



ICCGC-CoNGO 2025

Interfaith Coalition Conference for Global Citizenship(ICCGC)
Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the UN(CoNGO)

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"Global Society and Leadership for Life and Peace: Healing and Liberation in a Divided World and Wounded Earth"

15-18 August 2025

Wonkwang University, Iksan, Republic of Korea

Zoom Webinar ID: TBC

Hosted by
Won Buddhism
Wonkwang University
CoNGO

Program Agenda

Day 1: 15 August 2025

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| 14:00-17:30 | Arrival and Registration |
| 14:00-17:30 | Wonkwang University Campus Tours (<i>Optional Program</i>)
Life-Caring Infrastructure Site Visit
University Museum, Botanical Garden & Accessible trail
Global Citizens Program for Youth (<i>Optional Program</i>)
Program I: Japanese and Korean Student Seminar on the SDGs (SDG 3, 4, 17)
Program II: Student Seminar on Intergenerational Climate Justice (SDG 13)
Moderator: Dr. Shinichi Yamazaki (Associate Professor, J. F. Oberlin University)
Dr. Keunmo Park (Lecture, Seijo University) |
| 18:00-19:30 | Welcome Reception
Welcoming Remarks: TBC
Networking Speech
Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure (Co-Chair, ICCGC-CoNGO)
Speakers (TBC) from Wonkwang University
Speakers (TBC) from Srinakharinwirot University |

Day 2: 16 August 2025

- 06:00-07:00 **Meditation** (*Optional Program*)
- 09:00-09:30 **Registration**
- 09:30-11:10 **Opening Session**
Emcees: Rev. Dr. Grace Song (Professor, Won Institute of Graduate Studies)
Moment of Silence: Rev. Doyeon Park (Co-Chair, Committee of Religious NGOs at the UN)
Opening Video
Opening Remarks: Rev. Dr. Liberato Bautista (President, CoNGO)
Welcome Speech: Dr. Sungtae Park (President, Wonkwang University)
Congratulatory Address
Dr. Heonyul Chung (Mayor, Iksan)
Dr. Hyunmook Lim (Director, UNESCO APCEIU)
Ms. Saeryo Kim (Representative, UNHCR Korea)
Peace Message from Religious Community
Rev. Sangho Na (President, Won Buddhism)
Peace Message from Academia
Rev Dr. Cholvit Jearajit (President, Srinakharinwirot University)
Keynote Speech I
Rev. Msgr. Indunil J. Kodithuwakku K. (Secretary, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue)
Keynote Speech II
Dr. Kathryn Poethig (Professor, California State University Monterey Bay)
Group Photos
- 11:10-11:30 **Networking Coffee & Tea**
- 11:30-12:45 **Panel Session 1**
Topic: "Transformative Leadership for a Just and Peaceful Future"
Exploring ethical leadership models that prioritize justice, compassion, and sustainability in a divided world
Moderator: Dr. Utak Chung (Senior Advisor, Global Partnership for Education)
Panelists: Mr. Garry Jacobs (President and CEO, World Academy of Art and Science)
Rev. Kyoichi Sugino (President, Gakurin Seminary)
Dr. Prapaporn Rojsiriruch (Vice President, Srinakharinwirot University)
Dr. Namsoon Kang (Professor, Texas Christian University)
- 12:45-14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00-15:00 **Panel Session 2**
Topic: "Healing a Wounded World: Paths to Social and Environmental Justice"
Addressing systemic injustices, ecological crises, and strategies for fostering resilience and liberation
Moderator: Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure (Professor, Georgetown University)
Panelists: Rev. Junsei Terasawa (Monk-Peacemaker and Teacher in Eurasia, Order Nipponzan Myōhōji)
Dr. Kathy Matsui (Professor, Seisen University)
Dr. Christie Yu-Ling Chang (President, Sakyadhita Taiwan)
- 15:00-15:15 **Networking Coffee & Tea**
- 15:15-16:15 **Panel Session 3**
Topic: "The Role of Religion and Spirituality in Global Governance and Sustainable Development"
Investigating how faith-based and civic organizations can contribute to shaping inclusive and ethical global policies
Moderator: Dr. Roberto Catalano (Professor, Sophia University Institute, Italy)
Panelists: Dr. John Grayzel (Former Baha'i Peace Chair, University of Maryland)
Dr. Julius-Kei Kato (Professor, King's College-Western University)
Rev. Dr. In-gun Kang, S.J. (Director of MAGGA Jesuit Research Center)
- 16:15-16:30 **Networking Coffee & Tea**

- 16:30-18:00 **Panel Session 4**
Topic: "Empowering the Next Generation: Youth Leadership for Peace and Sustainability"
Highlighting the role of young leaders in driving transformative change and ensuring a just and sustainable future
 Moderator: Ms. Kehkashan Basu, M.S.M. (President, Green Hope Foundation)
 Panelists: Ms. Michelle Nikfarjam (Ph.D. Candidate, University of Vermont)
 Ms. Aki Ota (Ph.D. Student, University of Tokyo)
 Mr. Nagayoshi Iemura (Postgraduate, Keio University)
 Ms. Yejin Hong (Member, Focolare Movement)
 Recommend by Wonkwang University
- 18:00-19:00 **Dinner**
- 19:30-21:00 **Cultural Exchange & Networking** *(Optional Program)*
A cultural Exchange and Networking program will be offered in the evening. This program may include opportunities to share knowledge and perspectives on Global Citizenship Education, fostering mutual understanding and intercultural dialogue
 Group A: Evening Meditation and Chanting
 Group B: Cinema Talks "The Firefighters"
 Group C: After-Conference Social Drink

Day 3: 17 August 2025

- 06:00-07:00 **Meditation** *(Optional Program)*
- 09:00-10:30 **Interfaith Prayer for Peace**
A religious gathering that involves people of different faiths to come together in prayer, worship, and reflection on the importance of peace and unity
- 10:30-11:30 **Won Buddhism Headquarters Tour**
- 11:30-13:00 **Lunch**
- 13:00-14:00 **Panel Session 5**
Topic: "The Power of Narrative: Changing Stories, Shaping a Hopeful Future"
Exploring how storytelling, media, and collective memory can inspire healing, justice, and social transformation
 Moderator: Dr. Kunihiro Terasawa (Associate Professor, Wartburg College)
 Panelists: Rev. Dr. Mark Unno (Professor, University of Oregon)
 Dr. Carolyn Medine (Professor, University of Georgia)
 Rev. Dr. Grace Song (Professor, Won Institute of Graduate Studies)
- 14:00-14:15 **Networking Coffee & Tea**
- 14:15-15:30 **Life and Peace Workshop**
 Division 1: "Cultivating Mind for Building Peace" (Institute of Mind humanities at Wonkwang University)
 Division 2: "Global Citizenship Education" (TBC)
 Division 3: "Refugees and Peace" (UNHCR Korea)
 Division 4: "Religion and Peace" (Religious Peace Corps)
 Division 5: "Review of Korea-Japan Exchange" (KOCUN-IDP & IARF Japan Chapter)
- 15:30-15:50 **Networking Coffee & Tea**
- 15:50-17:30 **Global Citizens Summit**
Topic: "Global Citizens First: Leading with Values, Acting for Humanity"
This will be a discussion focused on global actions by participants for a global civil society, including plans for the 2026 publication and the 2027 New York conference at the United Nations.
 Moderator: Dr. Kwangsoo Park (Emeritus Professor, Wonkwang University)
 Briefing on Progress: Rev. Sangwon Hwang (Former Secretary General, ICCGC-CoNGO)
 Vision Presentation: Rev. Dr. Liberato Bautista (Co-Chair, ICCGC-CoNGO 2025)

- Floor Discussion
- 17:30-18:00 **Closing Session**
Rev. Youngin Sa (Co-President, Religions for Peace & Co-Chair, ICCGC-CoNGO 2025)
Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure (Professor, Georgetown University & Co-Chair, ICCGC-CoNGO 2025)
Ms. Christina Lee (Inter-religious Dialogue Advisor, Focolare Movement)
Rev. Junsei Terasawa (Monk-Peacemaker and Teacher in Eurasia, Order Nipponzan Myōhōji)
Rev. John Grayzel (Former Baha'i Peace Chair, University of Maryland)
Mr. Idanont Thaiarry (Secretary General, World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth)
Ms. Kehkashan Basu, M.S.M. (President, Green Hope Foundation)
- 18:30-20:00 **Reception**
Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Gungmoon Nam (Co-Chair, ICCGC-CoNGO 2025)
Banquet Speech: Dr. Sungtae Park (President, Wonkwang University)
Dr. Sunggon Kim (Chairman, Corps. PEACE)

Day 4: 18 August 2025

- 06:00-07:00 **Meditation** *(Optional Program)*
- 09:00-17:00 **Cultural Tour Program** *(Optional Program)*
A full-day optional cultural tour offering participants the chance to explore local heritage and traditions
- A Course: Historical and Sacred Sites Tour in Iksan
- B Course: Hanok Village Tour in Jeonju (Hanok: Korean Traditional House during the Chosun Dynasty)

INFORMATION

Registration: <https://forms.gle/UbVu9qVd9epzzVmRA>

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