

Engineering, Social Justice, and Peace (ESJP) Conference

3-6 September 2015, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, USA

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Call for Contributions (1 June 2015) and Papers (1 September 2015)

The 11th annual international Engineering, Social Justice, and Peace (ESJP) Conference will be held in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, 3-6 September 2015. The hosts are the investigators of the project “Cultivating Responsible Wellbeing in STEM: Social Engagement through Personal Ethics” (NSF #1449489) and CoHemis (Centro Hemisférico de Cooperación en Investigación y Educación en Ingeniería y Ciencia Aplicada).

We invite proposals for contributions on any topic that offer thoughtful, grounded inquiry and insight into the intersections of engineering with social justice and/or peace. Topics of particular interest related to the host project are “responsible wellbeing”, “appropriate technology”, “capabilities approach”, “value sensitive design”, “participatory design”, and “community engagement”. Also, given the conference location of Puerto Rico, proposals are invited that explore the impacts of colonialism and neocolonialism on social justice, engineering, and technology.

ESJP is a diverse community comprised of engineers, social scientists, designers, artists, humanists, community builders, and others, working as scholars, students, practitioners, and activists. Hence, we invite contributions that are diverse in content, approach, and format, including traditional presentations, round tables, workshops, discussions, performances, and others. Academic and non-academic contributions based on theory/critique and/or practice are welcome. Contributions may be presented in English, Spanish, French, or Haitian Creole; translators will be provided as needed.

The conference will take place at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez (UPRM), during the fall academic session. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- **Wednesday 2 September (optional)**: Welcome reception (evening) for those who have arrived.
- **Thursday 3 September**: Keynote, dialogues, and meetings between ESJP participants and members of the Mayagüez community.
- **Friday 4 September**: Contributions presented by participants. *Note: to engage the campus community, contributors should anticipate an audience of 100 or more people. However, contributions intended for smaller audiences are welcome but must be coordinated with the conference organizers.*
- **Saturday 5 September**: Field trip to a local community center to provide for reflective dialogue amongst ESJP participants, conference organizers, and community hosts.
- **Sunday 6 September (optional)**: Informal dialogue and social activities (likely at a local beach) for those able to stay an extra day.

The standard conference fee is US\$200.00. Participants with limited means are invited to offer a lower amount at their discretion. The conference hotel is the Howard Johnson Mayagüez (US\$99/single, US\$109/double). Visitors should arrive at airports San Juan (SJU), Aguadilla (BQN), or Mayagüez (MAZ).

Please submit proposals or questions to Dr. Christopher Papadopoulos, Department of General Engineering, UPRM, christopher.papadopoulos@upr.edu, by **1 June 2015**, including the title, names and affiliations of contributors, proposed format (e.g., presentation, workshop, performance, etc.), and an abstract of approximately 300 words. Proposers will receive a confirmation of acceptance by **10 June 2015**. Also, proposers are invited to submit papers based on their contributions for a special issue of the *International Journal of Engineering, Social Justice, and Peace* by **1 September 2015**. For further details: <http://library.queensu.ca/ojs/index.php/IJESJP/about/editorialPolicies#focusAndScope>.