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To: Schools Division Superintendents
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All Others Concerned

INVITATION TO THE 11TH MINDANAO PEACE STUDIES CONFERENCE

1. This Office informs the field of the invitation from Father Saturnino Urios University (FSUU) to participate in the **11th Mindanao Peace Studies Conference (MPSC 11)** on **November 10-11, 2025** at the FSUU CBE Conference Hall, Butuan City.
2. The conference will open with an Indigenous Peoples' Forum on November 10, followed by plenary sessions on November 11. The theme focuses on women's leadership in inclusive and peaceful communities, with sub-themes on peace negotiations, transitional justice, digital harms, and feminist health justice.
3. Participation is open to stakeholders from the academe, government, civil society, NGOs, and cultural communities. Paper proposals may be submitted for onsite or online presentation on or before September 30, 2025.
4. In accordance with DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 (*Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*), participation must not disrupt classes. Schools are advised to ensure continuity of instruction.
5. Attached are the official invitation and call for papers. For inquiries, contact the MPSC Secretariat at mpsc@urios.edu.ph, by landline at (085) 975-9840 loc. 4102, or mobile at 0917-702-7529.
6. Wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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Encl.: None
Reference: None
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August 12, 2025

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Regional Director
Department of Education – Caraga Region
J.P. Rosales Avenue, Butuan City



Dear Dr. Asuncion,

Warm greetings from FSUU!

It is with great gratitude that we acknowledge DepEd's support of the Mindanao Peace Studies Conferences for the last ten years. Knowing that peace-building is an ongoing enterprise, we would like to seek once more your office's endorsement of the eleventh installment of the Mindanao Peace Studies Conference (MPSC 11). This event will start with an Indigenous Peoples' Forum in the afternoon of November 10, 2025, followed by the main conference, which will be held throughout the day on November 11, 2025. Both events will take place at the FSUU CBE Conference Hall, Butuan City.

This year, the conference aims to spark conversations on the urgent need to recognize, institutionalize, and amplify women's participation and leadership in building inclusive and peaceful communities. Hoping to listen to voices from the academe, civil society, government agencies, non-government organizations, and cultural communities, the conference seeks to create an opportunity to share diverse perspectives, bridge gaps, and foster constructive conversations that highlight the experiences, contributions, and visions of women in peacebuilding.

The conference will feature, but will not be limited to, the following sub-themes:

- Women's roles in peace negotiations, transitional justice, and post-conflict reconstruction
- Intersectional analyses of war, displacement, and return
- Indigenous and Moro women's leadership and intergenerational peace practices
- Structural and cultural violence in conflict-affected communities
- Artistic, literary, and narrative-based approaches to healing and reconciliation
- Representations of women's resistance and agency in literature, film, and oral histories
- Comparative studies of women peacebuilders in Southeast Asia and the Global South
- Feminist approaches to health justice in conflict and post-conflict settings
- Community-based psychosocial support and healing
- Cybersecurity, surveillance, and digital harms in militarized and post-conflict spaces
- The role of women educators in promoting peace and critical consciousness

Submission of proposals for interested paper presenters is until September 30, 2025, which will be a great opportunity for colleagues across sectors to share their insights and experiences, in the onsite or online modality. Please see the attached Concept Note and Program for your reference.

If you have any queries, please contact 085-975-9840, local 4102, or through 0917-702-7529. You may also email us at mpsc@urios.edu.ph.

We look forward to your positive response to this request.

Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Randy Jasper C. Odchigue, S.Th.D.
University President
Convener, Mindanao Peace Studies Conference

MINDANAO PEACE STUDIES CONFERENCE

11th Annual Peace Studies Conference: Women's Voices in Rebuilding Nations



CALL FOR PAPERS



The Mindanao Peace Studies Conference II (MPSCII) invites scholars, researchers, peace practitioners, civil society actors, community organizers, creative writers, and graduate students to submit papers and creative works that engage with the theme: **"Inclusive Peace: Centering Women's Voices in Rebuilding Nations."**

This year's theme underscores the urgent need to recognize, institutionalize, and amplify women's leadership in peacebuilding and nation-building efforts. It particularly calls attention to the experiences and contributions of women from indigenous communities, the Moro population, and other sectors most affected by conflict in Mindanao and beyond.

While women have often been portrayed as passive victims of violence, this conference seeks to foreground them as active architects of peace, cultural bearers, and catalysts for national transformation. In many contexts, women's efforts - emotional, cultural, and political, remain invisible in post-conflict reconstruction. MPSCII aims to highlight these hidden narratives and advocate for a peace that is genuinely inclusive with women as catalysts for peace and national renewal.

Drawing from intersectional feminist lens, which helps us understand how overlapping systems of inequality such as patriarchy, racism, classism, and colonialism interact to produce complex forms of marginalization, the conference invites participants to critically explore whose voices are amplified in peace processes and how do women from the margins lead, resist and heal of both visible and invisible forms of violence.

Intersectionality allows us to see that even when some women occupy leadership positions, their experiences may still be shaped by entrenched forms of discrimination. Leadership alone does not dismantle systems of oppression. Thus, MPSCII provides a platform for critical conversations and counter-narratives that challenge dominant models of peace and propose more grounded, inclusive alternatives.

Moreover, this conference is not only a space for exposing inequality; it is also a venue for reimagining and constructing new, life-affirming futures. We especially encourage submissions that move beyond critique to highlight how women actively forge new pathways for inclusive, sustainable, and transformative peace in communities, institutions, and nations.

Suggested Topics and Areas of Exploration

We invite papers and creative works that explore, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- Women's roles in peace negotiations, transitional justice, and post-conflict reconstruction
- Intersectional analyses of war, displacement, and return
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- Structural and cultural violence in conflict-affected communities
- Artistic, literary, and narrative-based approaches to healing and reconciliation
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Interested scholars are requested to send abstracts (250-300 words) to mpsc@urios.edu.ph on or before September 2025. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance after their submission. Accepted proposals will be presented on November 2025. Speakers are allotted 20 minutes (approx. 2500 words) for the paper presentation and an open forum follows.

For inquiries and clarifications, please contact us through 085-3421830 loc. 4102 or email us at mpsc@urios.edu.ph.

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