

## Seventh Annual International Engineering, Social Justice and Peace Conference in Bogotá, Colombia, July 6- 9, 2011

The Engineering, Social Justice and Peace (ESJP) network is delighted to announce its Seventh Annual International Conference, to be co-hosted by Ingenieros Sin Fronteras (ISF) Colombia in Bogotá July 6-9, 2011.

The interdisciplinary ESJP network was formed in 2004 and has grown in its passion and mission to create a knowledge base, a support network, scholarship, and education to promote engineering committed to social justice and peace. After six conferences in North America and Europe, ESJP is pleased to hold this meeting in Latin America. We hope that the move from the global North to the global South will bring exciting challenges to our assumptions, unprecedented questions for our work, and new partners to our network.

ESJP is collaborating in this venture with Universidad de los Andes, which houses one of the premier engineering schools in Latin America; Corporación Universitaria Minuto de Dios Colombia, an institution with a long-standing commitment to social justice; and ISF-Colombia, a leader in initiating projects that provide just solutions to problems faced by poor communities in Colombia since 2005.

**Venue:** Conference sessions and activities will be held at the main campus of the Universidad de los Andes and in Ciudad Bolívar, one of the poorest neighborhoods of Bogotá and a location where ISF-Colombia has carried out many projects. The contrast between these two venues will serve as a reminder of our privileged positions, as well as de-stabilize our assumptions and generate new questions and answers.

**Accommodations:** Bogotá offers different forms of accommodation at varying prices. More precise information about lodging will be announced in January 2011.

**Agenda:** Currently we are seeking expressions of interest for non-traditional formats, different than those found in most conferences. We welcome formats that invite active participation, particularly from voices and perspectives that often remain marginal from academic conferences (students, community members, homeless, workers, etc), that have the potential to break new conceptual ground, and that invite reflection upon our practices. We would be pleased to receive notification of your intention to attend and your interest in proposing/developing a new format, activity, or presentation. Please send us your ideas and spread the word about this event among all your colleagues and friends. We will announce a call for sessions, activities, and/or papers in due course when we have a better sense of participants' interests.

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**For information on sponsoring organizations see:**

Ingenieros Sin Fronteras (ISF) Colombia (<http://isfcolombia.uniandes.edu.co/>)

Universidad de los Andes (<http://www.uniandes.edu.co>)

Corporación Universitaria Minuto de Dios Colombia (<http://portal.uniminuto.edu/>)

Engineering, Social Justice, and Peace network website (<http://esjp.org>)

**Past conferences:**

1. **Engineering for Social Justice 2004** (Caroline Baillie) Kingston, Ontario, 4-5 November.
2. **ESJP 2006** (George Catalano) Binghamton, NY, 21-22 April.
3. **ESJP 2007** (George Catalano) Binghamton, NY, 27-28 April.
4. **ESJP 2008** (Donna Riley) Northampton, MA, 4-6 April (<http://sophia.smith.edu/~driley/esjp.html>)
5. **ESJP 2009** (Chris Byrne) Whidbey Island, WA, 26-28 June.
6. **ESJP 2010** (Caroline Baillie) London, UK, 4-6 August (<http://esjp.org/esjp-conference/conference-programme>)