

# Science4Peace Forum



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News: War against Ukraine



We are living in difficult times:

- the war against Ukraine is still continuing
  - Ukraine should be allowed to use its allies' weapons to “neutralise” Russian military bases used to fire missiles into Ukraine  
(E. Macron, France supported by O. Scholz, Chancellor Germany)
  - Putin warned of “serious consequences” if Russia is struck with western weapons
  - 26 May 2024: Attack on Russian Atom Weapon warning system (report at Austrian Army Website) could lead to cross red-line !
- the situation becomes more and more explosive !

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News: Israel – Gaza war



We are living in difficult times:

- the Israel – Gaza war is still continuing, with many more people killed every day, now more than 35 000
  - on Jan 2024 [International Court of Justice \(ICJ\)](#) ordered to do not commit acts of genocide against Palestinians in Gaza
  - on 20 May 2024 [International Criminal Court](#) seeking arrest warrants for senior Hamas and Israeli officials for war crimes and crimes against humanity, including the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and his defence minister, Yoav Gallant.
  - on [24 May 2024 the ICJ ordered](#), that “Israel shall (...) immediately halt its military offensive and any other action in the Rafah governorate ... “
  - on 28 May, Ireland, Norway and Spain recognized [Palestinian state](#)
  - on May 2024, “  
[Spying, hacking and intimidation: Israel’s nine-year ‘war’ on the ICC exposed](#)”

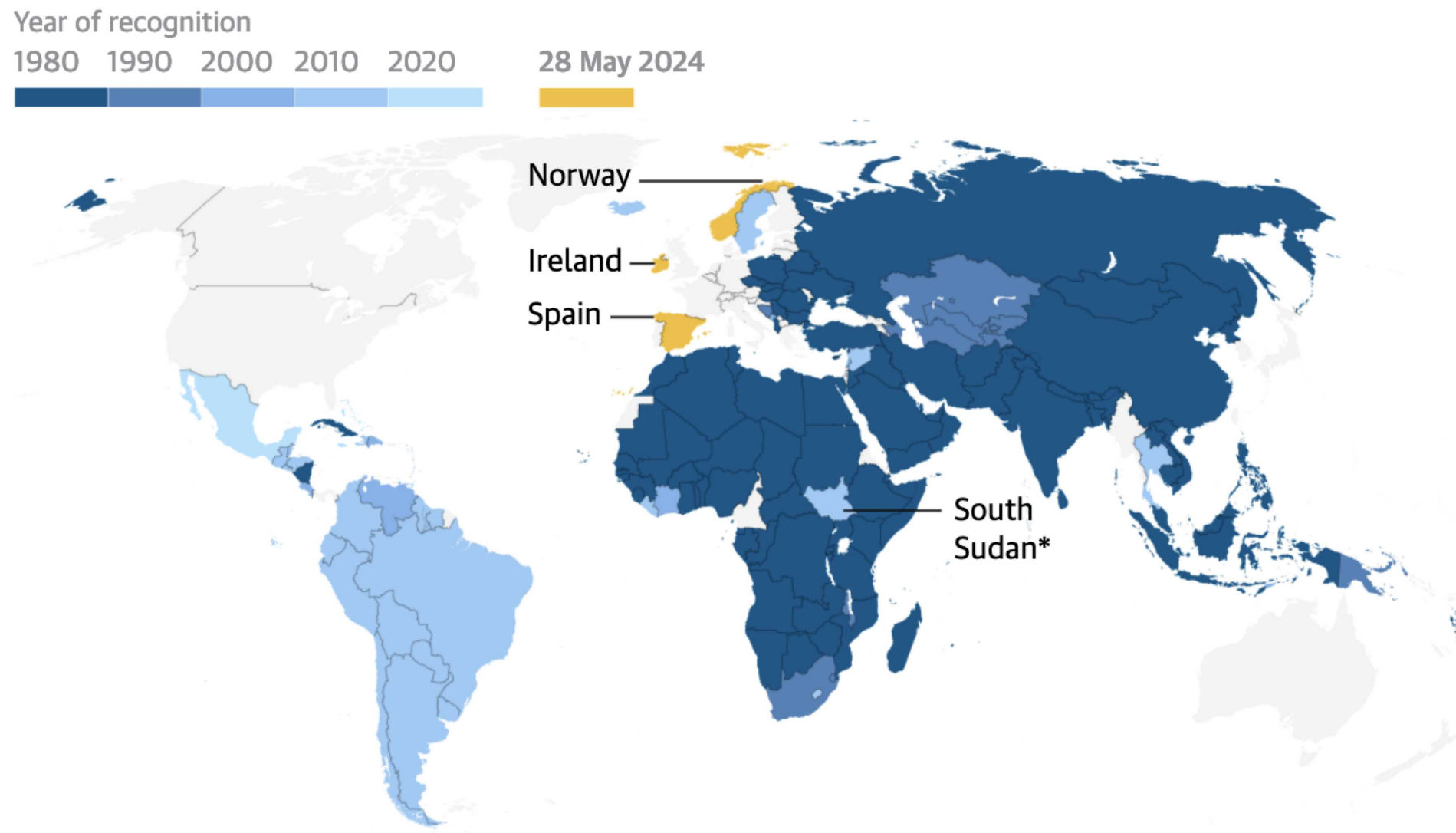
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## International recognition of the state of Palestine



Guardian graphic. Source: Guardian reporting and the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates. Note:  
\*South Sudan only became a country in 2011, recognising Palestine five days after.



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Protests in Academia against Gaza war



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- Open Letters and student activities (some selection)
  - UK:
    - Open letter in support of the Cambridge student encampment for Palestine
    - On the Oxford Action for Palestine Solidarity Encampment (Letter)
    - KCL Students Stage Sit Down Protest for Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza
  - Germany
    - Statement von Lehrenden an Berliner Universitäten
    - Students4 Palestine HH
  - Belgium
    - Open Letter from UAntwerp Staff in Support of the Peaceful Student Encampment Demanding Justice for the Palestinian People
  - Spain
    - Statement of Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (CRUE) on situation in Gaza
- Agreements of Universities with activists
  - Agreement of Brown University with Brown Divest Coalition (BDC)

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- Discussion about definition of anti-semitism
  - [Holocaust Remembrance](#)
  - [Unesco Documentation on Anti-semitism](#)
- General Infos:
  - [Jewish Voice for just Peace in the Middle East](#)
- Worldwide reports:
  - [The Guardian](#)

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Science in war times



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  - please look at the recording from [Round Table discussion](#) from May 15
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## Science in war times



- Discussion on Civil Clause:
  - at many (german and other) universities, civil clause are in place, limiting research to peaceful purpose → similar as at CERN and DESY ?
  - political attacks on civil clause in recent times
  - **NEW Referee Report 2024 of Expert Commission Research and Innovation:**
    - **remove strict divide between military and civil research**
      - support of spillover and dual use
        - examples: DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) in US and **military unit 8200** in Israel
    - short report by **Martin B. Kalinowski** (Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker-Centre for Science and Peace Research (ZNF) at the University Hamburg)
  - We should prepare a **declaration/statement** to very strongly oppose attempts to bring military research into universities and research institutions.



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- How should we as Science4Peace Forum react – discussion:
  - boycott of science institutions of countries at war ?
  - boycott of science cooperation with institutes involved in war ?
  - boycott of dedicated projects which support war ?
- Need to **prepare a petition to research institutes and universities** to cancel all cooperation with partners directly or indirectly involved in wars
  - start an open discussion and information on these issues !
  - next: individual declaration against nuclear arms research !

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Declaration against Nuclear Arms Research I



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## Declaration Against Nuclear Arms Research, Development and Deployment

Recent statements by German and other European politicians have claimed the necessity of a nuclear weapon shield under European control. Such ideas are highly alarming and deserve strongest condemnation. Not only is the proliferation of nuclear weapon *illegal* under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (in German: Atomwaffensperrvertrag), it is also incredibly irresponsible as it tears open “Pandora’s box”, thus significantly increasing the risk of a nuclear disaster. In such a scenario, the European Commission would not only be given direct control over “the red button”, it would also make Europe the focus of nuclear bombing.

We understand that the implementation of a European nuclear armament program will require the active contribution of nuclear experts. Therefore we, the undersigned physicists and nuclear physicists, mathematicians, computer engineers as well as other scientists and engineers and people with an understanding of nuclear fission, declare as follows:



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Declaration against Nuclear Arms Research II



## Declaration Against Nuclear Arms Research, Development and Deployment (cont'd)

- 1) We hereby commit ourselves to the spirit of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which states in Article IV.2 that the common goal is to “pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.”
- 2) We individually promise that we shall never use our expertise in any way that may contribute to, or to promote a European nuclear armament program; nor shall we support any other country's plans to develop or build nuclear arms.
- 3) We declare our unrestrained solidarity with any researcher who is removed from his/her job or hindered in his/her career due to a refusal to work on, or contribute to nuclear armament projects as mentioned above.

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## Declaration Against Nuclear Arms Research, Development and Deployment (cont'd)

- 4) We declare that we shall not share our knowledge with any party or persons inclined to use this knowledge for doing research on or developing nuclear armaments.
  - 5) We declare that, in the relevant discussions with (our) students or public, we will share our knowledge on the irreversible annihilation caused by a nuclear war
  - 6) We will, to the extent possible, try to make public any attempt of governments or public administrations calling on universities or research groups to engage individual researchers or entire institutions to work on the development of nuclear weaponry and/or nuclear arms maintenance.
- How can we publicize this declaration and get many organizations to support it and collect signatures from individuals ?



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Further infos



- Sanctions against Russian Colleagues in science
  - Article on decision of CERN council and its consequences on [SwissInfo](#)
  - Job offers:
    - [Nazarbaev University \(Kazakhstan\)](#) starts to collaborate with CERN
- [Open Letter against EU-nuclear Weapons](#) – ICAN (Science4Peace Forum supports)

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- Science4Peace Webpage: <https://science4peace.com/>
  - Science4Peace Fund
    - source can be used to support with a small amount scientists
    - donations can be made online with PayPal

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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](#))