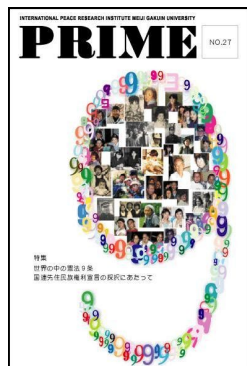


PUBLICATIONS



■PRIME

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■Minami wo Kangaeru

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THE GOAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Hopes for the dawn of an age of peace and prosperity with the end of the Cold War have receded with the tragic events that have followed it.

Globalization has cast a dark shadow on many aspects of our lives despite bringing

benefits in other respects. The increase in the gap between the rich and the poor, human rights abuses, and environmental destruction have provided a backdrop for intensifying civil strife, war and other forms of armed conflict throughout the world. The need has never been greater for a clear understanding of the requirements for global peace, with human dignity restored and freedom from war, based on a thorough analysis of the present situation. It is the mission of the International Peace Research Institute of Meiji Gakuin University (PRIME) to engage its affiliate researchers, as well as students and faculty members in work to address issues of peace in the 21st Century.

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ACTIVITIES

1. INTER-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

PRIME conducts various research projects with affiliated researchers playing a central role. In 2008, our main project research is on “Globalization and Peace,” focusing on the issues of disarmament, role of the media and the reconciliation between cultures and religions.



2. PEACE EDUCATION

As part of its peace studies and peace education program, PRIME organizes a series of classes on the topics of “Hiroshima and Nagasaki” and “Peace, Development and Human Rights.” Different lecturers are invited from both within and outside the university to speak on these topics and engage in discussion with students. With the help of student volunteers, PRIME also hosts “Café de PRIME,” a learning forum where students and teachers gather once a week over brown bag lunches for free, multifaceted discussions about important issues of our times.

Together with student volunteers, PRIME plans and hosts various film screenings, lectures and other events at campus festivals (e.g. Totsuka Festival, Shirokane Festival).

3. ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

PRIME hosts one or two international symposia each year. In May 2008, PRIME held the symposium “War and Peace in Africa.” It also hosts open study groups and lectures on a broad range of issues connected with our project research. In July 2008, PRIME held the seminar “Financial and Ecological Crises” featuring Susan George as a guest speaker.



4. PROVISION OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

PRIME publishes and distributes "PRIME" (the bi-annual proceedings of the institute) and the "Thinking of the South" series (1-2 times a year). The institute also operates a reference room with books and audio-visual materials collected according to the unique perspectives of our affiliated researchers. These materials may be borrowed through the library or browsed on-site (prior appointment required). The Pugwash Library is also open to the public. This is a collection of records, resources and documents pertaining to the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs.

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