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**DIALOGUE
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COLOMBIA**

A symposium on Colombia's conflict
at Swarthmore College

18 – 19 March 2005
Swarthmore College



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Presentation

Started in 2002, *Dialogue for Peace Initiatives (DPI)* is a politically neutral and independent effort to promote platforms for discussion and analysis on various issues in conflicts around the world.

In autumn 2003, DPI organised its first conference, focused on the Jammu and Kashmir conflict between India and Pakistan: the conference was the largest symposium ever held on the Indo-Pakistani conflict, and set up a high standard of excellence in conflict-management programmes. This year, DPI will organise its second conference, focused on the Colombian armed conflict.

Dialogue for Peace Initiatives: Colombia

DPI: Colombia is a conflict-management programme focused on Colombia's armed conflict. Key protagonists, analysts and policy-makers from the entire political spectrum of the country will be invited to participate in the following panels:

Panel I: '1945 – 2004: Armed Conflict and Negotiation': here panellists will discuss the different aspects of the armed confrontation from *La Violencia* to current days: social, economic, and political causes; role of illegal drug trade and the situation of indigenous communities in the complex panorama of Colombia's armed conflict.

- Panel II: 'Negotiation, Reconciliation and Perspectives for Peace': here participants will analyse current peace initiatives being implemented, identify future viable peace scenarios, and discuss possible solutions to the conflict.

Through panel discussions, analysis, workshops, and other events, the programme is designed to facilitate a better understanding of the Colombian conflict and contribute for a peaceful resolution of the worst and most enduring human rights crisis in the Americas.

Programme Schedule*

Spring 2005

January – February

- Film cycle: 'Colombia 1945 – 2004: Conflict and Negotiation'

- Photographic exhibition: 'Colombia: memories of hope'

- Faculty Panel: 'Colombia: perspectives for peace'

March

Dialogue for Peace Initiatives: Colombia

First day of conference (18 March)

- Icebreaking reception

- Opening Event

Second day of conference (19 March)

- Panel I: '1945 – 2004: Armed Conflict and Negotiation'

- Panel II: 'Negotiation, Reconciliation and Perspectives for Peace'

- Closure Event

April - May

- Presentation of Conference Proceedings

* Abridged programme. For a detailed description of locations, events and timing please refer to the conference's invitation package and programme leaflets.

About Swarthmore

Swarthmore College, our host institution, is a private, co-ed liberal arts college in the town of Swarthmore, south of Philadelphia, United States. Along with other highly distinguished liberal arts colleges, Swarthmore is considered one of the top liberal arts colleges in the world.

The school was founded in 1864 by the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Quakers in 1864; and although it became officially non-sectarian in the early 20th century, strong Quaker values still remain pivotal in the institution's values.

Distinguished Swarthmore alumni include four Nobel laureates (including latest Economics laureate Edward C. Prescott '62), five recipients of the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, and hundreds of prominent figures in diverse fields: former presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, novelist James Michener, two current U.S. senators, and other notables.

Swarthmore's strong Quaker tradition is reflected in the school's decisive commitment for initiatives of social responsibility, conflict resolution and peace. This makes it an ideal institution to support this initiative.

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