

## UPF Europe and Middle East Newsletter for 2-5-2023

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### Activities

**All times are in CET unless otherwise indicated.  
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## [Peace Summit 2023: Toward A World Culture of Peace](#)



Universal Peace Federation Assembles Global Leaders  
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To Develop New Model for Leadership, Action

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**The times indicated there are those in South Korea.**

The following live broadcasts are expected:

Opening Plenary - May 3 at 9:30 am KST or 02:30 CET:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOLpNBI\\_Eu8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOLpNBI_Eu8)

Think Tank 2022 - May 4, at 9:00 a.m. KST or 02:00 CET: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=AD3jdbJnjjA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AD3jdbJnjjA)

Wednesday, 3 May 2023 - Friday, 5 May 2023

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## [A Neutral Korean Peninsula: A Solution for Peace and Security in Northeast Asia?](#)



**Webinar organised by the International Association of  
Academics for Peace.**

**Link to join the webinar: [bit.ly/IAAP2023May11](https://bit.ly/IAAP2023May11)**

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**Speakers:**

Vana Kim Hansen Ed. D, Co-chair, Council for the Neutralization of the Korean Peninsula; Coordinator, International Network for Neutral Korea (INNK).  
Sangpil Jin PhD, Assistant Professor in Korean Studies, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Pascal Lottaz PhD, Associate Professor, Law Faculty and Hakubi Center, Kyoto University, Japan;  
Director, network [neutralitystudies.com](http://neutralitystudies.com)

**Moderator:**

Mélanie Komagata Master's in East Asian Studies (University of Geneva/Geneva Graduate Institute),  
Thesis on the neutralization of Korea based on the Swiss Model

Thursday, 11 May 2023 10:00 - 11:30

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## World news

### [UPF-Canada Holds 5th Webinar: “Viewing the DPRK from Within”](#)



**UPF-Canada**—The fifth of UPF’s signature series of webinars under the title “Viewing the DPRK from Within” was held on February 23, 2023.

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## Regional news

### [UPF-Albania Family Conference Emphasizes Values](#)



Tirana, Albania—The second International Conference on the Family was titled "Family, Society and Universal Values."

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### [IAAP-Russia Explores Relations with Two Koreas](#)



Moscow, Russia—Two speakers pondered Russia’s future with its neighbors on the Korean Peninsula.

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## [UPF-Italy Celebrates Minority Languages](#)



Reggio Calabria, Italy— The International Mother Language Day event was titled "Rediscovering a Lost Heritage."

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## [UPF-UK Observes International Women's Day](#)



London, United Kingdom—The speakers focused on different avenues of empowerment for women.

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## [UPF-Italy Peace Forum Offers Vision of Peace](#)



Rome, Italy—The first UPF-Italy Peace Forum of 2023 gave an extensive presentation of UPF and its activities.

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## [UPF-Russia Creates Game to Teach Eco-Awareness](#)



Voronezh, Russia—University students were shown how an “eco-game” can develop environmental consciousness.

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## [UPF-Italy Joins Holocaust Remembrance](#)



Reggio Calabria, Italy—UPF joined a school's commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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## [UPF-Italy Supports Shoah Poetry Competition](#)



Reggio Calabria, Italy—UPF co-sponsored a national poetry competition whose theme was the Holocaust.

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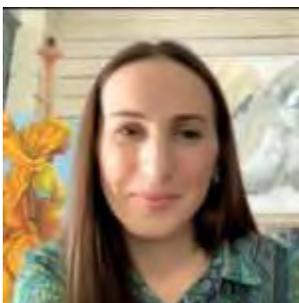
## [UPF-Italy Peace Forum Focuses on Religious Freedom](#)



Rome, Italy—A leading advocate for religious freedom spoke at the second Peace Forum of 2023.

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## [IAACP-Russia Interviews Artist Peace Ambassador](#)



Moscow, Russia—A webinar with a well-known Russian artist attracted 2,000 views.

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## [UPF-France Hosts 23rd Scriptural Sharing](#)



Paris, France—"Cultivating Curiosity" was the theme of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dialogue & Alliance interfaith meeting.

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## [Nordic Nations Promote Principles of Peace](#)



Copenhagen, Denmark—The Nordic chapters of UPF organized a one-day seminar on the Principles of Peace.

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## [Diplomats Provide Euro-View of Middle East](#)



Geneva, Switzerland—The webinar "A European Angle on Peace in the Middle East" featured the perspectives of two diplomats.

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## [UPF-Italy Family Series Welcomed by Mayor](#)



Almè, Italy—UPF co-sponsored two meetings at the Civic Hall of Almè on the value of the family.

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## [UPF-Portugal Invited to Toco Celebration](#)



Lisbon, Portugal—UPF representatives joined the Tocoists' celebration of two major events.

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## [UPF-Slovakia Observes International Women's Day](#)



Bratislava, Slovakia—A noted journalist spoke on “Women and Violence in the Middle East.”

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## [UPF-Russia Observes International Women's Day](#)



Moscow, Russia—“Women's Peacekeeping Role, Mentoring and Spiritual Awakening” was the title of the broadcast.

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## [UPF-Düsseldorf Observes Interfaith Harmony Week](#)



Düsseldorf, Germany—A survivor of the Bosnian War spoke on “The Power of Forgiveness.”

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## [UPF-Munich Observes Interfaith Harmony Week](#)



Munich, Germany—UPF-Munich commemorated the week by holding an interfaith prayer breakfast.

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## [UPF-Stuttgart Observes Interfaith Harmony Week](#)



Stuttgart, Germany—Reincarnation and karma were discussion topics of the UPF celebration.

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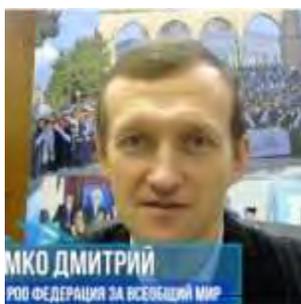
## [UPF-Frankfurt Observes Interfaith Harmony Week](#)



Frankfurt, Germany—What kind of spiritual environment best promotes human development?

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## [IAPD-Russia Focuses on Interfaith Harmony](#)



Moscow, Russia—UPF held a webinar to introduce its Interreligious Association for Peace and Development.

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## [UPF-Slovakia Discusses Two Nations with Keys to Peace and War](#)



Bratislava, Slovakia—UPF invited a Slovak columnist and former intelligence officer to give his insights into Russia and China.

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## [UPF-France Finds ‘Hospitality’ in Scriptures](#)



Paris, France—"Cultivating Hospitality" was the Dialogue & Alliance meeting's theme.

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## [Catholic Magazine Reports on Think Tank 2022](#)



Rome, Italy—*Colloquia Mediterranea* published an 11+ page article on UPF's Think Tank 2022 project.

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