



## NARPI Background

NARPI is a peacebuilding institute in which participants from Northeast Asia receive training and build relationships with people from different parts of Asia, seeking transformative and positive approaches to conflict and cultural differences.

The 2023 NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training will be hosted in Terelj, Mongolia, from August 8-21. Participants can choose to join two out of six courses, facilitated by both Northeast Asian and international experts and practitioners on these topics. NARPI aims to equip both new and experienced peacebuilders with skills through workshop style courses, bringing together participants from different parts of Northeast Asia for the purpose of training, relationship-building, and cultural understanding.

Previous trainings have been held in: 2011 in Seoul and Inje, 2012 in Hiroshima, 2013 in Inje, 2014 in Nanjing, 2015 in Ulaanbaatar, 2016 in Jinshan and Taipei, 2017 in Okinawa, 2018 on Jeju Island, and 2019 in Nanjing.

From 2020-2022, plans for NARPI in-person gatherings were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this season, a new generation of NARPI leaders created and facilitated eight Online NARPI! (ON!) workshops in 2021-2022. In August 2022, the Steering Committee and admin team planned *NARPI 2022: Special Online & Local Alternative to the Summer Peacebuilding Training*. This alternative program included two days of online discussions, and a one-day NARPI-style field trip in local communities.

The 2023 Summer Peacebuilding Training is the first in-person NARPI program since August 2019. We anticipate a burst of new participation as well as a joyful reunion of people who are already part of the NARPI network.

### **Vision and Mission**

The vision of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute is for Northeast Asia to be a region of active nonviolence, mutual cooperation, and lasting peace.

The mission of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute is to transform the culture and structure of militarism, and communities of fear and violence into just and peaceful ones by providing peacebuilding training, connecting and empowering people in Northeast Asia.

## NARPI 2023 Summer Peacebuilding Training

<b>Registration</b> August 8 (Arrival August 7-8)	Arrival in Terelj; Registration Evening pre-session: New Friends Night		
<b>Week 1</b> August 9-13	<u>Course #1</u> Conflict and Peace Framework	<u>Course #2</u> Theory and Practice of Peace Education	<u>Course #3</u> Peacebuilding and Climate Change: Facing Two Dragons
<b>Field Trip</b> August 14-16	Visits to sites of history, culture and current peace work		
<b>Week 2</b> August 17-21 (Departure August 22)	<u>Course #4</u> Optimizing Peacebuilding by Addressing Traumas in the Body	<u>Course #5</u> Exploring Gender and Sexuality in Conflict and Peacebuilding: An Arts-based Approach	<u>Course #6</u> Peacebuilding Praxis: Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes

*Participants are welcome to join for one or both sessions. All participants are encouraged to join the field trip.*

### Session 1: August 9-13

#### **Course #1: Conflict and Peace Framework**

Facilitators: Atsuhiko Katano and Gayeon Kim

This course will provide a framework of knowledge of peace and conflict studies to those who need introductory provisions to the field. It will focus on three major terms of the field: conflict, peace, and violence. The participants will work on defining and understanding these terms and applying them to our local and regional contexts with specific issues and cases. Throughout the course, sessions are composed of various ways of active learning, such as group work, role plays, and communication skills exercises. Further inputs will be provided by the resource persons and in collaboration with other courses. Participants too are expected to contribute to the course as resources to each other by sharing their knowledge, experience, and reflection in-class activities.

#### **Course #2: Theory and Practice of Peace Education**

Facilitators: Cheryl Woelk and Natsuha Kajita

The course seeks to introduce the participants to the fundamental knowledge base, skills

and value orientations of peace education. It is intended for educators and trainers working in formal, nonformal and informal sectors. The course will use a holistic framework aimed at cultivating mindsets, attitudes, behaviors, structures, and cultures for peacebuilding in educational settings, which will include an introduction to related topics such as conflict transformation, restorative justice, nonviolent communication and creating cultures of peace with administration, teachers, students, parents, and community. It will also engage participants in a learning process that is consistent with the principles of peace, valuing the languages, cultures and identities of participants, to demonstrate that content and pedagogy should form one integral whole. Participants will collaboratively engage with course contents and processes to adapt their learning to their local contexts.

### **Course #3: Peacebuilding and Climate Change: Facing Two Dragons**

Facilitators: Steve Leeper and Zolzaya Nyamdorj

All human beings, wherever we live, are confronting (individually and collectively) the twin threats known as "environmental collapse" and "nuclear war". Some say we are already doomed to 3 or 4 degrees of global warming and, therefore, catastrophic climate change. Some say World War III has already begun; we have never been closer to nuclear war. This course will begin with a chance to share and learn about the impact of climate change in each of our lives, including the impact in Mongolia. We will also briefly review the international consensus (UN reports, mainstream media reports) regarding the problems we must solve. All participants will collectively enter into deep factual, emotional, philosophical or spiritual exploration of 1) what do we, as a group of NARPI participants, believe about the twin threats, and 2) what potential solutions we envision. This exploration will include presentations and lectures, group discussions and sharing, and a field trip to see how Mongolian society is responding to climate change and the nuclear issue. The goal of this course will be for all participants to go home with a deeper understanding of how each of us needs to change the way we live and how we can engage with the problems and solutions we identify.

#### **Field Trip: August 14-16**

During the field trip we will learn about the history, culture and current peacebuilding efforts of Mongolia through various visits. We are now in the process of planning this year's field trip schedule. In 2015, NARPI field trip sites included the National History Museum of Mongolia, the Bogd Khaan Palace Museum and the Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex. We also visited the Zaisan Memorial, Gandan Monastery, and the Museum for Political Victims – sites that tell the history of conflict in Mongolia. Finally, we learned about ongoing peace work in Mongolia through visiting two NGO's: Amnesty International Mongolia, and MONFEMNET, a non-governmental organization firmly based on the principles of human rights and gender equality that works to empower and unify the voice of women in political issues. This year's field trip will include some of the same sites as the 2015 field trip and some new sites, as well.

## **Session 2: August 17-21**

### **Course #4: Optimizing Peacebuilding by Addressing Traumas in the Body**

Facilitators: Aya Kasai and deting lu

This 5-day workshop explores ways to address traumas in the body to optimize peacebuilding. Participants will learn how social, collective, and historical trauma can live through generations to undermine peacebuilding and how we can work with it using somatic psychology, guided meditation, and creative arts. This year, our dialogue will also include the participants' experience of living through the recent pandemic. This workshop is highly experiential and may be valuable for anyone interested in understanding how to optimize efforts to build lasting peace by using somatic literacy to address collective trauma.

### **Course #5: Exploring Gender and Sexuality in Conflict and Peacebuilding: An Arts-based Approach**

Facilitators: Moe Sasaki, Jeram Yunghun Kang, and Kyoko Okumoto

This course will consider the role of identity, especially gender, and sexuality, in conflict and peacebuilding. Participants and facilitators will start by unpacking our diverse selves. We will have a journey together to explore our and each other's positionality. There are different structures of violence and conflict in our world today that threaten us. We see this in our treatment of minorities, our biases, stereotyping, and discrimination in different realms of society. By using arts approaches, we will create a safe and peaceful space and through this try to experience different stories and contexts of our group to unpack the interplay of our identity to conflict and peace. Participants will leave as artist-activists who can take their own learnings to further a culture of peace and identity-sensitive understanding to their communities and societies in Northeast Asia.

### **Course #6: Peacebuilding Praxis: Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes**

Facilitators: Hong Soek Kim and Atsuhiko Katano

Peacebuilding is not only about stopping war and terror but also about everyday skills everyone needs to know how to use. People who actually practice peacebuilding skills in their everyday lives are more likely to be better at big-scale negotiations and mediations at community, society and international levels. The course title, Peacebuilding Praxis, indicates our conviction that promoting peace in specific settings should involve praxis, a good combination of knowledge, skills, and attitudes. It also resonates with the traditional martial arts in Asia, as they seek integration of mind, technique, and body.

In this course, we will get to know each other through dialogue and building a safe community. Also, we will practice peacebuilding skills in group settings using tools such as Circle processes and other group communication skills. Then we will look at mediation and negotiation skill-building. Lastly, we will discuss intercultural communication skills and attitudes. Throughout the sessions, participants will work on an assignment to interview

peacebuilders. Participants will interview other participants and facilitators who actively use the peacebuilding skills topic from our discussion and find practical pros and cons, insights on the best times to use each, and ways to build the skills in our lives and work.

## General Information

### General Application Process

1. Complete the application form, along with all required documents (resume, recommendation letter, passport copy, if necessary), by **May 20, 2023**.  
Please use just **one** of the following forms:
  - [Google form](#) in English
  - [WeChat/QQ form](#) in Mandarin
 Send any questions to [apply@narpi.net](mailto:apply@narpi.net).
2. After receiving the acceptance letter and billing statement, transfer payment to the NARPI bank account.
3. Purchase flight ticket, or make other plans for transportation.
4. After receiving pre-course readings and field trip readings by email, start studying to prepare for your courses and the field trip.
5. Join the Summer Peacebuilding Training and enjoy two weeks of networking, sharing and learning.

### Admissions Criteria

1. Some level of experience in peacebuilding work or study, or passion for peacebuilding.
2. Commitment to share what you learn at NARPI with your organization and/or community. (See the statement of intent question on the application form.)
3. English ability sufficient to understand and participate in workshops conducted in English.

### Fees

	Lodging, Food and Transportation	Tuition	Total
Week 1	\$350	\$300	\$650
Field trip	\$200	\$100	\$300
Week 2	\$350	\$300	\$650
<b>Whole program</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$1600</b>

**Note:** If joining only for the field trip, the listed total cost above does not include the 4 nights needed for lodging. The final cost for joining only for the field trip would be higher to a sum of \$400 USD total.

Early payment discounts (Not applicable to scholarship recipients):  
If paid from **May 20 – June 20**: 15% discount of total due amount  
If paid from **June 21 – July 20**: 7% discount of the total due amount  
If paid after **July 20**: No discount

**Important:** Please wait to pay your fee until you receive a NARPI acceptance letter and billing statement, with the NARPI bank information, by email.

### **Payment Currencies**

NARPI participants can send their payments in one of three currencies: Mongolia Tugrik, Korean won or Japanese yen. We will share the relevant bank and exchange rate information on your billing statement. For any participants living outside of Mongolia, Korea, or Japan, we request participants to pay at registration in-person in USD.

### **Withdrawal Policy**

Participants may withdraw up to two weeks before the training begins with a full refund, minus a 10% non-refundable process fee (for administration costs). No refund will be issued for cancellation two weeks or less before the beginning of the training.

### **Travel Costs**

Travel costs (plane ticket, airport bus fee) to and from Mongolia should be covered by participants or sponsoring organizations.

### **Visa**

#### *Visa Exempt Countries and Dates*

Participants from Korea (90 days), Japan (30 days), and \*Hong Kong (14 days) have visa exemptions for the amount of days listed.

#### *\*Hong Kong*

The visa exemption period is 14 days, but the entire stay for the training (including Week 1, Field trip, Week 2) is 15 days total, August 8, 2023 through August 22, 2023. Participants coming from Hong Kong may choose to leave the last day of the training (August 21st, 2023; 14th day of stay) or apply for a visa.

#### *Mainland China and Taiwan*

Participants need to apply for an e-visa online to enter Mongolia.

#### *Outside of Northeast Asia*

Participants from outside of Northeast Asia should check visa requirements with the Mongolian consulate nearest to them. We will email a visa invitation letter to anyone who needs one. If you need any other documents, please let us know as soon as possible, and we can send them to you by mail or email. Please apply for your visa as soon as possible!

### **Medical Costs and Insurance**

Medical-related costs are the responsibility of participants or sponsoring organizations. NARPI does not assume any responsibility for any injury or loss incurred during the training. Prior to your travel, please purchase travel insurance to cover any medical costs you may have during the time of your trip.

## Scholarships

A limited number of NARPI scholarships may be offered on a needs-basis to participants with a demonstrable commitment to peace work in the Northeast Asia region. Contact the administration team to request a scholarship application form at [apply@narpi.net](mailto:apply@narpi.net). Scholarship applications should also be submitted by **May 20**, along with the NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training application. No early-bird discounts will be given to scholarship recipients.

We encourage scholarship applicants to find a local sponsoring organization to cover at least half of their costs.

## Lodging and Food

The 2023 NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training will be held at Khaadiin Tamga Resort in Terelj (55 km from Chinggis Khaan International Airport). Participants will stay in two-person or three-person rooms. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the dining hall. Courses will also be held at Khaadiin Tamga.



## Courses

There will be a maximum of 20 students per course. Please mark your second and third choice for a course on your application, just in case your first choice is not available. Course handouts will be provided by the facilitators. Courses will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m., with breaks for lunch and coffee/tea.

## Flight Arrival and Registration

Flights should be booked into and out of Chinggis Khaan International Airport (airport code UBN). For those joining starting in Week 1, please plan to arrive at Chinggis Khaan International Airport on the morning or early afternoon of August 8. There will be a NARPI bus at Chinggis Khaan International Airport that will provide transportation to the Khaadiin Tamga Resort in Terelj. Registration will start at 4:30 p.m. at Khaadiin Tamga, and the New Friends Night will be held that evening. For those joining from the start of the field trip, please plan to arrive in Ulaanbaatar by the afternoon of Sunday, August 13.

## Morning and Evening Activities

Though some evening events will be planned by NARPI, there will also be a calendar where participants sign up to lead activities. You are welcome to lead morning activities, such as exercise or meditation, any day of the week. Or you may lead evening activities, such as presentations of your work or areas of interest, group discussion, movies, etc., on Day 2, 3, or 4 in Week 1; and on Day 2 or 3 of Week 2. If you are interested in leading a

morning or evening activity, please prepare any materials you need in advance.

### **Culture and Talent Night**

On the evening of August 20 (Day 4 of Week 2), NARPI will hold a Northeast Asia Culture and Talent Night. You may share in a group or as an individual. Please bring anything representative of your culture, community or family that you could share during that presentation, such as: clothing, musical instruments, poetry, songs, posters, banners, or videos.

### **Snacks**

NARPI break times are a wonderful chance to try snacks from all over Northeast Asia, and beyond! We ask all participants to bring some snacks from your home area, to share with others during break time. When you arrive at Khaadiin Tamga, please give your snacks to the admin team. Thank you!

**Please note:** The deadline for receipt of applications and scholarship applications is May 20, 2023. All applications should be submitted by email to: [apply@narpi.net](mailto:apply@narpi.net). Notification of acceptance will be sent out as soon as possible, with about two weeks of processing time required. If you have any questions, please contact us at:

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