social networks, weapons of mass mobilisation?

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 14:00 TO 15:30

In partnership with **L'Obs**

In 2011, with the Arab Spring, the world discovered the mobilising power of social networks. Since then, it has only been confirmed, for better and for worse. Along with the #MeToo and #BlackLivesMatters, there has also been the use of personal data by Cambridge Analytica or the Russian bots. How can we guarantee the possibility of grassroots, emancipatory mobilisation without falling into the trap of authoritarianism or surveillance? This is the challenge in the age of social networks.

"International relations have been at the heart of L'Obs's editorial coverage since it was founded in 1964. proud to be associated with the Forum for the sixth time. Forum. Julie Clarini, editor-in-chief of the Ideas department at L'Obs will be leading this year's conference on "Social networks, weapons of mass mobilisation?"

L'Obs

7 | Art and culture of resistance in Ukraine

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 16:30 TO 18:00

In partnership with the **Warm Foundation and the Ukrainian Ministry of Culture**

The war waged by Russia against Ukraine is aimed as much at its state existence as at its very culture and identity. Artists and all of civil society are on the front line, resisting it. They put their lives, their commitment and their art at the service of the defence of their country, appealing to the consciences of people around the world and to humanitarian aid. How is the resistance of civil society organised? Can art be used to defend the nation? How are these artists experiencing the war?

8 | Nuclear deterrence: obstacle or lever for lasting peace?

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 14:00 TO 15:30

In partnership with the Jacques Delors Institute

Since 1945, the nuclear deterrence doctrine has been credited with maintaining a balance in the world order, and the powers that possess nuclear weapons have reaffirmed their choice to preserve their arsenals in the name of their security. However, because of the risks they pose and their costs, the persistence of nuclear weapons is questioned. In view of the threats made during the War in Ukraine and the risks of proliferation, is nuclear deterrence still an effective tool for ensuring collective security?

9 | 75 years of the Blue Helmets: Building innovative and effective peace operations for the future

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 14:00 TO 15:30

In partnership with the UN Peacekeeping Office

For 75 years, UN peacekeepers have protected civilians and ceasefires and advanced peace processes. At best, peacekeeping operations are remarkable enterprises of multilateralism. But they are also an imperfect tool that can never meet all needs or expectations. To succeed in the face of growing challenges, a fragmented world, complex conflicts and rampant misinformation, peacekeeping must find new solutions to be more responsive, innovative and effective for the future.

10 | African resistance

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 14:00 TO 15:30

In partnership with the African Security Sector Network

Resistance takes many different forms in Africa today, from the promotion of human rights and the defence of freedom of expression, particularly in the media, to artistic creativity, religious diplomacy and the assertion of identity. What these different forms of mobilisation or protest often have in common is that they challenge the models of governance established by many African states, which have not kept their promises in terms of democratisation, security and development, despite the support provided by foreign partners, many of whom are also increasingly challenged.

11 | Xi Jinping: his drive for power?

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 14:00 TO 15:30

In partnership with le Dessous des Cartes

If the Russian invasion of Ukraine has brought war back to the European continent, what kind of conflict would provoke a Chinese attack on Taipei, against the backdrop of an escalating Sino-American duel for global leadership? How would the other powers in the Indo-Pacific, a region that has become demographically, economically and geopolitically indispensable, position themselves? What about Japan, the Philippines, South Korea and Australia in particular? What are the consequences for global balances?

12 | Iraq: beyond the war

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 16:30 TO 18:00

In partnership with the Arab World Institute

In 2003, the United States invaded Iraq with the aim of overthrowing Saddam Hussein. The American attempt to establish a new state ended in failure and, twenty years later, Iraq seems more divided than ever. The country is facing serious political, economic and social crises. Despite the difficulties, Iraqis continue to mobilise to decide their destiny.

How did the 2003 war change Iraqi society? What are the challenges for Iraq today? How is civil society organised?

13 | Acting from exile

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 16:30 TO 18:00

In partnership with Le Monde

How can we help those who remained? How can we fight for change by working in civil society? These are the questions posed by many Russians who have left their country since the aggression in Ukraine and the tens of thousands of Turkish and Kurdish opponents who fled repression after the failed coup in July 2016. Although Putin's Russia is not Erdogan's Turkey, where the electoral process is still possible, these exiles face similar but different challenges.

Le Monde is pleased to renew its partnership with the Normandy World Peace Forum, in a period when geopolitical issues have rarely been so topical. It will include a debate moderated by Marc Semo. Le Monde

14 | Resist! Against whom and for what?

FRIDAY 29 | 16:30 TO 18:00

In partnership with L'INA

Resisting means making the choice to assert yourself, to make your voice heard. Resistance is linked to our survival instinct and allows us to demand freedom, equality, independence and to build peace. Our recent history is marked by noisy or silent, heroic or discreet bubbles of resistance, which form or burst in all four corners of the world. These have fuelled the writing of an INA web series, based on resistance in the past and today, which will feed into these discussions.

15 | Armenia-Azerbaijan: the cultural challenges of a lasting conflict

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 16:30 TO 18:00

The long conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan has left Nagorno-Karabakh a territory marked by intense fighting, the most recent of which in 2020 ended in a violent Azeri victory. This conflict is jeopardising the region's rich architectural and cultural heritage. Can the protection of this heritage be a tool for building lasting peace?

The Village for Peace

The Village for Peace is packed with events for the general public and young people: workshops, exhibitions, personal accounts, meetings with authors, etc.

THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE VILLAGE:

- › The Studio Agora hosted by Ouest-France, Publi Hebdo and Sweet FM will be offering interactive workshops for young people and meetings with Forum speakers.

"Since its creation, the Sipa-Ouest-France Group has taken an interest in the news of the municipality in the world, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable populations and on explaining conflicts. Our group has been a partner of the Forum since its inception, and has always taken a keen interest in it. For a third year, Sipa-Ouest-France will offer its 'Agora' to discuss international news with the general public and young people."

Jean-Bernard CAZALETS,
deputy editor-in-chief, Ouest-France



- › The ephemeral bookstore hosted by the bookstore **Le Brouillon de Culture**. Books will be on sale. Authors will sign their books.
- › The space 'Engagés pour la Paix' will allow the general public to meet the exhibitors and partners of Normandy for Peace, which are the French Red Cross of Normandy, Amnesty International and the INA
- › The screening of three documentaries in partnership with **DOCS UP FUND**
 - **I Shall Not Hate**, a documentary on Israel-Palestine
 - **Déracinées**, a short film on the sexual violence suffered by the Rohingya
 - **Blue Island**, a documentary on Hong KongScreenings open to schoolchildren only

EXHIBITIONS :



- › **Les Femmes S'exposent:** "Saamis, we lived in the tundra" by photographer Natalya Saprunova

- › **Paris Match :**
'Their Resistance, Our History'

'For almost 75 years, Paris Match has featured portraits of men and women on its covers and throughout the magazine, everyday heroes and heroines who, sometimes in spite of themselves, have shaped our contemporary history. For the 4th year running, the Normandy World Peace Forum has commissioned Match to produce a photo exhibition of thirteen large-format prints looking at events of resistance that have left their mark on world history.'

Gwenaëlle DE KERROS,
Development Director of Paris Match

- › **JR 'Inside out'**

Launched by artist JR, Inside Out is a participatory art which helps individuals and communities around the world get a message across by displaying their portraits in the street.



I Programmes for young people

The Forum welcomes nearly 3,000 young high school and university students each year. It represents the culmination of a series of initiatives devoted to youth in partnership with academic networks, the Canopé Network and the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace.

This year, ten sequences for young people will be offered during the two days of the Forum, including 7 workshops and 3 screenings.

YOUTH WORKSHOPS

1 | Iran, the death penalty as a tool of political repression

THURSDAY 28 | FROM 14:00 TO 15:30

In partnership with **Together Against the Death Penalty**

Iran is currently the country with the highest number of executions per capita. Since the 1979 revolution, the death penalty has been regularly used by the authorities as a tool of political repression. The numerous condemnations since the uprising, sparked by the death in custody of Mahsa Amini in September 2022, demonstrate this in a terrifying way. As central figures in the Iranian population's resistance, many women are now being executed for having tried to resist the assaults to which they are subjected.

2 | Indigenous rights: stories of people's resistance

THURSDAY 28 | FROM 10:30 TO 12:00

In partnership with **Caen Nordic**

Indigenous peoples were the first to resist the upheavals of a modern world that would like to exclude them from coveted spaces. Today, they are threatened by global warming, the destruction of the places where they live and the actions of governments that favour economic development at their expense. From the equator to the poles, they are championing their rights, their territories and their way of life. What lessons does their resistance teach us for the construction of a lasting peace?

3 | Screening I Shall Not Hate

THURSDAY 28 | FROM 10:30 TO 12:00

In partnership with **DUF**

Surrounded by violence and oppression, Dr Izzeldin Abuelaish chose education and tolerance. When war took away his three daughters, he responded with forgiveness. But peace must be a two-way street.

As the project is still in progress, this will not be the final version of the documentary. This film is unreleased and will not be released until 2024.

4 | Screening of Déracinées

THURSDAY 28 | FROM 14:00 TO 15:30

In partnership with **DUF**

In September 2017, the Rohingya minority in Myanmar was ethnically cleansed. Olga Prudhomme-Farge travelled to the Kutupalong camps in southern Bangladesh, then home to a million displaced people, to hear the stories of Rohingya refugee women and children. Many of them were victims of sexual violence due to the systematic use of rape as a weapon of war by the Burmese military and Buddhist militias.

5 | The Normandy Index: understanding threats to preserve peace

THURSDAY 28 | FROM 10:30 TO 12:00

In partnership with **Europe Direct Information Centres in Normandy and the European Parliament Research Service**

With its focus on concrete issues such as terrorism, the risk of violent conflict, the state of the democratic process and energy insecurity, the Normandy Peace Index is a tool for gaining a better understanding of the many challenges facing states today. Drawing on this tool, the result of a collaboration between the Normandy Region and the European Parliament, this workshop will offer an insight into the war in Ukraine and the way in which people are directly confronted with these threats to peace and democracy in Europe and around the world.

6 | Music and resistance

THURSDAY 28 | FROM 14:00 TO 15:30

In partnership with **les Lunaisiens**

Singing about resistance means invoking the vital strength of all those men and women who, when peace is threatened, take the side of humanity and resist. The musical ensemble Les Lunaisiens and Déborah Livet, a music history researcher, will be presenting how art, music and song were all resources that enabled people to resist in times of war.

7 | The commitment of women to a more inclusive and sustainable society

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 10:30 TO 12:00

In partnership with the **International Institute for Human Rights and Peace**

This workshop is a continuation of the eHo programme, a Norman education programme for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This educational programme focuses on the right of young people to participate, to enable a cross-disciplinary approach to current issues. To achieve the goals set out in Agenda 2030, particularly those relating to the fight against climate change, it is essential to give people, and in particular those who are the least listened to, a platform to express themselves and take action to make an effective contribution to these goals. The aim of this sequence is to highlight inspiring examples of grassroots involvement and participation, to give back to people a sense of power when it comes to tackling the climate crisis.

8 | For the planet and peoples, a committed youth

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 10:30 TO 12:00

In partnership with Open Diplomacy

Is peace possible without a protected planet? Will ecological chaos also be geopolitical chaos? How do young people feel about the IPCC's gloomy scenarios? While Russia's aggression against Ukraine has further complicated the resolution of the climate crisis, fragmenting the international community, we still don't have a 'Planet B'. In such a difficult context, how can we not lose hope and how can we get involved? Is radicalism a just and effective necessity?

9 | At the heart of the conflict: those committed to peace in Africa

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 10:30 TO 12:00

In partnership with ASSN

Through presentations made by players from different sectors of humanitarian aid and development in Africa, this youth workshop will seek to explain professionalisation, the emergence of new stakeholders and multilateral coordination efforts in Africa, while reviewing the workings and objectives of the organisations involved to understand how they act and how they use resources to fulfil their mission.

10 | Screening of Blue Island

FRIDAY 29 | FROM 10:00 TO 12:30

In partnership with Docs Up Fund

Having lived half their lives here, three men can each relive a pivotal moment in Hong Kong's history. Each of them was an active participant in the revolution of their time, and the values they shared with wider movements paved the way for the Hong Kong of today. How will they continue to shape the future? Through the lives and fates of three individuals, this film reflects on the love-hate relationship between Hong Kong and China, embrace and flight, commitment and betrayal.

1 | Second seminar for a democratic Russia, organised by the Collège des Bernardins

During its 2022 session, the Forum hosted the seminar 'How can Russia be democratised?' organised by the Collège des Bernardins. The latter brought together Russian and European academic, civil and political personalities who reflected on how to bring together the conditions for a democratic Russia that respects the rule of law. In 2023, the College of Bernardins is continuing the work started with a new closed session which will meet throughout Wednesday, 27 September, before presenting its conclusions during the debate 'Who can resist Vladimir Putin?' on Thursday, 29 September.

The seminar will be held over the course of three round tables which will examine Russian consciousness in relation to its past, the conditions for memorial justice and the future of the rule of law in Russia. [To be confirmed by the DEI]

- › Behind closed doors on 27
- › Feedback on Thursday, 28 September from 16:30 to 18:00 during the debate 'Who can resist Vladimir Putin?'



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NORMANDY WORLD PEACE FORUM 2023

Between War and Peace

NOBEL PRIZE HIGHLIGHT

This session, organised in partnership with the think tank The Strategic Foresight Group, will address the existential risks facing humanity, from the unbridled arms race to the spread of killer robots and non-compliance with non-proliferation treaties, and possible solutions for building a lasting peace. With the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Taiwan Strait crisis, the North Korean leader's nuclear threats and the Middle East, the risk of nuclear war is real. We need a new framework for global governance including a global social contract, the progressive elimination of all weapons of mass destruction and a robust conflict resolution so that peace is not simply a state of non-war. Because peace is a choice, and a world without war will triumph.

The highlight of this event will be the launch of the book "Between War and Peace - The History and Politics of Conflict in the world" by Sundeep Waslekar, founder of the Strategic Foresight Group. This book is co-published by Editions of CNRS and Normandy for Peace.

Following this sequence, there will be a book-signing session open to the general public.



THURSDAY 28 |
FROM 14:00 TO 15:30

Leymah GBOWEE,
› Nobel Peace Prize 2011

Stefan LOFVEN,
› Former Prime Minister of Sweden, Co-Chair of the UN High Level Advisory Board for Effective Multilateralism

Hadja IDRISSE BAH,
› Freedom Prize 2023

Sundeep WASLEKAR,
› President of the Strategic Foresight Group

THE NORMANDY MANIFESTO FOR PEACE

A public appeal was launched at the second Forum to raise awareness of the need for lasting peace.

Written and presented to the Forum by the Nobel Prize winners: Mohamed El Baradei, Leymah Gbowee, Denis Mukwege, Jody Williams and civil society personalities committed to peace, such as Anthony Grayling, philosopher, Sundeep Waslekar, president of the Strategic Foresight Group... the manifesto, which can be found online on the website normandiepourlapaix.fr is available for everyone to sign.

The sequence "A world without war", organised with the Strategic Foresight Group, extends the work undertaken since 2019 through the Normandy For Peace Manifesto. A number of peace activists, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee, will be contributing their experience in tackling the challenges of our time and building lasting peace.

Excerpt from the Normandy for Peace Manifesto

'Are we going to end the human race or will humanity give up war? In the midst of the Cold War, the Russell-Einstein Manifesto posed an existential question, the urgency of which resonates with

even greater intensity today. **Nuclear weapons** are thousands of times more deadly than they were then. More than 2,500 warheads are on immediate alert. **Global military spending has doubled** since the end of the Cold War. And the increase is set to continue... In a context of climate crisis, growing inequalities, ultranationalism and the erosion of ethical values, the risk of war remains within the realm of possibility.

War is not an innate function of human nature. It comes down to choice. Cooperation, not conflict, is the basis of evolution. **We must ensure that war is no longer a plausible prospect** and gradually renounce it. This way, we can solve real problems like poverty, climate change and disease.

To this end, we need a **New Global Deal**, based on a novel approach to international security. We need **to build an inclusive international security system** that is deeply rooted in the principle of the rule of law and that respects **universal human rights**. We must design a collective and reliable security architecture that everyone can trust. In the absence of such a security alternative, States will continue to buy weapons of war (...)

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THE PERSONALITIES ATTENDING THIS YEAR

Feurat ALANI

› Reporter and director

Taimoor ALIASSI

› Specialist in international law who fled Iran after the 1979 revolution

Delphine ALLES

› Professor and Director of the International Relations Department at INALCO

Nicole AMELINE

› Former Minister in Charge of Professional Equality and Parity, member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Kléber ARHOUL

› Director of the Caen Memorial

Antoine ARJAKOVSKY

› Director of Research at Collège des Bernardins

Emilie AUBRY

› Editor-in-Chief of Dessous des Cartes

Didier AWADI

› Senegalese musician and activist

Bertrand BADIE

› University Professor Emeritus at Sciences Po Paris

Niagale BAGAYOKO

› Professor and Director of the International Relations Department at INALCO

Adel BAKAWAN

› Director of the French Centre for Research on Iraq

Tal BARDA

› Director and Producer - Tal Barda Films

Ahmed Newton BARRY

› Burkinabe journalist committed to freedom of expression

Frédérique BEDOS

› Founding President of the Imagine Project

Pascal BONIFACE

› Director of IRIS

Hamit BOZARSLAN

› Historian and political scientist

Frederic CHARILLON

› French academic and political scientist

Xavier CHEMISSEUR

› Editor-in-chief for France 24

Julie CLARINI

› Journalist - L'Obs

Lauriane CLEMENT

› Head of news section, Phosphore

Stéphane CORCUFF

› French academic, internationalist political scientist and sinologist

Zoubida DEBBAGH

› Meetings, debates and publications programme coordinator, Institut du Monde Arabe

Ousmane DIALLO

› Researcher, Francophone West Africa, Amnesty International

Lionel FONTAGNÉ

› Economist

Thomas FRIANG

› Founder and Director of the Open Diplomacy Institute

Valériane GAUTHIER

› Journalist and TV presenter

Leymah GBOWEE

› Nobel Peace Prize 2011

Nicole GNESOTTO

› Professor at CNAM, holder of the Europe Chair, Vice-President of the Jacques Delors Institute

Ulysse GOSSET

› Journalist, foreign policy columnist on BFMTV

Cécile HENNION

› Senior reporter for the newspaper 'Le Monde'

Jeanne Emmanuelle HUTIN

› Editorialist, Ouest-France

Hadja IDRISSE BAH

› Founder and President of the Club des Jeunes Filles Leaders de Guinée, winner of the 2023 Freedom Prize

Ahmet INSEL

› Academic, author in particular of the new Turkey of Erdogan

Christophe JAFFRELOT

› French political scientist specialising in the Indian subcontinent

Tatiana KASTOUEVA – JEAN

› Head of the Russia-Eurasia Centre at IFRI

Bilahari KAUSIKAN

› Former Singaporean Ambassador to the UN

Jean-Pierre LACROIX

› Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations - UN

Isabelle LASSERRE

› Journalist, responsible for diplomatic and strategy issues at Le Figaro Elena LAZAROU

Elena LAZAROU

› Head of the External Policies Unit of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS)

Sonia LE GOURIELLEC

› Lecturer at the Catholic University of Lille

Philippe LECORRE

› Teacher-researcher specialising in international issues

Gildas LEPRINCE

› Youtuber 'Mr Geopolitix'

Déborah LIVET

› Doctor in music history and musicology

Stefan LÖFVEN

› Former Prime Minister of Sweden, Co-Chair of the High-Level Advisory Council for Effective Multilateralism, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

Oxana MELNYCHUK

› Ukrainian political scientist

Jean-Dominique MERCHET

› French journalist specialising in military and strategic issues for L'Opinion

Eve MINAULT

› Director of the INA web series 'Résister! Contre qui et pour quoi?'

Raja MOHAN

› Universitaire indien, journaliste et analyste de politique étrangère

Ousmane NDIAYE

› Africa Editor-in-Chief of TV5 Monde

Nicolas NORMAND

› Former French Ambassador to Senegal and Gambia, author of 'Le Grand Livre de l'Afrique'

Delphine O

› Ambassador and Secretary General of the Generation Equality Forum (Beijing+25)

Rémi OURDAN

› Journalist, war correspondent

Shole PAKRAVAN

› Mother of Reyhaneh Jabbari, executed on 25 October 2014 at the age of 26, sentenced to death for the murder of her alleged rapist. Her fight to defend her daughter is the central theme of the documentary Seven Winters in Tehran (Peace Prize at the 73rd Berlin Film Festival).

Pramila PATTEN

› United Nations Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict. United Nations Under-Secretary-General

Marie PELTIER

› Historian specialising in propaganda and conspiracy

Olga PRUD'HOMME FARGES

› Documentary filmmaker, journalist and author

Jean-Pierre RAFFARIN

› Former French Prime Minister

Jean-Maurice RIPERT

› Former Ambassador, President of the French Association for the United Nations

Fabrice ROUSSELOT

› Editorial Director The Conversation France

Jacques RUPNIK

› Emeritus Research Director, Sciences Po Paris

Natalya SAPRUNOVA

› Photographer

Richard SEDILLOT

› Lawyer and spokesperson for the association Together Against the Death Penalty

Marc SEMO

› Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the 'ideas-debates' pages, Le Monde

Nancy SNOW

› Professor Emeritus at California State University, specialist in propaganda and public diplomacy

Roman SUSHCHENKO

› Ukrainian journalist and artist

Alex SZALAT

› Director of Docs Up Funds

Valentine TESSIER

› Lawyer - Collège des Bernardins

Ed VULLIAMY

› Journalist and writer

Sundeep WASLEKAR

› President of the Strategic Foresight Group

Michel WIEVIORKA

› French sociologist

Confirmations au 18 août 2023

THE FREEDOM PRIZE

Among the many initiatives for young people, the Freedom Prize is the only initiative in the world dedicated to freedom that involves young people from one end of the process to the other: from the proposals for the selection of individuals or organisations, to the vote for the winner, to the creation of the trophy and the presentation of the trophy at the Zénith in Caen.



Created by the Normandy Region, implemented by the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace, in close partnership with the Academic Authorities of Normandy and the Canopé network, the Freedom Prize is an **educational initiative to raise awareness among the younger generation about freedom, peace and human rights**, rooted in the values of the Normandy Landings of 6 June 1944. The Freedom Prize pays tribute to those who stand up for freedom and peace in the world.

It has been **rewarding leading the activists for the Freedom Prize for 5 years** now: Greta Thunberg, Loujain Al-Hathloul, Sonita Alizadeh, the Child's Right and Rehabilitation Network and Le Club des jeunes filles Leaders de Guinée (Young Girl Leaders Club of Guinea). Find out more about their struggles and the Freedom Prize initiative at the Normandy for Peace Forum.

Find Hadja IDRISSE BAH during the Nobel Prize Sequence



Hadja IDRISSE BAH,
President of the girls' club
leaders of Guinea, winner of
the 2023 Freedom Prize

'Each year, the Freedom Prize invites young people from all over the world to elect a person who has made an exceptional commitment to this cause, and aims to send out a message of hope in the face of seemingly intractable situations. This prize is also a powerful message to the generation that precedes the young people we're helping, and in whom we rightly place our trust! We are always impressed by the maturity shown by young people. Thank you for your commitment.'

Bertrand DENIAUD,
Vice-President of the Normandy Region

OTHER YEAR-ROUND PROJECTS

- Memory of the Shoah
- the University of Peace, organised by the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace,
- the pleading of high school students for human rights open to all high schools in France and French-speaking territories abroad...

NORMANDY FOR PEACE, WITH YEAR-ROUND INITIATIVES

'Seventy-nine years ago, some of the fiercest fighting of the Second World War took place in Normandy. As many speakers will tell you, today's conflicts are taking on new forms and yet many aspects remain the same. The message we want to convey to the younger generations is to fight against resignation. Peace cannot be decreed, it must be pursued. With the Normandy World Peace Forum, we're striving to be recognised as a leading place to work towards and to reflect on building peace'.

Hervé MORIN,
President of the Normandy Region

It is in this spirit that, in 2018, the Normandy Region launched 'Normandy for Peace', a global approach, which includes an annual Norman and international programme for the promotion of the universal values of peace and freedom.

A series of initiatives throughout the year

EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS, SYMPOSIA, SEMINARS, UNIVERSITY EXCHANGES, ARTISTIC CREATIONS... : THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, NORMANDY FOR PEACE GIVES RISE TO MANY ACTIONS ORGANIZED BY THE NORMANDY REGION AND ITS PARTNERS.

> 4 MAJOR THEMES <



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THE FORUM



THE EVENTS



THE NETWORK

| Normandy Index 2023 from the European Parliamentary Research Service

The Normandy World Peace Forum paints a picture of the state of the world and particularly of conflicts and threats to peace. The European Parliament's research department and the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), in partnership with the Normandy Region, have developed a tool to assess the level of conflict in 137 countries to help facilitate concrete action: the Normandy Index. It will be presented during these two days.

The Normandy Region naturally joined forces with the European Parliament and IEP for this operation, due to its history and initiatives dedicated to peace such as the Normandy World Peace Forum, where the Index was presented for the first time in June 2019.

According to Hervé Morin, President of the Normandy Region: 'It's an essential tool for identifying and understanding existing and new threats.'

To concretely measure a country's 'peace', the Normandy Index takes into account eleven threat levels defined in the European Union's Global Strategy: climate change, cybersecurity, democratic process, economic crises, energy insecurity, fragile states, homicide, disinformation, terrorism, violent conflict and weapons of mass destruction.

Regions and countries are assessed on each of these aspects on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = serious threat, 10 = no risk) and given an overall score. These eleven aspects are compared to those of countries in the same region, as the regional environment clearly plays a role in the resilience of countries to threats.

The European Parliament's research department has set up an interactive map that shows the rate of conflict for each country.

THE 10 MOST THREATENED COUNTRIES IN 2023

- 1 | Afghanistan
- 2 | Central African Republic
- 3 | Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 4 | Yemen
- 5 | Iraq 6 | Syria
- 6 | South Sudan
- 7 | Mali
- 8 | Somalia
- 9 | Chad

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/infographics/peaceandsecurity/index.html#/normandy-index>

It is a valuable tool for political and economic decision-makers. Studies on peace and security, prepared by the European Parliament, are also published.

| The INA web-series 'Resisting! Against whom and for what?'

In a series of five episodes of a few minutes, the INA offers a thematic exploration of moments of resistance that have formed in the four corners of the world throughout history, and have sometimes, in a gesture or in a word, changed the face of the world and changed the course of millions of lives. The five episodes can be seen at the Normandy World Peace Forum or online after the event.

List of episodes of the INA 2023 web series:

Episode 1: **Resisting, again and again!**

Episode 2: **Resisting in self-defence!**

Episode 3: **Resisting to make demands!**

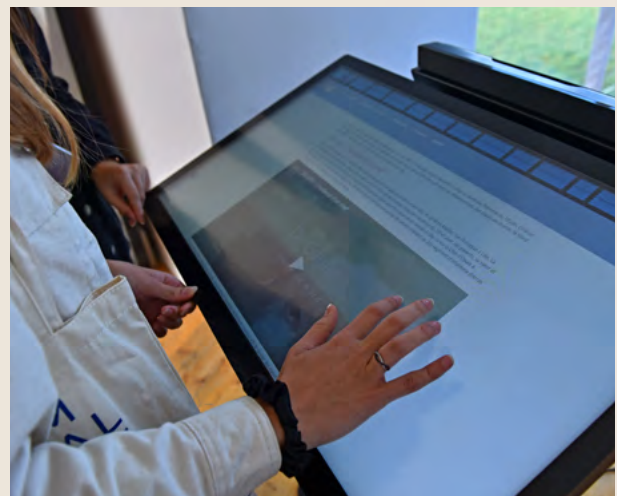
Episode 4: **Resisting to exist!**

Episode 5: **Resisting to alert!**

► **Debate around the web-series Friday 29 from 16:30 to 18:00 with Bertrand Badie, hosted by The Conversation**

| The Library for Peace

The normandiepourlapaix.fr website offers a resource centre with a wide range of content (articles, videos, podcasts, etc.) from previous sessions of the Forum, with the contribution of the Region and its partners: The Conversation, L'INA, L'OBS, Diplomatie Magazine, the Imagine project, etc. A search engine enables you to find the content you're looking for, related to the themes of the Forum.



| The Normandy For Peace conferences

On the sidelines of the World Forum, conferences are organised throughout the year on topical subjects.

On 15 November 2023, the Festival Les Boréales will open its 31st season with a conference on the theme '*The fight of women for a peaceful world*', organised at the Abbaye aux Dames in partnership with Normandy For Peace. Eliza Reid, First Lady of Iceland and author, will discuss the place of women in building peace.

| Docs Up Fund

Born from the experience of its founders, confronted with the challenges encountered by documentary production, the DOCS UP FUND welcomes and supports documentary film projects from all over the world and offers them the best conditions for development, production and international distribution. It acts as an incubator and accelerator for ambitious films committed to human rights. Docs Up Fund's mission is to be a new tool, complementing the work done by existing foundations that defend and develop documentary writing, and hopes to eventually become a leading label for committed documentaries.

The partnership between Docs Up Fund and the Normandy Region makes it possible to organise screenings of the supported documentaries during the Forum in the presence of their creators.

| The University Chair

The Normandy for Peace Chair was **launched in 2019**. It reflects the desire of the Normandy Region **to contribute to academic research and the training of high-level researchers** in the field of **peace and environmental studies**. A genuine three-way partnership between the Normandy Region, the University of Caen Normandy and the CNRS, it brings together international researchers to address **issues regarding the rights of future generations, particularly in the face of climate change**.

The work of this first Chair is coming to an end. A closing highlight will be organised from 1 to 3 September 2023.

All the news from the Chair:

<https://chairenormandiepourlapaix.org/>



| Parliamentarians for Peace (P4P)

The Parliamentarians for Peace programme, supported by the Normandy Region and the Open Diplomacy Institute on the occasion of the Normandy for Peace initiative, brings together elected legislators from different countries, cultures, political environments and intellectuals to discuss one single idea: that **peace comes from political decisions**.

These MPs and Senators work together on proposals for **resolving conflicts through mediation, dialogue and international cooperation**. In 2020 and 2021, Parliamentarians for Peace presented the conclusions of their work on the challenges of the environment, health and new technologies, and the international political solutions that they had identified.



In 2022, **the defence of democracy** was the focus of the discussions of the Parliamentarians for Peace who will be presenting their conclusions during the Forum.

| Arts and sciences

Beyond the analysis of conflicts and global geopolitics, Normandy for Peace highlights cultural, **scientific and heritage initiatives that raise awareness of the values of peace and freedom**.

Among the highlights: the Concert for peace with the artist Youssou N'Dour (2018), the inclusion of the D-Day landing beaches on the UNESCO World Heritage List, 'Liberté j'inscris ton nom', the international friendly match of the Football Club de la Paz FC Colombia – Selection of Normandy, the interactive work 'Mursmûrs' by the sculptor Anilore Banon at the Forum 2022, the photographic exhibitions in partnership with Paris Match and the Festival Les Femmes s'exposent, the show [Excluding le Mur] by Compagnie In Fine at the Forum 2022...



2023 FORUM PARTNERS

2023 PARTNERS OF PLENARY SESSIONS AND DEBATES



2023 ENTREPRENEURS FOR PEACE



2023 MEDIA PARTNERS



| ALL THE PARTNERS OF THE NORMANDY FOR PEACE INITIATIVE

In Europe, the United States, India, Australia, Korea, Colombia...

Normandy for Peace is developing partnerships with international think-tanks, NGOs and institutions that participate in the Forum's programming, as well as in the scientific approach of Normandy for Peace. They contribute to the annual agenda and the resource centre.

- › African Security Sector Network
- › French Development Agency
- › Amnesty International
- › Asia Society France
- › Festival Les Boréales
- › Brouillon de Culture
- › Representative of the Librairies en Normandie association
- › Canopé
- › Europe Direct Information Centre
- › Cercle des Economistes
- › Chair of Normandy for Peace
- › CNRS
- › MRSH and University of Caen
- › Collège des Bernardins
- › The French Red Cross, Normandy delegation
- › Docs Up Fund
- › ESSEC Business School
- › Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique
- › Fondation Tocqueville
- › Fondation WARM
- › Friends of Europe
- › Human Rights Watch
- › Arab World Institute
- › Institut Français
- › The International Institute for Human Rights and Peace
- › National Audiovisual Institute
- › Institut Prospectives & Sécurité en Europe
- › Institute for Economics and Peace
- › International Crisis group
- › International Peace Institute
- › Leaders for Peace
- › Les Femmes S'exposent
- › The Caen Memorial
- › The Shoah Memorial
- › Open Diplomacy Institute
- › European Youth Parliament - France (Grand Ouest Committee)
- › Bayeux Calvados-Normandy Prize
- › Imagine project in partnership with Demain nos enfants
- › Rectorate of the Académie de Normandie
- › Reporters Without Borders
- › Science Po Paris - Le Havre branch
- › Sciences Po Rennes - Caen Branch
- › European Parliament Research Service
- › Shaikh Group
- › Strategic Foresight Group
- › The Conversation

Access to the various debates and conferences of the Forum is free.

Registration required at

[NORMANDIEPOURLAPAIX.FR](https://normandiepourlapaix.fr)

OPENING HOURS OF THE SITE

Thursday 28 September, from 08.30 to 19:00

Friday 29 September, from 08.30 to 19:00



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