

Human Rights Paper Session

Peace and Solidarity:

the Role of Human Rights Cities in Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding

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The Human Rights Papers Session provides a platform for students, academics, and practitioners to share their research and experiences, focusing on the role of human rights cities in promoting peace and solidarity in the face of war and violence.

The session recognizes that human rights cities can serve as a beacon of hope and a catalyst for positive change in conflict-ridden environments. In this context, we will explore how human rights cities can foster peace, prevent violence, and build solidarity across communities. It will delve into dimensions such as:

- Analysis of policies and practices in human rights cities that effectively prevent and mitigate violence and conflict
- Case studies of successful peace-building initiatives and conflict resolution mechanisms at the city level in promoting peace education and a culture of non-violence
- Exploration of strategies for inclusive participation in peace processes, with a focus on involving marginalized groups and youth
- Investigation of the impact of global conflicts on local communities and the role of human rights cities in providing support and solidarity
- Evaluation of inter-city networks and collaborations in promoting peace, human rights, and innovative approaches to addressing structural violence across borders.

The Human Rights Paper Session seeks to inspire dialogue, collaboration, and action towards building resilient communities committed to human rights, peace, and solidarity.

