

Dear colleague,

One hundred years ago, in 1915, the Third Hague Peace Conference should have taken place to improve the international rules and institutions for the prevention of war. Since 1899, two such conferences had taken place. The third was planned to occur in 1915, but the outbreak of the First World War made this impossible. This Hague Peace Conference never took place.

Now, one hundred years later, The Hague University of Applied Sciences is organizing the Third Conference, not for government delegations but for the new generation of students who have a keen interest in contributing to better ideas on how to improve the maintenance of peace and humanitarian law.

The Third Hague Peace Conference will take place from **Wednesday 1 July 2015** to **Friday 3 July 2015**.

This Peace Conference will evolve around an essay competition. The students who write the best 100 essays will be invited. The essays should contain either proposals on strengthening humanitarian law like the Geneva Conventions, or on maintaining peace more effectively by the United Nations Security Council and regional organizations. A jury will select the essays.

Students wishing to participate are requested to submit their essays before Sunday 19 April 2015 via [www.thehagueuniversity.com/haguepeace](http://www.thehagueuniversity.com/haguepeace).

We invite students from all over the world. A number of travel grants are available upon request for students from low-income and conflict areas. Students selected to participate get free admission, housing and food during the conference.

We kindly ask you to print out the poster and spread it among your students. If you are interested in large posters, let us know via the e-mail address below.

If you have any questions, you can contact us via the e-mail address below.

We look forward to welcoming your most promising students.

Yours sincerely,

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### The Third Hague Peace Conference

This summer, The Hague University of Applied Sciences will open its doors for The Third Hague Peace Conference, attended by Bachelor's and Master's students from diverse international backgrounds. This conference will consist of a three-day interactive and intensive program from July 1st to July 3rd 2015.

#### Why?

The purpose of The Third Hague Peace Conference is to encourage new ideas on improving the maintenance of peace by the international community and to strengthen the protection of victims of violence by modernizing humanitarian law. The conference focuses on tackling diverse global challenges in these fields.

#### How?

One hundred students from all over the world are selected on the basis of essays written on either one of the two main themes: improving the maintenance of peace, or improving humanitarian law. Those invited to participate will be encouraged to further improve their essays prior to the conference and two weeks afterwards. The best essays will be published in a book on improving human security. During the conference students will become better acquainted with ideas on how to improve the current international systems to obtain and maintain peace. See the program for the topics and invited speakers.