

STRATEGIC PEACEBUILDING PERSPECTIVES

ILLUSTRATED THROUGH STORIES OF NEPAL'S CONFLICT TRANSFORMATIONS

Date: Monday, February 27, 2017
Time: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Ikeda Grand Reading Room

Dr. Dee Aker, Ph.D., advisor in strategic peacebuilding at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies and former director of Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ), is a psychological anthropologist and conflict resolution professional with 40 years' experience working with individuals and international communities in transition. Aker created the Women PeaceMakers Program, WorldLink~ Connecting Youth to Global

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Affairs, and the Nepal Peace Initiative at the IPJ. (www.sandiego.edu/peace/institutes/ipj/about/). Previously, working in conflict and post conflict settings in Africa, Middle East, Latin America and South Asia, Aker facilitated communications, trainings and negotiations for groups and individuals, with a firm belief that the local peacemakers and partners would be the drivers in successful peacebuilding, and that they could create the appropriate spaces and choices necessary to healing, recovery and paths out of cycles of violence.

Aker will share strategic peacebuilding lenses and perspectives that are helpful to those interested in working for peace with justice. By exploring some of the stories in 15 years of the IPJ Nepal Peace Initiative, you appreciate that peace is a process, it is not linear, and there is no end point, but there are wonderful opportunities to serve and means to encourage people who want to be engaged in a healthy, inclusive community that can deal with conflict and challenges.

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