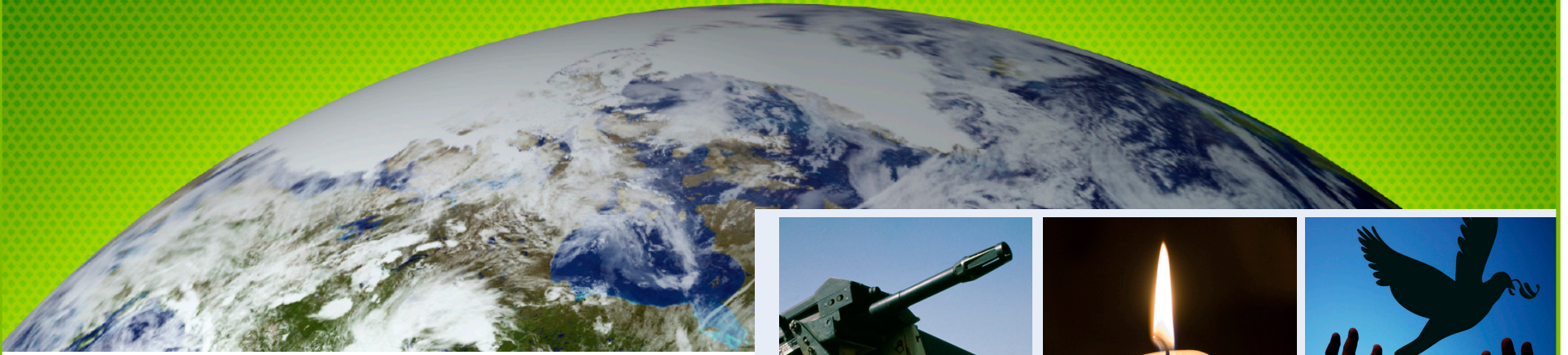


# THE INITIATIVE IN RELIGION, CONFLICT, & PEACEBUILDING



THE INITIATIVE IN RELIGION, CONFLICT, & PEACEBUILDING  
announces its inaugural lecture series:

## Humanity at the Crossroads

**Tuesday, February 6, 2007, 4:00–6:00 p.m.**  
“The Soul of Interreligious Peacebuilding”  
J. W. Jones Room, Woodruff Library  
Emory University



The next lecture is by JOHN PAUL LEDERACH, professor of international peacebuilding at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Lederach is internationally known for his pioneering work on conflict transformation, which is reflected in two of his major publications, *Building Peace: Sustainable Reconciliation in Divided Societies* and *Preparing for Peace: Conflict Transformation across Cultures*.

As a practitioner, Lederach has engaged in conciliation work and trainings in many areas around the world. He has extensive experience in intercommunal and organizational conflict, with special expertise in conflicts involving interethnic, cross-cultural, and religious issues. The founding director of the Conflict Transformation Program at Eastern Mennonite University, he has helped design numerous training programs in many countries.

The lecture will draw upon Lederach’s most recent book, *The Moral Imagination: The Art and Soul of Building Peace*, which represents his thinking and learning during the past several years. He will talk about how he has come to see peacebuilding as both a learned skill and a creative practice that requires staying close to the messiness of real processes and change and recognizing the serendipitous nature of the discoveries and insights that emerge along the way.



### Upcoming speakers in the series:

**Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 5:00–7:00 p.m.**  
MARC GOPIN, James H. Laue Professor of World Religions; director, Center for World Religions, Diplomacy, and Conflict Resolution; Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University

Gopin analyzes the relationships among world religions, violence, and peacemaking strategies, as well as the role of religion and culture in Arab/Israeli conflict and peacemaking.

**Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 12:00–2:00 p.m.**  
DAVID O. JENKINS, director of Faith and the City Program; lecturer in Church and Community; codirector of Contextual Education, Emory University

Jenkins is a specialist in faith-based community development and organizing, community-based experiential learning, and community violence reduction and peacebuilding.

### Previous speakers in the series:

CYNTHIA MAHMOOD, senior fellow, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; associate professor of anthropology, University of Notre Dame

MOHAMMED ABU-NIMER, School of International Service; director of the Salam Institute for Peace and Justice; director of the Peacebuilding and Development Institute, American University

### These events are free and open to the public.

Religion, Conflict, & Peacebuilding is a key component of Emory’s university-wide strategic plan in the theme “Understanding Religions and the Human Spirit.”

More information about the initiative and the speaker series appear at [www.gdr.emory.edu/ircp.htm](http://www.gdr.emory.edu/ircp.htm). Contact Dr. Tom Flores for more information at 404.727.7394 or [tvflore@emory.edu](mailto:tvflore@emory.edu).



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