

Science4Peace Forum



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- Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/S4PseminarAug2015>

- see also: <https://tinyurl.com/S4P-Aug-2025>

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invites

Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Lessons for Today

by

Christoph von Lieven (ICAN)
Chuck Johnson (IPPNW international)

13 August 2025, 5:00 pm (CEST)

virtual event - ZOOM only

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80 years after the Trinity test and two atomic bombs dropped by the US on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we are still haunted by the images of death and destruction, and the stories of the survivors. Their lessons are as important today as they were at the dawn of the nuclear age - perhaps even more so, since post-Cold War generations did not experience the dread of nuclear war that previous generations felt and still understand.

The talks will center on the difference between looking at nuclear weapons through a geo-political and military lens and looking at these genocidal weapons with a focus on the human impacts of their use, as told by those who survived Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with analysis and explanations of how these weapons threaten us today by scientists and health professionals.

Christoph von Lieven studied economics in Hamburg and worked for Greenpeace for 20 years – most recently as a campaigner for peace and nuclear disarmament. He has been involved in the peace movement for many years and comes from the Movement for Human Rights and Social Justice. Christoph has three adult children and lives in El Salvador, in Hamburg, among others, after various stops.



Chuck Johnson has worked for nearly fifty years as an activist, writer, and fundraiser. Chuck has served as Policy Director of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) since 2018. He founded IPPNW's Geneva Liaison Office two and a half years ago and is its first director. From 2018 until 2024, Chuck was on the board of the Geneva-based International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), serving as board chair from 2020-21. IPPNW and ICAN were awarded Nobel Peace Prizes in 1985 and 2017, respectively.



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Seminar series on Nuclear Bomb



- Seminar series:
 - 18. June: Hitlers Atomic Bomb - Mark Walker
 - 16. July: Responsibility of scientists – Philip Webber (Scientists for Global Responsibility, UK)
 - 13. August: Hiroshima/Nagasaki - lessons for today - nuclear disarmament (ICAN & IPPNW)
 - 10. Sept: Scientists and Nuclear Weapons Today – Stewart C. Prager (Physicist Coalition, US)
 - 8. Oct Nuclear threat in Asian region – Prof T. Suzuki (Hiroshima U.)
 - 5. Nov: Nuclear Bomb for Europe - nuclear participation

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Gaza, Westbank, Lebanon, Syria wars



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- E. Macron [announced to recognize a Palestinian State](#) at the UN assembly in Sept
- K. Starmer is [preparing to recognize a Palestinian State](#) in Sept
- EU commission [proposes](#) to partially suspend Israel's participation to Horizon Europe:
 - targets start-ups and small businesses ... that have potential dual-use applications, such as in cybersecurity, drones, and artificial intelligence.

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- These are first steps long awaited
 - but pressure must be kept high
 - what can we as scientists do !
 - Declaration from Science4Peace → later
 - Crowd-funding support students from Gaza and Westbank → later
 - **Discussion today** on the situation and how we can contribute to end this catastrophe !
 - Dr. Abed Schokry (Gaza, Bonn)
 - Dr. Ahmed Bassalat (Nablus) (send a mail, that he cannot join:
at national level, my people are not accepting nowadays such discussions. The situation is very much sensitive/critical more than any previous time.)
 - Dr. Nimrod BenZe'ev et al (Black Flag action group)
 - → because of the complicated situation, we do NOT record the discussion !

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S4P declaration



- Declaration proposal from S4P:

The red line is crossed - this horror must stop !

We have been silent for too long! We can no longer close our eyes on what is happening in Gaza, the Westbank and East Jerusalem. The government and the army of Israel are waging a horrific war against the population of Gaza, bombing hospitals, killing people waiting for food delivery, using starvation as weapons and now attacking staff residence and main warehouse of the WHO in Gaza.

The population in Westbank and East-Jerusalem is facing brutal attacks from right-wing settlers, and Israeli Defense Force (IDF) is not protecting and even sometime participating in the attacks.

The government of Israel is permanently violating international laws, there is an arrest warrant against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former defence minister Yoav Gallant issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC) - all states who signed the Rome Statue are obliged to fulfill the rules, including countries like Germany and Italy. We see it as a positive move, that 30 European and international partners have launched an urgent demand to end this war, while it is a shame, that countries like Germany are not among the signees.

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S4P declaration II



The red line is crossed now - immediate actions are required.

The Science4Peace Forum was founded to promote international scientific civilian and non-military exchange across all borders. We have protested strongly against exclusion of Russian and Belorussian scientists from international cooperations as a reaction of the war against Ukraine, which we strongly condemn. We insisted the cooperation in non-military, civilian areas must continue, in respect to international rules. However, if institutes could be directly in the war, crimes against humanity and the violation of international law, the cooperation cannot continue as is.

- We call for a detailed investigation, whether institutes are directly involved in the war against Gaza, Iran, Lebanon, Syria and call to halt all cooperation with those Israeli science institutes and companies. Scientific cooperation can only continue on the base of respect of international law and in a non-military and civilian field - civil clauses must be applied to avoid any complicity in crimes against humanity and the Geneva Conventions.
- We insist that the governments fulfill their obligations to respect international laws and to ensure that these laws are applied in all cooperations.
- We insist that all weapon deliveries to Israel are stopped immediately. We use of our international contacts and contacts to our Israeli colleagues to build a unified and international protest action against the war against Palestine. We fully support protests¹ from inside the Israeli academia against the inhuman, nationalistic and criminal behavior of the Israeli government and Israeli army.
- We, as Science4Peace Forum, call to support students and scientists from Palestine with special fellowship programs (short and longer term support) for a future perspective.

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S4P declaration



- Declaration proposal from S4P:
 - to be send to international press as a declaration of S4P
 - to be send to science institutions, like
 - CERN, DESY,
 - Helmholtz society, Max Planck society,
 - INFN ?
 - etc ?

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Crowd funding initiative



- **Supporting students from Gaza and Westbank**

The situation in Gaza is becoming every day more horrific and hopeless.

With the war all universities Gaza are destroyed.

We all must act together to give hope to the people and support them to continue their schools, bachelor, master and PhD studies.

Start a funding project, to support students at European Universities and research centers to continue and complete their education and studies.

The project consists of several parts:

- Financing – crowd funding
- Dedicated support projects at universities and faculties including mentoring

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- many people are shocked what is happening and want to seriously help
 - what can be done – becoming active on a personal level
 - engage students, university teachers etc
- is such an initiative helping ?
- can we organize it on an international level ?

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Organization



- Science4Peace Webpage: <https://science4peace.com/>
 - Science4Peace Fund: ZOOM account and web page independent of any institution
- Please check <https://science4peace.com/> for further infos:
 - collection of links to statements from research institutions
 - public events (like this one, with slides)
 - any other further infos
- For discussions on Science4Peace matters, please use (and register) at our Signal channel ([Signal registration](#))

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 - source can be used to support scientists with a small amount
 - donations can be made online with PayPal