

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

Call for contributions

Considering that the 2011 ESJP conference will be held for the first time in the global south, we welcome formats that invite active participation, particularly from voices and perspectives that need to be further incorporated in our academic conferences (students, community members, workers, etc.) with the potential to break new conceptual ground and invite reflection upon our practices. We thus invite proposals for new formats, activities, and/or forms of presentation.

The main guiding questions for our conference in Colombia are:

1. How are social justice and peace discourses articulated in the practice of community development projects?
2. How can academics effectively support the activities of students, community members and marginalized groups in the development of projects that aim at realizing the ideals of social justice and peace?
3. How can different actors involved in projects know if they are achieving social justice and peace objectives?

Please send your proposal for contribution specifying the type of format (workshop, round table, presentation, discussion, performance, or any other) to Andrés Valderrama at afvp@man.dtu.dk

Deadline for abstract submissions: 28 of February 2011

Response of acceptance to authors: 15 of March 2011

The Organization: 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.

Contact: For conference inquires contact any of the members of the organizing committee: Catalina Ramirez (mariaram@uniandes.edu.co), Juan Lucena (jlucena@mines.edu), Andrés Valderrama (afvp@man.dtu.dk), or Camilo Torres (ctorres@uniminuto.edu). For more general inquires about the ESJP network contact Jens Kabo, the ESJP secretary at secretary@esjp.org.

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>)