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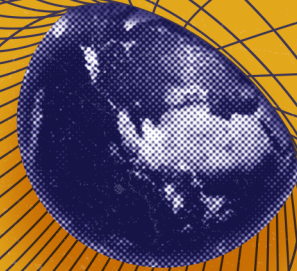
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THIS WORLD THAT ESCAPES US

HOW TO WIN PEACE IN THE FACE
OF NEW VIOLENCE ?



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I PRESS RELEASE

The 7th Normandy World Peace Forum will be held on 26th and 27th September 2024 at the Abbaye aux Dames in Caen. The theme is: “This world that escapes us – How to win peace in the face of new violence?”

This major event, which is free and open to all, has become a real opportunity to reflect on world conflicts and on building lasting peace. This initiative, instigated by the Normandy Region, aims to encourage international dialogue, raise public awareness of major global issues, primarily among young people, and contribute to building lasting peace. In 2023, 10,000 participants, including more than 4,000 high school students, attended the debates and listened to more than 130 speakers of around 30 nationalities.

Over the two days, around a hundred speakers will meet to discuss and share their experience on this topic, as well as on the challenges to freedom and peace. Through plenary sessions and thematic debates, diplomats, researchers, artists and prominent figures from civil society will deliver their perspectives and geopolitical analysis to an audience that grows from year to year. A Village for Peace will offer exhibitions, screenings and meetings with associations working for peace.

Within a complex international context and following the international commemorations of the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy, the 2024 Forum will strongly reaffirm Normandy's commitment to the values of peace and freedom for which it is an ambassador. More than ever, the Normandy Region hopes to make a practical contribution through this Forum by offering the generations of today and tomorrow the opportunity to become peacebuilders.

This year, participants from the College for Advanced Studies of the Diplomatic Academy (CHEAD) at the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs will be guests of honour at the Forum. They will take part in working sessions and meetings with speakers of the plenary conferences and debates.

According to Hervé Morin, President of the Normandy Region, **“the Normandy World Peace Forum has become an unmissable event for peacemakers. This 7th Forum will explore the topic of new forms of violence facing the world.** *The violence that is shaking the world is of concern to everybody because it affects us all. Wars are breaking out and dragging on, the number of civilian casualties continues to rise and the international community is more divided than ever. At the same time, the world is facing major challenges, starting with the need to fight climate change. This is alongside issues such as the rise of authoritarianism, population displacements, the arms race, nuclear proliferation and runaway technology. World violence is not new, but it is taking new forms. We will examine these forms over the two days of the Forum.”*

“The Normandy World Peace Forum is a unique initiative to unpick the state of the world, understand the major issues, exchange ideas and debate. *This year, on the 80th anniversary of D-Day, we have no right to squander the legacy of those who brought us freedom,”* says François-Xavier Priollaud, Vice-President of the Normandy Region, in charge of European and international affairs and the promotion of Normandy.

| A 2024 FORUM TO EXPLORE AND DEBATE VIOLENCE IN THE WORLD

THIS WORLD THAT ESCAPES US. HOW TO WIN PEACE IN THE FACE OF NEW VIOLENCE?

- › **Recognising the new forms of violence raging around the world does not mean excusing them in any way, but understanding how they have arisen, so we can better prevent and control them.** Historically, it was a simple game: almost the only threats to peace were violence from the state, neighbours and rivals, carried out by "regular" armies. Today, things are completely different: the international scene is weighed down by various forms of violence, often private, decentralised, sometimes mafia-like, often linked to social protest and its ethnic or religious overtones, to resentment, humiliation or global changes that people do not understand or are frightened by. This new configuration is disorientating and easily hidden behind words devoid of a plan of action, such as banditry, hooliganism, terrorism or fanaticism.
- › **All the more reason to take the time to analyse this new landscape, to understand its political implications and to try to work out how to handle it.** We need to broaden the scope of peacebuilding to include counteracting new forms of violation, even though their main feature is that they evade the old avenues of diplomacy and the classic game of negotiation, and sometimes resist all leadership and therefore traditional approaches to talking and listening. Who should we be talking to? What should we be negotiating on? In what way? How can we make the connection between these new trends and the recognised peacemakers – diplomats, multilateral institutions and NGOs?
- › **These are crucial questions if we want to regain control of international relations.** They entail a new global approach, no longer a purely regional or sectoral one. Above all, they require, on top of the diplomatic efforts needed to manage the ongoing wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, a desire not only for competition but for sharing: of power, wealth and world views.



Bertrand BADIE

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Vice-President of the Jacques Delors Institute

MAIN PLENARY SESSIONS

The 7th Normandy World Peace Forum, which will be held on 26th and 27th September 2024 at the Abbaye aux Dames in Caen, is taking place in a particularly complex global context.

Once again, the Normandy World Peace Forum will provide two days of discussion and activities. Anyone can attend these meetings for free, simply by registering in advance on the website normandiepourlapaix.fr/en

The Forum will offer plenary conferences, thematic debates, workshops for young people, screenings of documentaries, first-hand accounts, signings, exhibitions and more.



The main highlights of the Forum are two plenary conferences, at which prominent figures will share their experience and perspectives on the overall theme of the Forum, to an audience of 1,500 people. The themes for this year will be:

PLENARY

UNDERSTANDING VIOLENCE OF THE WORLD'S SHIFT

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER - 10:00-12:00

This plenary talk will take stock of the new forms of violence shaking the world and will address the issues raised by feeling powerless in the face of such violence.

PLENARY

REGAINING CONTROL OF THE WORLD

FRIDAY 27TH - 10:00-12:00

WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE STRATEGIC FORESIGHT GROUP)

This plenary will explore the need to share not only wealth but also power and a common, global vision of the world to find practical solutions in the struggle to build lasting peace.

HIGHLIGHT

PROTECTING THE DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM

THURSDAY 26TH - 14:00-15:30

(IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LE PROJET IMAGINE)

- ▶ **Whenever and wherever women and men have dared to stand up to injustice, they have been at risk.** Their resistance is an aggravation to those involved in abuse, corruption and crime, particularly those in white-collar roles. The latter have vast financial resources or are at the top of the social ladder, so have access to powerful levers and back-up.
- ▶ **The defenders of rights and freedoms have faced this cynicism and impunity with courage and determination.** Despite intimidation, pressure and attacks, they persist, do not give up and expand their efforts. This desire to see the fight to the end, despite the sometimes immense risks involved, commands admiration.
- ▶ **This plenary session will explore the work of humanitarians, journalists, environmentalists, lawyers and protectors of whistleblowers, as well as human rights activists.**
- ▶ **They are the Defenders of Freedom and, now more than ever, they are targets.** Because they sometimes pay for their unfailing commitment with their lives, it is urgent that we, as citizens of the world, ask ourselves how we can better protect them and support their struggle.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 15 THEMATIC AND GEOGRAPHICAL DEBATES

To expand on the presentations and shed light on other topical issues, there will be 15 debates providing perspectives from experts, academics, journalists or prominent advocates on more specific topics.

1 | Can sport promote peace ?

THURSDAY 26TH | 16:30-18:00

In partnership with the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS)

Sport is a true tool of soft power, increasingly used by states to establish their influence through staging international competitions. It is also sometimes the focus of diplomatic incidents. Sport is neither neutral nor unconnected to geopolitical issues. While sport claims to be a field of international relations in its own right, could its influence on societies and individuals be used to actively contribute to peacebuilding?

2 | The Middle East in turmoil

THURSDAY 26TH | 16:30-18:00

In partnership with ESSEC Business School

The attack on 7th October 2023 plunged the Middle East back into violence. We have since seen missile attacks from Iran, an escalation with Hezbollah, Houthi attacks in the Red Sea, violence by Israeli settlers in the West Bank and situations continuing to cause concern in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and elsewhere. All this raises difficult but valid questions: Is peace lost? Who could take the initiative here? The United States? Europe? Other states in the Global South? Never has a peace initiative seemed so essential, yet so unlikely.



3 | What world after the US elections ?

THURSDAY 26TH | 16:30-18:00

In partnership with Le Monde

The uncertainty around the upcoming US elections is adding to feelings of instability on the international stage. The outcome of the contest between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump could change the balance of the world, which has already been profoundly challenged by an increase in tensions between states linked to the emergence of new powers and the resurgence of conflicts. While these elections are highlighting deep internal divisions among the American population, they could directly influence the future of the world and the construction of lasting peace.

4 | Latin America : States faced with violence

THURSDAY 26TH | 16:30-18:00

In partnership with France/Latin America and Caribbean association (LATFRAN)

Many Latin American countries are facing increasing levels of violence, exacerbated by repercussions from the fight against drug trafficking. Their populations are facing challenges such as insecurity, economic and social vulnerabilities and the impacts of climate change. With the continent facing the risk of the collapse of certain States, what solutions can be implemented to restore peace?



5 | What course for Europe's security?

THURSDAY 26TH | 16:30-18:00

In partnership with the Jacques Delors Institute

The war in Ukraine has revealed vulnerabilities in Europe in terms of defence and dependence on the US and NATO.

European countries have nevertheless managed to unite to support Ukraine and significantly increase their military spending. However, this is still limited progress in a fragile situation in which multiple, geopolitical tensions are making it more vital than ever to assert a European foreign policy and defence agenda.

6 | Eastern Europe : how to live on war's doorstep?

FRIDAY 27TH | 14:00-15:30

In partnership with the Arte programme "Le Dessous des cartes"
Debate as part of Lithuania Season in France

The geopolitical TV programme, *Le Dessous des cartes*, is currently featuring countries such as Poland, Romania and the Baltic States. This part of Europe is once again living with war on its borders – since the annexation of Crimea by Vladimir Putin's Russia in 2014, and even more so since the large-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine starting in February 2022. Following the broadcast of an episode of the programme and in the company of its editor-in-chief Emilie Aubry, journalists and experts will explain why their countries have become strategically critical in relation to Vladimir Putin's ambitions.



7 | Does the emergence of a Global South lead us to rethink peace?

FRIDAY 27TH | 14:00-15:30

In partnership with La Maison Française
at New York University

The concept of the Global South tends to illustrate a return to dividing the international order into geopolitical blocs. This has meant that the world is no longer divided into the East, the West and the Third World, but separated according to a North-South axis that is both geographical and ideological. This split was then further accentuated by the upsurge in wars across the world, which are now likely to reinforce these divisions between the North and the South. In the face of these risks, we need to understand the realities reflected in the concept of the Global South, in order to better rethink peace.

8 | Asia : regional alliances challenged by international tensions

FRIDAY 27TH | 14:00-15:30

In partnership with Asia Society France

With an eye on China and India, the US has no intention of reducing its presence in Asia and accordingly, it has increased alliances with partners such as Japan, South Korea, Australia and the Philippines. While they all recognise the US as the military superpower, they have engaged in dialogue with neighbouring countries, some of which are rivals or former enemies. What could be the consequences of these new alliances in international relations?

9 | NATO, with or without America?

FRIDAY 27TH | 14:00-15:30

In partnership with the **Foundation for Strategic Research**

NATO saw its role bolstered by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and it is now welcoming new members in north-eastern Europe. Is a new iron curtain falling on the continent? Can NATO guarantee the security of all its members against Russia? Does it have a role to play in Asia, at a time when the US is increasingly looking towards China? And, above all, would NATO survive a new Trump presidency? In such a scenario, could Europe defend itself alone?



10 | World trade, a vector for peace taken hostage by regional wars?

FRIDAY 27TH | 14:00-15:30

In partnership with **Le Cercle des Economistes**

From trade wars between the US and China to attacks in the Red Sea, attributed to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, economic sanctions due to the war in Ukraine to institutions that have become battlegrounds, there are ever-increasing barriers to world trade that are hindering the peace promised by the European experiment. Economic multilateralism is being replaced by bilateralism, and globalisation by regionalisation. How can we restore confidence in globalisation to build a peaceful future?

11 | Who really masters artificial intelligence?

FRIDAY 27TH | 16:30-18:00

In partnership with **XXII**

The question of controlling artificial intelligence raises complex and multidimensional issues. Faced with a sector dominated by technological giants such as the Big Five, Nvidia and OpenAI, what is the role of governments in trying to regulate this technology? What are the responsibilities of the financial backers who are fuelling this frantic race to develop AI? Whether in terms of technological, economic or geopolitical aspects, control over AI is a major challenge for the future of our societies.

12 | Qatar : the great ambitions of a small State

FRIDAY 27TH | 16:30-18:00

In partnership with **Institut Prospective et Sécurité en Europe (IPSE)**

Perceptions of Qatar are often limited to its immense wealth derived from gas and its links to dubious organisations. However, for several years, Qatar has been trying to improve its "villainous" image. For example, it is developing small State diplomacy in seeking to find a role as a mediator by hosting negotiations on Afghanistan and Chad and more recently between Israel and Hamas. Will this be enough to increase its standing in a very volatile Middle East?





13 | What is the current state of the terrorist threat?

FRIDAY 27TH | 16:30-18:00

In partnership with Synopia

There are many different faces to terrorism and no universal definition. Some States are resorting to terrorist approaches, and at the same time, some organisations are aspiring to be recognised as States. In recent years, Islamic terrorism has suffered significant setbacks but the threat is reinventing itself through alliances with international crime. Hybrid conflicts are conducive to the manipulation of public opinion and radical groups. Therefore, we need to take stock of the threat so we can better understand the consequences of these shifts.

14 | What paths is Africa taking?

FRIDAY 27TH | 16:30-18:00

In partnership with the African Security Sector Network

Africa is currently witnessing profound upheavals, which are altering the configuration of its regions, as well as its own multilateral system and inter-African relations. Some governments, backed by public opinion, are showing increasing hostility towards traditional partners. This is encouraging the emergence of new alliances with various foreign states who are increasingly prominent on the continent. These trends are now helping to profoundly change the face of Africa and its international course.

15 | How can we save democracy?

FRIDAY 27TH | 16:30-18:00

In partnership with the Tocqueville Foundation

More and more states in Europe and around the world are experiencing a resurgence of populist ideas and polarisation between extremes on their political scene. These trends, which are destabilising the democratic foundations of our societies, are threats to the protection of human rights and freedom. Faced with these perils, what initiatives could be put forward and what role could civil society play in giving new impetus to our democracies?

CLOSED SESSIONS



Three work sessions will be held behind closed doors this year

› The College for Advanced Studies of the Diplomatic Academy

This year, participants from the Collège des hautes études de l'Académie diplomatique (College for Advanced Studies of the Diplomatic Academy, CHEAD) at the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs will be guests of honour at the Forum. They will take part in working sessions and meetings with speakers at the plenary sessions and debates.

The College for Advanced Studies of the Diplomatic Academy (CHEAD) offers a course to help understand European and international issues while developing close links with high-level decision-makers.

› Third seminar organised by the Collège des Bernardins

The Normandy Region is hosting a seminar run by the Collège des Bernardins. It will bring together Russian, Ukrainian, Belarusian and European experts. The issue of a common policy on remembrance, which has been a point of contention between Russian and Eastern European states for many years, will be the focus of discussions during four round table sessions.

The Collège des Bernardins, which is open to all, is a unique place to study, whether on-site or remotely, for personal interest or to obtain a diploma. It runs courses in theology, philosophy, history, holy scriptures and Judaism.

› Discussing the Normandy Manifesto for World Peace with the Strategic Foresight Group

The Indian think tank, Strategic Foresight Group (SFG), will facilitate a discussion between several prominent figures representing the geographical and organisational diversity of peace efforts. The audience will be able to catch up with them during the session, "Regaining control of the world", to which they are contributing.

The Strategic Foresight Group is an India-based think tank, working on global issues. It was created in 2002. SFG has worked with governments and national institutions in 60 countries around the world.

THE NORMANDY MANIFESTO FOR WORLD PEACE

This was presented, during the second Forum, by Nobel Prize winners Mohamed El Baradei, Leymah Gbowee, Denis Mukwege and Jody Williams, along with civil society figures committed to peace, such as the philosopher Anthony Grayling and Sundeep Waslekar, president of the Strategic Foresight Group. The manifesto for an awareness of the need for lasting peace is available for everyone to sign.



The audience is invited to sign this manifesto, which will be available on the Normandy for Peace stand in the village and online on the website normandiepourlapaix.fr

Notable speakers attending this year

Adekeye ADEBAJO

› Researcher at the University of Pretoria
(*Global South debate*)

Delia ALBERT

› Ambassador, former Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Philippines
(*Asia debate*)

Bernard AMSALEM

› former President of the French Athletics Federation (*Sports debate*)

Chirinne ARDAKANI

› Lawyer for Narges Mohammadi, 2023 Nobel Peace Prize winner (*Highlight: Protecting the Defenders of Freedom*)

Antoine ARJAKOVKY

› Director of Research at the Collège des Bernardin (*Huis clos Bernardins*)

Emilie AUBRY

› Editor-in-chief and presenter le Dessous des Cartes (Arte)
(*le Dessous des Cartes debate*)

Bertrand BADIE

› Emeritus Professor at Sciences Po Universities, Paris (*Plenary talk 1*)

Niagalé BAGAYOKO

› President of the African Security Sector Network (*Africa debate*)

Evren BALTA

› Professor of International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Ozyegin University (Turkey)
(*Global South debate*)

Jean-Noël BARROT

› Resigning French Minister in charge of European Affairs, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly

Frédérique BEDOS

› Founder of the NGO, Le Projet
(*Plenary talk 1*)

Patrice BERGAMINI

› Diplomatic advisor to the CEO, CMA-CGM Group (*World trade debate*)

Elisabeth BETON DELEGUE

› Former Ambassador of France to Haiti, Chile and Mexico
(*Latin America debate*)

Pascal BONIFACE

› Founder and Director of IRIS
(*Sports debate*)

Berta Zuniga CACERES

› General Coordinator of the Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH) (*Highlight: Protecting the Defenders of Freedom*)

Agnès CALLAMARD

› Secretary General of Amnesty International (*Plenary talk 1*)

Mevlut CAVUSOGLU

› former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey (*Plenary talk 2*)

Assad CHAFTARI

› Founder of Fighters for Peace in Lebanon
(*Initiatives of Change workshop*)

Frédéric CHARILLON

› Co-director of the Geopolitics, Defence and Leadership Programme at ESSEC
(*Middle East debate*)

Khalid CHEGRAOUI

› Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South (*Africa debate*)

Raphaël CULLIFORD

› Managing Director, Parlons Démocratie
(*Democracy debate*)

Eric DANON

› former French Ambassador to Israel
(*Plenary talk 1*)

Thierry de MONTBRIAL

› President of the French Institute of International Relations
(*Plenary talk 2*)

Xavier du CREST

› President of Handicap International
(*Plenary talk 2*)

Pascal DROUHAUD

› Founding President of the France/Latin America and the Caribbean association (LATFRAN) (*Latin America debate*)

Samuel DUCROQUET

› Ambassador for Sport, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (*Sports debate*)

Christine DUGOIN CLÉMENT

› Researcher at the Risk Chair at IAE Paris-Sorbonne (*Terrorism debate*)

Marie-Christine DUPUIS-DANON

› International expert in ethics, governance and criminal finance
(*Terrorism debate*)

Emmanuel DUPUY

› President of the Institute for European Perspective and Security Studies
(*Qatar debate*)

Hubert ETIENNE

› Founder of Quintessence AI (*AI debate*)

Tsiporah FRIED

› Strategy and innovation advisor, Military Staff (*World trade debate*)

David GAMBOA

› Academic, Latin America and Caribbean Political Observatory (*Latin America debate*)

Florence GAUB

› Director of the Research Division at the NATO Defense College
(*NATO debate*)

Mr GÉOPOLITIX

› Youtuber (*Youth workshop*)

Nicole GNESOTTO

› Professor at CNAM, holder of the Europe Chair, Vice-President of the Jacques Delors Institute
(*Plenary talk 1*)

Yvan GUICHAOUA

› Lecturer in international conflict analysis at the University of Kent
(*Africa debate*)

Salomé HENON-COHIN

› Journalist (*Remembrance workshop*)

Sébastien IMBERT

› CEO of Ykaria (*AI debate*)

Notable speakers attending this year

Happymon JACOB

› Associate Professor of diplomacy and disarmament studies at the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi) (*Global South debate*)

Azza KARAM

› CEO of Lead Integrity (*Plenary talk 2*)

Donia KAOUACH

› Managing Director, Leaders for Peace (*Plenary talk 2*)

Wadiaa KHOURY

› Founder of Teachers: Agents of Social Change in Lebanon (*Initiatives of Change workshop*)

Anna KOWALSKA

› Journalist (*Le Dessous des cartes debate*)

Didier LE BRET

› Director of the Diplomatic and Consular Academy at Quai d'Orsay (*Terrorism debate*)

Philippe LE CORRE

› Researcher at the Asia Society Policy Institute; Advisor on geopolitics, Asia Society France (*Asia debate*)

Sophie LORANT

› Paris 2024 International Relations Director

Eunjung LIM

› Associate Professor, Kongju National University, South Korea (*Asia debate*)

Alexandre MALAFAYE

› Founding President of Synopia (*Terrorism debate*)

Laure MANDEVILLE-TOSTAIN

› Reporter for Le Figaro (*Democracy debate*)

Valérie MASSON-DELMOTTE

› Research Director at the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) (*Plenary talk 1*)

Sylvie MATELTY

› Director of the Jacques Delors Institute (*Europe debate*)

François MATTENS

› Director of Public Affairs and Strategic Partnerships at XXII (*AI debate*)

Isabelle MEJEAN

› Member of the Cercle des économistes (*International trade debate*)

Asma MHALLA

› Researcher in AI geopolitics (*AI debate*)

Rym MOMTAZ

› Researcher at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London) (*Latin America debate*)

Hervé MORITZ

› President of the European Movement France (*Plenary talk 1*)

Suzuka NAKAMURA

› Founder of Know Nukes Tokyo (*Plenary talk 2*)

Anne POIRET

› Journalist and documentary (*Screening and discussion, in partnership with Docs up Fund*)

Sneha REVANUR

› President of Encode Justice (*Artificial intelligence debate*)

Edouard PERRIN

› Editor in chief of Forbidden Stories (*Highlight: Protecting the Defenders of Freedom*)

Rémy RIOUX

› CEO of the French Development Agency (ADF) (*Plenary talk 1*)

Peter SHAMBROOK

› Independent scholar and historical consultant to the Balfour Project (*Youth workshop on recognizing responsibilities*)

Guy SORMAN

› French-American editor and essayist (*Global South debate*)

Jean-Luc STALON

› UNDP Resident Representative in Central African Republic (*Plenary talk 2*)

Serge STROOBANTS

› Director, Institute for Economics and Peace (*International trade debate*)

Medhane TADESSE GEBRESILASSIE

› Academic (*Africa debate*)

Bruno TERTRAIS

› Deputy Director of the Foundation for Strategic Research (*NATO debate*)

Roland THEIS

› State Secretary for Justice and European Affairs in Saarland (*Remembrance workshop*)

Jean-Marie THEODAT

› Writer and sociologist (*Plenary talk 1*)

Lilian THURAM

› former international footballer (*Sports debate*)

Felix ULLOA

› VVice President of El Salvador (*Latin America debate*)

Olivier VANDECASTEELE

› Humanitarian (*Highlight on the defenders of freedom*)

Sundeep WASLEKAR

› President of the Strategic Foresight Group (*Plenary talk 2*)

Richard WERLY

› Journalist (*Initiatives of Change workshops*)

Patrick ZIMMERMANN

› Admiral (*Terrorism debate*)

Find the complete list of speakers online at www.normandyforpeace.com

VILLAGE FOR PEACE

The Village for Peace is packed with events for the general public and for young people, such as workshops, exhibitions, first-hand accounts and meetings with authors.



NGOS INVITED TO ATTEND IN 2024

- › In the **Engagés pour la Paix** area, the public can meet the Normandy for Peace exhibitors and partners: the French NGO, ACTED, the French Red Cross, Amnesty International and Together against the Death Penalty.
- › **New exhibitors will be added to the zone this year:**
 - Plan International works for gender equality, women's empowerment and respect for the rights of girls and women.
 - Initiatives et Changement works to develop active citizenship and social cohesion.

THE AGORA STUDIO, HOSTED BY OUEST-FRANCE, PUBLIHEBDOS AND SWEET FM,

- › Will offer interactive workshops for young people, meetings with speakers from the Forum and arts activities.

YOUTH WORKSHOPS

This year, more than 4,000 high school and college students are expected to attend the Forum. This major youth presence is the result of a series of youth initiatives in partnership with academic networks, Réseau Canopé and the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace. French high schools abroad, such as the Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle in London, will follow the plenary conferences and debates through live broadcast.

This year, eight youth workshops will be held during the two days of the Forum.

1 | Identifying and combatting misinformation

THURSDAY 26TH | 10:30-12:00

In partnership with the project, **France and Estonia – Together Against Disinformation and the NATO Public Diplomacy Division**

- › Based on real-world experience and as part of a collaboration between France and Estonia, supported by the NATO Public Diplomacy Division, this session will highlight the many risks associated with the rise of disinformation. Faced with large-scale campaigns widely spreading fake news on social networks and among the public, it is vital to make young people aware of the tools that can help them fight these new hybrid threats, which are destabilising peace and democracies.



2 | What role can European Union values play in peacebuilding?

THURSDAY 26TH | 10:30-12:00

In partnership with the **Norman and European Collective**

- › The European Union is built on a foundation of common values. It acts these out through cooperation between different institutions. This allows it to work within and at its borders, and even beyond them, to help maintain and restore peace. It seems more necessary than ever to reclaim these values to address the challenges and violence that are destabilising the world.

3 | Reconciliation and commemoration: Young people and the duty of remembrance

THURSDAY 26TH | 14:00-15:30

In partnership with La Denkfabrik

› Following a conflict, once a peace deal has been signed, the tasks of reconciliation and commemoration give rise to new challenges to build lasting peace: building friendship between peoples to overcome resentment. At the same time, the duty of remembrance needs to be passed down through the generations. As we witness the return of wars and the resurgence of past conflicts, what is the place and role of young people in the duty of remembrance?



4 | Addressing climate change and interdependent rights: a global challenge

THURSDAY 26TH | 14:00-15:30

In partnership with the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace

› Climate change is the major challenge of our time and it has numerous impacts on populations. One of its effects is to aggravate poverty and inequalities throughout the world. There is a risk that these will continue to widen, due to the increase in extreme natural events. An intersectional approach to understanding climate change helps us to see how individuals and groups are affected differently by a global phenomenon.



5 | Understanding the world with Pascal Boniface and Mister Geopolitix

THURSDAY 26TH | 14:00-15:30

With Pascal Boniface and Mister Geopolitix

› At a time when many people are victims of armed conflict, violence associated with accelerating climate change and attempts to destabilise democracies, this increase in violence is a dangerous threat to peace throughout the world. Growing geopolitical tensions and divisions in the international community are making it harder to contain wars and are encouraging the emergence of new conflicts. Because of their impacts on the international balance, it is essential to unpick these new developments to help us understand the world, both now and in the future.

6 | Societies faced with new violence – Discussion on the web-serie with Bertrand Badie

THURSDAY 26TH | 14:00-15:15

In partnership with la Boîte à Bac

› In 5 episodes, this documentary web series explores the new forms of violence that are disrupting our societies. Each episode looks at a different type of new violence (identity-based, environmental, technological, health).

7 | Genocide: a mock trial in the International Criminal Court

FRIDAY 27TH | 10:30-12:00

In partnership with the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace

› The concept of genocide immediately conjures up images of the Holocaust and other mass killings, such as those that took place in Cambodia and Rwanda. Although history witnessed large-scale atrocities and massacres well before the middle of the 20th century, this term has only officially existed since the end of the Second World War. Through a fictitious trial, firmly anchored in current events, young people will be immersed in the workings of the first permanent international criminal court, to unpick the various challenges involved in defining and recognising genocide.

8 | Recognising one's responsibilities in order to build peace?

FRIDAY 27TH | DE 10 H 30 À 12 H

In partnership with **Initiatives et Changement**

› Whether as an individual or as a member of a group, recognising each party's involvement and role in a past conflict is a necessary step in building a common future. Is it imperative to admit one's responsibility in order to overcome trauma, open dialogue and build lasting peace? By focusing, on the one hand, on the civil war in Lebanon and, on the other hand, on the consequences of British colonisation in the Middle East, the various speakers will testify to the importance of this process in building their commitment to peace.

BOOKSHOP

Hosted by the bookstore **Le Brouillon de Culture**.

› Books will be available for purchase. Authors speaking at the Forum will sign their publications.

PRESS CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 26TH 15:45 | BOOKSHOP

by Bertrand Badie, Emeritus Professor at Sciences Po, to accompany the launch of his book, *L'Art de la Paix*

DOCUMENTARY SCREENINGS

THURSDAY 26TH | 10:30-12:30

Dad's Lullaby by Lesia Diak

› After three years of war between Ukraine and Russia, Serhiy returns home, deeply exhausted. The trauma of war becomes apparent when the couple are expecting a baby. After a large-scale invasion, Serhiy is forced to once again defend Ukraine on the front line.

In partnership with **Docs Up Fund**

FRIDAY 27TH | 10:30-12:30

The illusion of abundance by Erika González Ramírez and Matthieu Lietaert

› While governments and companies of the world fight to obtain raw materials at the lowest possible price, wherever they may be on the planet, three women human rights defenders tell a tale of inexhaustible courage: how can they continue to fight to protect nature when their own lives are at risk? when their lives are in danger?

EXHIBITIONS

› **Les Femmes s'Exposent: "Tapachula, transit town"**, Photos by Mahé Elipe - Village for Peace in front of the moat

› **Paris Match: "DDAY: The emotion of the last greatest tribute"** under the exterior cloister - Accessible to the public from 26th August to 27th October 2024

› **Bayeux Calvados-Normandy Award for war correspondents "THESE LASTING CONFLICTS"** – central aisle of the Village for Peace



NORMANDY FOR PEACE, A UNIQUE INITIATIVE IN THE WORLD

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. 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.

"Normandy has a collective ambition for peace. As part of this ongoing historic commitment, Normandy hosts this annual global event, devoted to peace-related topics, similar to the Davos Forum where international leaders meet to discuss economics, and the major international conferences on sustainable development. We need all the resources available to build this project and to make Normandy the authority in this area"

Hervé MORIN



The Forum: looking back at previous years

Oleksandra Matviitchouk,
Nobel Peace Prize 2022
and **Jody Williams,**
Nobel Peace Prize 1997
2023 Normandy
World Peace
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Press conference on the situation in Ukraine in the presence of the Ukrainian ambassador to France **Vadym Omelchenko,** of **Nicole Ameline,** President of the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace and **François-Xavier Priollaud,** Vice-President of the Normandy Region
2022 Normandy
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Forum



Award ceremony of the 1st Freedom Prize and tribute to veterans to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day
2019 Normandy
World Peace
Forum



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



The presentation of the Normandy Manifesto for Peace, by its 6 drafters and first signatories:
Anthony Grayling, Sundeep Waleskar, Denis Mukwege, Jody Williams, Mohamed ElBaradei and Leymah Gbowee
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Pramila Patten,
UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict
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Speeches by **Fawzia Koofi, Chékéba Hachemi et Ali Maisam Nazary** on the situation in Afghanistan following the withdrawal of the US army and the return to power of the Taliban
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The arrival of parliamentarians from all over the world around **the Parliamentarians for Peace, run by the Open Diplomacy Institute with the support of the Normandy Region**
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| THE ONGOING PROJECT

The scientific leadership team

The scientific and strategic leadership team for the Normandy World Peace Forum is led by **Bertrand Badie, Emeritus Professor of the Universities of Sciences Po, Nicole Gnesotto, Titular Professor of the European Union Chair at CNAM and Vice-President of the Jacques Delors Institute and François-Xavier Priollaud, Vice-President of the Normandy Region in charge of European and international affairs and the promotion of Normandy.**

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

The role of the scientific leadership team is to develop the strategic and editorial guidelines of Normandy for Peace, ensuring coherent activities and themes, as well as the neutral stance required by the Normandy Region.

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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NORMANDY INDEX 2024 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 136 countries, in order to help facilitate concrete action: the Normandy Index. It will be presented during these two days.

The Normandy Region was the natural partner in this project for the European Parliament and the IEP, given its history and its 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 provide a practical measure of the "peace" of a country, the Normandy Index gauges levels of threat in 11 areas, defined in the European Union Global Strategy: climate change, cybersecurity, democratic processes, economic crises, energy insecurity, fragile states, killing, disinformation, terrorism, violent conflicts 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 11 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 Parliamentary Research Service has created an interactive map that shows the level of conflict for each country.

The 10 countries most at risk according to the Normandy Peace Index 2024

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

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

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

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Thursday 26 and Friday 27 September, from 08:30 to 19:00



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