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On October 18, 2024, the University of Chicago's Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts will hold its 7th annual Pearson Global Forum. This event, which is free and open to the public, will focus on the theme of “Negotiation and Agreement.” The world is experiencing an increase in global conflict; over the last decade, war has been on the rise, with an increase in political violence.

The Pearson Global Forum will consider both past and present negotiations and agreements, seeking insights that can be applied to new or entrenched conflicts. This event is particularly newsworthy because in a year where over half the world's population will be voting and where electoral and political violence continues to grow, it is important to hear from former heads of state, policymakers, and practitioners as they discuss possible paths to peace.

**WHAT:** The seventh annual Pearson Global Forum on **Negotiation and Agreement** | Free and Open to All

**WHEN:** 18 October 2024 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CDT

**WHERE:** David Rubenstein Forum at the University of Chicago, University Hall and virtually on YouTube Live

**WHO:** The Forum will bring together former ambassadors, government representatives, academics and policymakers who will review past and present conflicts to explore what it takes to negotiate a peace agreement and the strategies needed to maintain those resolutions once they are achieved.

The Forum will feature keynote addresses and panel discussions by over 20 former heads of state and leading experts in the field of conflict negotiation including:

- [Michèle Pierre-Louis](#), Former Prime Minister of Haiti
- [Sergio Jaramillo Caro](#), Former High Commissioner for Peace (2012-2016), Colombia
- [Melanne Vermeer](#), Former US Ambassador for Global Women’s Issues
- [Ramush Haradinaj](#), Former Prime Minister of Kosovo



Additional details, including the full agenda and list of speakers, past Pearson Global Forum recordings, and details about The Pearson Institute can be found here:

<http://thepearsoninstitute.org/GlobalForum/2024>.

To request an interview with a speaker, please send an email specifying who you would like to interview to [annamedearis@uchicago.edu](mailto:annamedearis@uchicago.edu).

For journalists attending in person, a media room will be available, and interviews can be conducted during the Forum. Virtual interviews can also be requested [here](#).

### About The Pearson Global Forum

In a world beset by violent conflict, contributions for a safer and more peaceful world are made through innovative thinking, shared insights, and effective policies. The Pearson Global Forum convenes the world's foremost thinkers and influencers each year for the purpose of informing and developing new strategies to prevent, resolve, and recover from conflict. By promoting dialogue between diverse academics, policymakers, and other stakeholders, the Forum elevates research findings and helps scholars secure the exposure and cooperation necessary to advance their research. For policymakers, the Forum provides access to expert direction and insights they can use to create effective public policy. By bridging this critical gap between research and policy, The Pearson Global Forum can directly impact people and societies around the world.

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