

**General Outline of Curriculum
School of Peace 2008
February 4 – May 14, 2008**

DATE	TOPIC	RESOURCE PERSON(S)
Feb 4	First session with introductions, guidelines, expectations etc.	Max (ICF)
5	Getting to know each other by using the “River of Life” activity	Mercy (Visthar)
7	Gender and Diversity	Mercy
8	Workshop on Theater of the Oppressed	Ms. Sabina (Germany)
11	Inaugural and introduction to Visthar campus	SOP and Visthar staff
12	Am – Yoga class Pm – Discussion on patriarchy, matriarchy, caste, class, etc	Mr. Subramaniam (India) Max
13	Process of Learning	Mercy, Francis and Nazar (Visthar)
14	Am – Theater of the Oppressed Pm – Join Women in Black in downtown Bangalore to protest against violence against other religions	David (Visthar)
15	Country reports	SOP participants
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18	Discussion on reconciliation, repentance, forgiveness and justice	Max
19	am – Introduction to Module #1 “Self, the Other and Community pm – Discussion on the caste system	David David
20	Am – Discussion on Fundamentalism Pm – country reports	David SOP participants
22	Am – Indigenous Spirituality of Tharu in Nepal Pm – Visit to YMCA and projects in Bangalore	Baghiram (SOP)
25	Departure for first field trip (two groups) -Koppal to study Devadasi system -Kerala to study Tribal and Dalit issues	
March 1	Writing Field Trip Reports	
2	Writing Field Trip Reports Film “Modern Times” (after dinner)	
3	Presentation of Field Trip Reports	SOP participants
4	Am – Global economic issues Pm – Structural Analysis	Mr Beng Seng (Malaysia) Max
5	Am – Globalization Pm – structural analysis	Beng Seng Max
6	Am – Globalization Pm – structural analysis	Beng Seng Max
7	Writing personal reflections on Module #1	

	Film after dinner -“Coca Cola and Development” -“Animal Farm”	
8	Am – structural analysis Pm – Join Women in Black to celebrate International Women’s Day in downtown Bangalore	Max
9	Free day	
10	Am - Sharing of personal reflections pm – Celebration of International Women’s Day on Visthar campus	SOP
11	Sharing of personal reflections (all day)	SOP
12	Pm – meeting with mentors Am – evaluation of Module #1	David
13	Am – Overview of Module #2 “Conflict, Violence and War” Pm – Meeting with sexual minorities	Max Sangama Organization (India)
14	Violence against women (all day)	Mercy
15	Am – structural analysis Pm - free	Max
17	The Military Industrial Complex	Maj Gen Sudhir Bombakere, (India) Retired
18	Depart for 2 nd Field Trip to Gujarat	
27	Am - Learning from Indigenous Spiritualities Pm – Structural Analysis	Wati Longchar (India) Max
28	Am – Learning from Indigenous Spiritualities Pm – Structural Analysis	Wati Max
29	Am – Learning From Indigenous Spiritualities	Wati
31	Presentation of Field Trip Reports	SOP
April 2	Sharing personal reflections on Module #2	SOP
3	Sharing personal reflections on Module #2	SOP
4	Am – Mentoring Pm – Rest	David, Mercy and Max
5	Am - Evaluation of Module #2 Pm – Transformation from a Yoga perspective	David Dr. Subramanium (India)
7	a.m. - Perspectives on Transformation, Theater and Presentation p.m. – Structural Analysis and Community Organizing	David and Mercy Max
8	a.m. – Feminist Perspectives on Transformation p.m – Structural Analysis and Community Organizing	Ms Madhu Bhushan (India) Max
9	Ambedkar’s perspective on transformation	Mr. Baskaran (India)
10	a.m. – Islamic and Christian perspectives on transformation p.m. – Community Organizing	Mr Siraj (India) and David Max

11	a.m. - Gandhian and Periyars Perspective on Transformation p.m. – Community Organizing	Francis (Visthar) Max
12	Transformation experience in Nepal Transformation experience in Shan State, Burma	Ms. Laxmi (SOP) Ms Nang (SOP)
13	Depart for 3 rd Field Trip to Tamil Nadu	
22	Am - Presentation of Field Trip reports Pm – Global Warming	SOP Mr VT Padmanathan (India)
23	Community Organizing (all day)	Max
24	Forum Theater workshop	Mr Anish (India)
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29	Presentation of reflective essays on Module #3	SOP
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May 1-3	“Transformation of Self and Society” workshop	Ms Chan Wai-fong and Ms Rose Wu (Hong Kong)
5	Mentoring	David, Mercy and Max
7-8	Presentation of final reflection papers Informal sharing about transformation in Viet Nam	SOP Ms To Thi Bay and Ms Vinh (Viet Nam)
9-10	Preparation for Festival of Justpeace	Visthar and SOP
11	Festival of Justpeace	
12	Closing ceremony	SOP and Visthar

Note: A variety of films were used to encourage discussions on important issues related to the learning process. Below is a partial list.

1. “My Country” – South African film about the truth and reconciliation hearings
2. “Innocent Voices” – Film from Colombia about child soldiers
3. “Motorcycle Diaries” – The story of the transformation of Che Guevara
4. “Bombies” – Documentary about unexploded ordinance in Laos
5. “Sarafina” – Story of the student uprising in South Africa against the apartheid system
6. “Romero” – Story of the transformation of Bishop Romer in El Salvador
7. “Water” – Indian film about widow houses
8. “Fire” – Indian film about sexual challenges
9. “Animal Farm”
10. “Modern Times” – Charlie Chaplain film about industrialization
11. “Ambedkar” – The life of the Dalit leader Ambedkar
12. “People Under Siege” – Documentary about Burma’s internally displaced people
13. “Living in Fear” – Documentary about indigenous people living in Burma’s war zones
14. Documentaries on issues in India
 - a. “A Valley Refuses to Die”
 - b. “America America”
 - c. “Development at Gun-Point”
 - d. “Final Solution”
 - e. “If it Rains Again”

- f. "In the Name of Medicine"
- g. "Redefining Peace"
- h. "The Time After the Tsunami"
- i. "Water Thief"