VISUAL THINKING AND ART STRATEGIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF CULTURE OF PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

This course offers a wide range of tools for learning about the culture of peace and conflict resolution through the critical analysis of images and the use of art for peacebuilding.

Images have an extraordinary power to convey ideas and to shape visions of reality. There is a collective imaginary that reinforces the use of force in conflict resolution, that criminalises migration and reinforces discrimination between men and women, among other issues. These reductionist and stereotypical views must be overcome through education. It is important to develop new narratives that promote the culture of peace and the peaceful resolution of conflicts, based on dialogue, consensus building and the promotion of values related to solidarity.

In this course you will learn to:

» Analyse and decode images and messages about peace, violence, conflict and development and the gender perspective, based on practical cases related to art, theatre, graphic design or infographics, among others.

» To develop strategies for the peaceful resolution of conflicts through dialogue.

» To develop strategies for visual communication on peace and conflict.

» To learn about good practices on culture of peace and conflict resolution carried out in Greece, Italy and Spain.

Contents:

» Key notions on peace, violence and conflict from a gender perspective.

» Learning to analyse and decode images and messages: graphic design, media, infographics and art.

» Peaceful conflict resolution through dialogue.

» The relationship between conflict and arts in a culture and heritage (different representations of conflicts in arts) and in some international cooperation projects aimed to conflict resolution and social cohesion.

» How to address conflicts and controversial issue through dialogue.

Methodology:

» The course will be analytical and applied. On the one hand, participants will learn essential concepts in the culture of peace and conflict resolution. On the other hand, they will learn about good practices and lessons learned to promote a culture of peace and conflict resolution based on dialogue and empathy.
A participatory methodology will be used that incorporates the experience of the participants and is complemented by the knowledge of the facilitators. Group work will be carried out and audiovisual material will be used: photographs, videos, infographics to complement the information provided. The course is designed as a process that requires participation in all sessions.

Documentation: It will be available on the classroom platform for enrolled students.

DEMOSPAZ Institute of the Autonomous University of Madrid:

The Institute of Human Rights, Democracy, Culture of Peace and Nonviolence (DEMOSPAZ) was created through an agreement between the Fundación Cultura de Paz and the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, after years of collaboration between both entities. DEMOSPAZ is located in a space of cultural and scientific convergence, which aims to link the academic community with human rights, democracy, culture of peace, and non-violence, at a historical context of crucial changes and systemic crisis, which requires a commitment to the values of peace, justice, solidarity and equality. The Institute is connected to many initiatives promoted by the United Nations in the field of democracy, education, peace, and Human Rights. DEMOSPAZ promotes the creation of inter-university and UNESCO chairs, promotes research projects, and facilitates the mobility of students, teachers, and researchers through collaboration agreements with other national and international institutions. Nowadays, DEMOSPAZ it’s composed of 87 members.

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» Systems Science
» Transdisciplinary Education
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» Innovative Pedagogies
» Developing of Creativity in Education and in Society
» Syneducation (Synergy + Education: interactive education, mutual mentoring, collaborative learning between children and adults)
» The psychopedagogical utilisation of children drawings
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