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EDITORIAL

Hervé Morin
President of the Normandy Region

The Normandy World Peace Forum returns this year for its 8th edition, on 9 and 10 April 2026, with the theme "(no) Hopes for Peace". A major free event open to all, the Forum has, over the years, become an important gathering at regional, national and European level and an essential forum for reflection on global conflicts and the building of lasting peace.

In a world where crises and conflicts are on the rise and international law is being challenged, this new edition aims in particular to offer grounds for hope by identifying concrete ways to build the peace of tomorrow in a context where the shift in the international paradigm requires us to develop new solutions tailored to today's world.

Through conferences and debates, around a hundred speakers will gather at the Abbaye aux Dames in Caen to exchange views and discuss the major challenges facing our world. By placing a key emphasis on youth engagement, this edition will seek to restore meaning to international cooperation and the understanding of the world among younger generations.

Through this major event, the Region reaffirms its commitment to peace and freedom and aims to bring together all those who wish to build a future in which dialogue, cooperation and multilateralism reaffirm their importance and relevance in the face of the hegemonic ambitions of the new empires.

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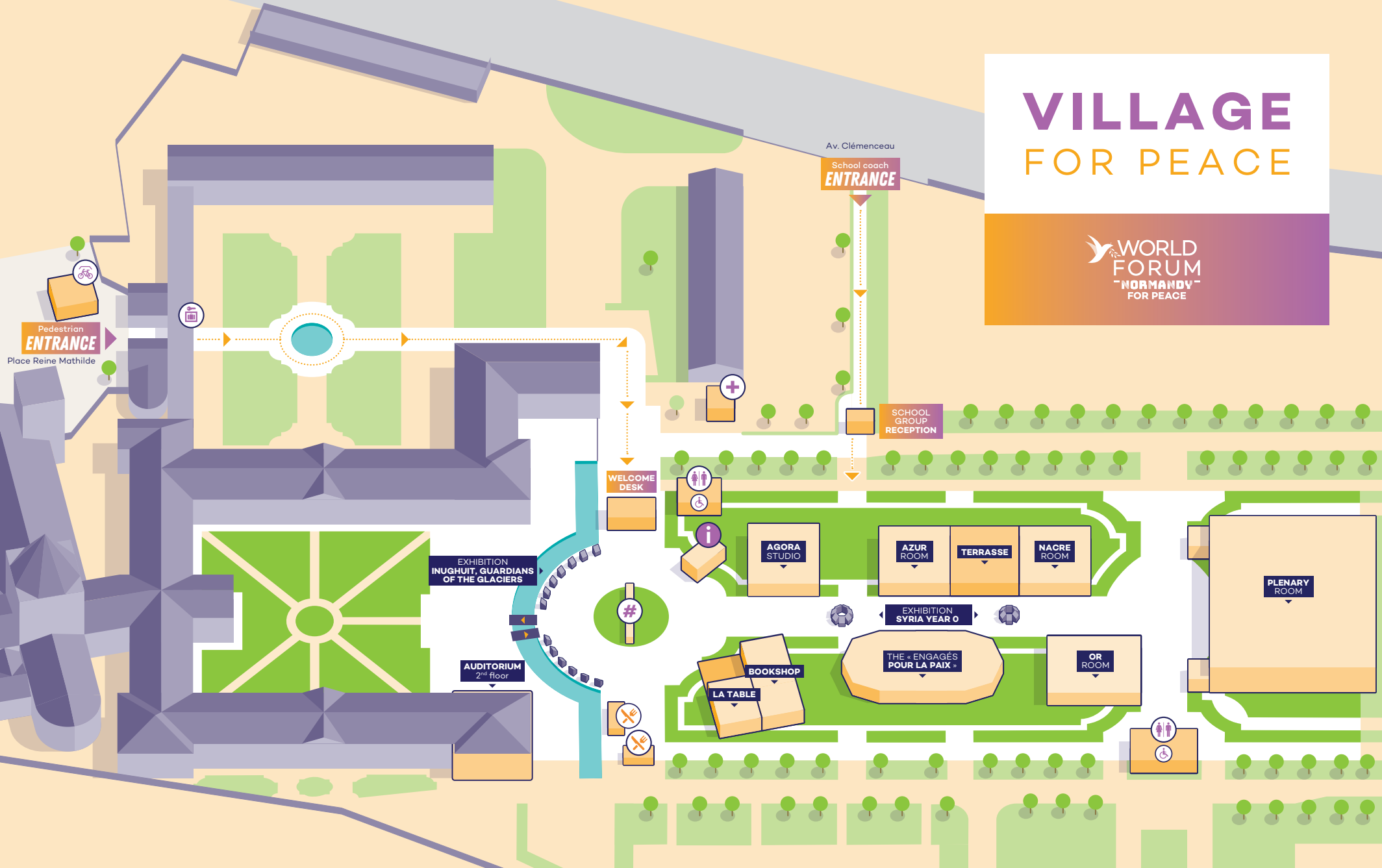
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Plenary Conference

CAN YOUNG PEOPLE STILL CHANGE THE WORLD?

10 AM > 12 PM

Plenary Room

Long relegated to the role of spectator in international relations, young people have often been perceived as the passive heir of a world shaped by their elders. This paradigm is now obsolete. Faced with mounting threats: the climate emergency, the return of high-intensity warfare, the weakening of democracies, a growing proportion of the younger generation seems to be refusing to accept the inevitability of a bleak future being imposed upon them. Far from giving in to apathy or withdrawing, these committed young people are transforming their concern about the world's turmoil into a powerful driving force for action.

Can this mobilisation transcend the realm of protest and enter the political and diplomatic arena in order to push new issues onto the global agenda? It is essential to understand the scope of this engagement and whether this movement could give us reason to hope that it may influence the emerging geopolitical order. Does this refusal to acquiesce mark a decisive turning point for the role of younger generations and for the building of global peace?



OPENING SPEECH

Hervé MORIN
President of the
Normandy Region

MODERATOR

Frédérique BEDOS
Founder of the
information NGO Le
Projet Imagine
**François-Xavier
PRIOLLAUD,**
Vice-President of the
Normandy Region

SPEAKERS

- › **Delphine ALLÈS** | Vice-President of INALCO, Professor of Political Science
- › **Bertrand BADIE** | Professor Emeritus at Sciences Po Paris
- › **Elizeu DE OLIVEIRA CHAVES JUNIOR** | Chief of Staff of the United Nations Youth Office
- › **Briona COLLINS** | Head of Youth, Peace and Security Advocacy at the UNOY Peacebuilders network
- › **Noor HIJAZI** | Lawyer, member of the Reference Group of the United Nations Youth Office
- › **Leonardo PÁRRAGA** | Activist, founder of the BogoART Foundation and the Colombian Youth, Peace and Security Coalition
- › **Adelin PIERRE** | Co-founder of the Haitian Youth Parliament for Water and Sanitation
- › **Audrey RANDRIAMANDRATO** | Founder and President of the NGO Malagasy Women Empowerment
- › **François TADDEI** | President of the Learning Planet Institute

Key moments

EUROPE, A SPINELESS SPECTATOR OR THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS ?

2 PM > 3:30 PM

Plenary Room

The West is fracturing. What seemed unshakeable, a transatlantic alliance bound by common values, is now facing headwinds.

Between an America tempted by isolationism and unpredictability and a Russian threat raging on its eastern borders, Europe finds itself at a moment of truth. Will the Old Continent accept the fate of a spineless creature, a soft and indecisive body, tossed about by decisions made in Washington or Beijing? Or will it choose to be the "last of the Mohicans", the ultimate bastion of liberal democracy and the rule of law in the face of rising authoritarianism? There is no longer any room for ambiguity. To remain a major player on the international stage, Europe must absolutely embrace its own power and define its own voice.



MODERATOR

**François-Xavier
PRIOLLAUD,**
Vice-President of the
Normandy Region

SPEAKERS

- › **Jean-Louis BOURLANGES** | Former French and European Member of Parliament, former Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly
- › **Nicole GNESOTTO** | Vice-President of the Jacques Delors Institute
- › **Gilles GRESSANI** | Director of Le Grand Continent
- › **Jérôme PELLISTRANDI** | General, Editor-in-Chief of the French National Defense Review

The debates

IS THERE A PEACE PLAN FOR PALESTINE?

2 PM > 3:30 PM

Nacre Room

In partnership with the Collège des Bernardins

The war that erupted after the attack on 7 October 2023 profoundly reshaped the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, causing hundreds of thousands of casualties and reducing Gaza to ruins. In response, the plan promoted by Donald Trump and supported by a Security Council resolution promises a ceasefire and a political transition.

On the ground, the facts highlight the gap between rhetoric and reality. The question then is whether this peace plan is viable and what a comprehensive resolution of the conflict might look like.

MODERATOR

Antoine ARJAKOVSKY,
Research Director
at the Collège
des Bernardins

SPEAKERS

- › **Anwar ABU EISHEH** | Former Minister of Culture of the Palestinian Authority
- › **Jamel NUSSEIBEH** | Lawyer and academic, author of a proposed peace plan for Palestine
- › **Michel TAUBMAN** | Franco-Israeli journalist, Founder of the Shalom Salam Jaffa Dialogue Group

REDEFINING PEACE BUILDING WITH WOMEN

2 PM > 3:30 PM

Or Room

In partnership with the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace

It is clear that women are still excluded from security negotiations and decisions, yet peace is a social, political and economic construct based on inclusive governance. The International Institute for Human Rights and Peace, UNESCO, France and the CEDAW committee are calling for action. The goal is the creation of a universal tool, based on clear indicators and AI, to support states and guarantee equality in global leadership.

MODERATOR

Fiona SCHNELL,
Executive Director of the
International Institute
for Human Rights and
Peace

SPEAKERS

- › **Nicole AMELINE** | Former Minister for Gender Parity and Professional Equality, Member of the UN CEDAW Committee, President of the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace
- › **Rangita DE SILVA DE ALWIS** | Professor, Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- › **Caitlin KRAFT-BUCHMAN** | Founding President of Women at the Table

4:30 PM > 6 PM

Or Room

FACING STATE DISENGAGEMENT: WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY?

In partnership with ACTED

The announcement of the liquidation of USAID, combined with the decline in development aid in many donor countries, exposes the flaws of a system already under pressure. For millions of people living in war zones, facing disasters and poverty, this funding provided a vital safety net.

Faced with unprecedented crises, how can we act when resources are dwindling or even disappearing? Can development aid be rethought, diversified or reinvented?

SPEAKERS

- › **Daniel FRIEDMAN** | Director of the "Halving Global Violence" programme at the Center on International Cooperation at New York University
- › **Alban SCHWERER** | Analyst in the Strategy and Foresight Department of Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- › **Gaëtane WICQUART** | Director of 3ZERO Convergences and Communications at Acted

GENERATION Z: REVOLUTION OR DISILLUSIONMENT?

4:30 PM > 6 PM

Plenary Room

Hyper-connected and facing numerous crises, Generation Z has established itself as a central player in mobilisations around the world. It invents new levers of engagement combining climate marches, viral social media campaigns, digital boycotts and unprecedented forms of protest, sometimes at the cost of violent repression.

Is this generation capable of a peaceful revolution to rebuild our democracies, or is it doomed to disillusionment in the face of the scale of the crises?

MODERATOR

Frédérique BEDOS,
Founder of the information
NGO Le Projet Imagine

SPEAKERS

- › **Briona COLLINS** | Head of Youth, Peace and Security Advocacy at the UNOY Peacebuilders network
- › **Noor HIJAZI** | Lawyer, member of the Reference Group of the United Nations Office on Youth
- › **Christine LUTRINGER** | Executive Director and Senior Research Fellow at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, Geneva Graduate Institute
- › **Leonardo PÁRRAGA** | Activist, founder of the BogoART Foundation and the Colombian Coalition for Youth, Peace and Security

The debates

AMERICA FIRST: ARE WE RETURNING TO THE LAW OF THE STRONGEST?

4:30 PM > 6 PM

Azur Room

In partnership with the Foundation for Strategic Research

The new US national security strategy marks a geopolitical shift. Far from isolationism, the "America First" slogan seems to be mutating towards a diplomacy resembling a new imperialism. From the arrest of Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela to the ambitions to acquire Greenland, the United States does not bother to seek the approval of the United Nations. Faced with a superpower that defends its interests through economic or political pressure, how can international law and multilateralism be defended?



MODERATOR

Bruno TERTRAIS,
Deputy Director
of the Foundation for
Strategic Research

SPEAKERS

- > **Margot HADDAD** | Journalist, LCI
- > **Laurence NARDON** | Head of the Americas Programme, French Institute of International Relations (Ifri)
- > **Tara VARMA** | Director of the Strategic Foresight Programme of the German Marshall Fund

CAN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SERVE PEACE?

4:30 PM > 6 PM

Nacre Room

In partnership with XXII

The rise of military AI raises some unprecedented issues: accelerated decision-making, the risk of escalation, the opacity of algorithms and a lack of accountability threaten peace. Without denying these major risks to peace and security, is it possible to guide the development of AI to strengthen conflict prevention and the protection of civilians? Which technologies, actors, and forms of cooperation could enable AI to become a true lever of hope, helping to build the peace of tomorrow?

MODERATOR

François MATTENS,
Director of Public
Affairs and Strategic
Partnerships at XXII

SPEAKERS

- > **Etienne KLEIN** | Director of the Materials Science Research Laboratory at the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA)
- > **Sandrine TURGIS** | Senior Lecturer at the University of Rennes, Specialist in International and European Law and Digital Issues
- > **Sundeep WASLEKAR** | President of the Strategic Foresight Group

SUDAN: WHAT HOPE FOR PEACE IN A FORGOTTEN WAR?

4:30 PM > 6 PM

Auditorium

In partnership with the Arab World Institute

Since April 2023, Sudan has been ravaged by a largely ignored war, with unprecedented levels of serious crimes against the population.

In the face of this, a courageous civil society, heir to the 2019 revolution, continues to implement aid actions and defend a democratic future.

Beyond the conflict, what levers can the international community pull to obtain a ceasefire and support those who are working for peace on a daily basis?



MODERATOR

Christine HOLZBAUER,
Journalist,
Correspondent for
Financial Afrik

SPEAKERS

- > **Souleymane ABBA GANA** | Director of International Programmes and Operations at Secours Islamique France
- > **Raphaëlle CHEVRILLON-GUIBERT** | Research Fellow in Political Sociology at the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement
- > **Hamad GAMAL** | Founder of Sudfa Media

THE VILLAGE FOR PEACE

PROGRAMME



**ALONGSIDE THE TALKS AND DEBATES,
EXPLORE THE VILLAGE FOR PEACE AND ITS WIDE
RANGE OF ACTIVITIES !**

THE "ENGAGÉS POUR LA PAIX"



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ONE works towards a more equal future, in the world and particularly on the African continent. At their booth, take part in fun activities: wheel of fortune, buzzer quizzes, and Fact or Fiction to test your knowledge.

PLAN INTERNATIONAL FRANCE

This network supports more than 52 million children worldwide to promote their rights and gender equality. Participate in several fun activities: photolanguage, taboo game, riddles and testimonies to discuss children's rights.

ACTED

At the Village, the humanitarian organisation invites young people to become actors in a "Theatre of Peace". Through an immersive activity, they discover the major current emergencies and develop their capacity for analysis and collective reflection to imagine a more peaceful world.

SECOURS ISLAMIQUE FRANCE

Secours Islamique France works against poverty and vulnerability in France and around the world, in emergencies and in the long term. Discover its work through exhibitions, a quiz on water and climate, and a virtual reality experience on fleeing crises.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Amnesty International, an independent NGO that fights against serious human rights abuses, offers various activities on their website: the human rights wheel, the creation of slogans and a wall of opinions, etc.

REGIONAL PEACE EDUCATION

Discover the actions carried out by the Normandy Region in particular through the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace and the Normandy Chair for Peace. If you are between 15 and 25 years old, vote for the nominees for the 2026 Freedom Prize!

THE FRENCH RED CROSS, NORMANDY DELEGATION

The French Red Cross welcomes you to discover its actions through various activities: knowledge test on International Humanitarian Law and the association's missions, board game, etc.

THE BLACK BOX OF THE BOÎTE À BAC

The "Boîte à bac", a company creating educational, fun, and innovative content, is offering screenings of the 5 episodes of the web series "Hopes for Peace", produced for this 8th edition of the Forum.

HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL

Handicap International supports vulnerable populations with disabilities. At their booth, discover activities related to their work: demining, emergency response, rehabilitation and inclusion, the impacts of armed conflicts on populations, and more.

STUDIO AGORA

In partnership with the Ouest-France group and its partners

Quest-France and its partners offer you discussions at the heart of international news. **Join them in their space, the Agora studio!**



THURSDAY 9 APRIL

10:30 AM > 12 PM

A LIBERATED SYRIA? AND THEN WHAT?

In December 2024, Bashar al-Assad's regime collapsed. Just over a year later, the questions surrounding Syria's future remain vast.

A session organised in collaboration with the Bayeux Calvados-Normandy Award for War Correspondents and Handicap International.

2 PM > 2:30 PM

NORMANDY CHAIR FOR PEACE

As geopolitical tensions mount, this chair brings together research teams from the fields of law, history and neuroscience to explore the conditions for peace more effectively through a multidisciplinary approach.

2:30 PM > 3:30 PM

NEWS IN DEBATE

*Is AI a threat to the news?
How can we avoid the pitfalls of generative AI?*

4:30 PM > 6 PM

TESTIMONIES OF TWO KEY WITNESSES

With Mamadou DIOULDE DIALLO and Dian SAFRITI, protagonists of the film "I am the Future"

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10:30 AM > 12 PM

INFO-ANXIETY

How do the public – and young people in particular – cope with a constant and often anxiety-inducing flow of information? How can we encourage reflection and put things into perspective?

2 PM > 3:15 PM

SUDAN: THE MOST SERIOUS HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Since 2023, Sudan has been torn apart. Fighting between the regular army and the Rapid Support Forces militia has already claimed more than 150,000 lives and displaced a third of Sudan's 44 million people.

A segment organised with Handicap International

3:15 PM > 4 PM

NEWS IN DEBATE

*Is AI a threat to the news?
How can we avoid the pitfalls of generative AI?*

4:30 PM > 6 PM

IRAN: YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW?

With Kianoush Ramezani, artist, author and cartoonist.



THE BOOKSHOP

In partnership with the Librairies en Normandie association

Facilitated by the bookshop the "Brouillon de Culture", the bookshop offers the works of the speakers for sale, as well as many novels, essays, comic books... Book signing sessions are also scheduled over the two days.

THURSDAY 9 APRIL

12:30 PM > 1 PM

Delphine ALLÈS, Bertrand BADIE and François TADDEI

3:30 PM > 4 PM

Mister GEOPOLITIX, Nicole GNESOTTO and Laurence NARDON

6 PM > 6:30 PM

Bruno TERTRAIS



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12:30 PM > 1 PM

Céline BARDET and Frédéric PIERRUCCI

3:30 PM > 4 PM

Ouissem BELGACEM, Jean-François CORTY and Marie-Caroline SAGLIO-YATZIMIRSKY

6 PM > 6:30 PM

Marianne PÉRON-DOISE



EXHIBITIONS

SYRIA YEAR 0

by photographer Edouard Elias

In partnership with the Bayeux Calvados-Normandie Award for War Correspondents

In Palmyra, Syria, the ancient temples and columns of the Roman theatre were blown up to erase any memory deemed contrary to a particular ideology. The regimes of Bashar al-Assad and the Islamic State, in various forms, have imposed silence through fear, repression and destruction. This black-and-white documentary work documents the traces of this silence in landscapes that still stand: abandoned prisons, empty cells, neighbourhoods in ruins, deserted streets. What emerges is not merely the story of a war, but that of the brutal disappearance of a civilisation caught in the grip of two forms of totalitarianism.



INUGHUIT, GUARDIANS OF THE GLACIERS

by photographer Camille Michel

In partnership with the Les Femmes s'exposent festival

In Savissivik, Greenland, about fifty Inughuit are preserving an ancestral way of life threatened by the melting of the ice pack.

Witnessing climate change, the indigenous community is adapting while protecting its environment. Their relationship with nature makes them models of sustainability, at the heart of major ecological and geopolitical issues.



10 AM > 12 PM

Plenary Room

Plenary Conference

HOW CAN INTERNATIONAL LAW BE SAVED?

The collective security architecture, built in the aftermath of the Second World War, is going through a period of unprecedented turbulence.

Designed to replace the law of the strongest with the force of law, this international order now seems to be crumbling under the onslaught of national ambitions and uninhibited power relations.

Impunity is gaining ground, while multilateral institutions, often paralysed by vetoes and divisions, struggle to stem the resurgence of high-intensity conflicts.

In light of this erosion, there is a strong temptation to declare the end of common rules. However, the legal vacuum would only benefit violence and chaos.

Restoring the credibility and effectiveness of international law is the essential condition for ensuring the protection of peoples. More than just a technical adaptation, a true reinvention of global regulatory mechanisms is now required.



OPENING SPEECH

Dominique DE VILLEPIN

Former Prime Minister of France

MODERATOR

Frédérique BEDOS

Founder of the information NGO Le Projet Imagine

François-Xavier PRIOLLAUD,

Vice-President of the Normandy Region

SPEAKERS

➤ **François ALABRUNE** | French Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and candidate for the position of judge at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for the 2027–2036 term

➤ **Céline BARDET** | Founder and President of We Are Not Weapons of War, International Criminal Lawyer and Investigator

➤ **Nicole GNESOTTO** | Vice-President of the Jacques Delors Institute

➤ **Anousheh KARVAR** | France's Delegate to the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the G7-G20 Labour-Employment, Chair of the ILO Governing Body

➤ **Frédéric PIERRUCCI** | Founding Chair of Ikarian, author of "The American Trap"

The debates

2 PM > 3:45 PM

Plenary Room

OPENING SPEECH

Bertrand DENIAUDVice-President of the
Normandy Region

MODERATOR

**Sarah MAYER-
CHARLET**Education Officer for
the Prix Liberté at the
International Institute for
Human Rights and Peace**FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM: THE INSPIRING
JOURNEY OF OUISSEM BELGACEM**

Every year, the Freedom Prize invites young people aged 15 to 25 from around the world to nominate a person or organisation engaged in an exemplary fight for freedom.

This session will take place in two stages: a meeting with Ouissem Belgacem, former professional footballer, writer and civil rights activist, preceded by an activity led by the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace, allowing students to learn about the struggles of the three nominees and to participate in the selection of the 2026 Freedom Prize winner.

SPEAKER

› **Ouissem BELGACEM** | Former footballer, writer, President of the jury for the 2025 Freedom Prize

**ARMED CONFLICTS: WHEN STATES PRIVATISE
SECURITY AND WAR?**

In partnership with the Synopia Institute

War is no longer the prerogative of regular armies. We are witnessing an "uberisation" of conflicts. States seeking discretion are now outsourcing their operations to private providers.

This privatisation offers governments the opportunity to wage "low cost" wars while denying any responsibility. This drift is accompanied by dangerous precedents, as illustrated for example by the activities of the Wagner group. How can war be regulated when its actors are no longer soldiers but employees or mercenaries?



MODERATOR

**Alexandre
MALAFAYE,**Founding President of
the Synopia Institute

SPEAKERS

› **Geneviève GOËTZINGER** | Former Director General of RFI, President of the company ImaGGe

› **Thierry MARCHAND** | Army corps general, Former Ambassador of France to Cameroon

› **Eric TURQUET DE BEAUREGARD** | General Commissioner of the Navy

**MANIPULATION, DISINFORMATION,
INTERFERENCE: WHAT SAFEGUARDS CAN
PROTECT OUR SOCIETIES?**

2 PM > 3:30 PM

Nacre Room

In partnership with the Inria Foundation

Conflict is no longer confined to the military arena, but is now being played out in the media, on the internet and in the realm of ideas. "Cognitive warfare" aims to alter perceptions rather than destroy forces. By industrialising disinformation, artificial intelligence amplifies its reach.

By polarising opinions, these interferences erode public trust, the foundation of democratic regimes. What levers can we use to protect the information space?



MODERATOR

**XAVIER
CHEMISSEUR,**
Editor-in-Chief,
France 24

SPEAKERS

› **Delphine Allès** | Vice-President of INALCO, Professor of Political Science

› **Cécile DOLBEAU-BANDIN** | Senior Lecturer at the IUT Grand Ouest Normandie and Researcher at the Centre for Research on Risks and Vulnerabilities at the University of Caen

› **Tiphaine LE LIBOUX** | International Reporter at AFP

**BOMBED, DIVIDED, ISOLATED: WHAT FATE
AWAITS IRAN?**

2 PM > 3:30 PM

Or Room

In partnership with The Conversation France

Already considerably weakened by numerous strategic setbacks in its region of influence and by a protest movement that shows no sign of weakening despite the repression, Iran is now the target of a "regime change" campaign by the United States and Israel. Despite the death of several leaders, the Mullahs' regime has not yet had its last word in the face of a divided opposition and an unclear US strategy. What scenarios are emerging for Iran, its population, and the entire region?

MODERATOR

Grégory RAYKO,
Head of the international
column of The Conversation
France

SPEAKERS

› **Bertrand BADIE** | Professor Emeritus at Sciences Po Paris

› **Azadeh KIAN** | Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Université Paris Cité

› **Agnès LEVALLOIS** | President of the Institut de recherche et d'études Méditerranée Moyen-Orient (iReMMO)

The debates

UNDERSTANDING MIGRATION: FROM THE CAUSES OF EXILE TO THE CHALLENGES OF RECEPTION

2 PM > 3:30 PM

Auditorium

In partnership with the Institut Convergences Migrations (CNRS)

Faced with global conflicts, the climate emergency and new demographic dynamics, more and more populations are being forced into exile. Moving beyond an analysis based solely on figures and deciphering the issues and prejudices at stake is essential to understanding the importance of organising the reception and protection of these populations. Beyond states, what role can associations, local authorities and citizens play in transforming the migration challenge into a shared opportunity for the future of our societies?



MODERATOR

Marie-Caroline SAGLIO-YATZIMIRSKY,
Director of the CNRS Institut
Convergences Migrations

SPEAKERS

- > **Jean-François CORTY** | President of Médecins du Monde France
- > **Auréliel HASSAK MARZORATI** | Director General of the Centre d'action sociale protestant
- > **Aman MOHAMAD-SAID** | Mediator, interpreter
- > **Matthieu TARDIS** | Co-director of Synergies Migrations

4:30 PM > 6 PM

Plenary Room

THE HIGH SEAS: A NEW SPACE FOR CONQUEST, A NEW ARENA FOR CONFRONTATION?

In partnership with the Geopolitical Encounters in Trouville-sur-Mer

A vital space for global trade, the High Seas has become the scene of major strategic rivalries and competitions. Underwater cable sabotage, espionage, piracy, threats to infrastructure: far from classic confrontations, a hybrid war is unfolding in the oceans and weakening respect for international law. Faced with this territorialisation of the seas, how can we prevent the ocean depths from becoming the next battleground for the great powers?

MODERATOR

Laure MANDEVILLE,
Senior reporter at
Le Figaro and co-founder
of the "Tocqueville
Conversations"

SPEAKERS

- > **Laurent BECHLER** | Rear Admiral, Director of the Centre d'études stratégiques de la Marine
- > **Maxence BRISCHOUX** | Associate Researcher at the Thucydides Centre, Paris-Panthéon-Assas University
- > **Marianne PERON-DOISE** | Director of the Indo-Pacific Geopolitical Observatory at the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS)

WHAT CHANGES LIE AHEAD FOR SECURITY IN ASIA?

4:30 PM > 6 PM

Auditorium

In partnership with Asia-Pacific Leadership Network

China for the economy, the United States for security: this equation has long structured the geopolitics of the Asia-Pacific. However, in the first year of Donald Trump's second term, its relevance was called into question.

As the United States turns away from the region, China is demonstrating its ambition to assume a role as a regional security provider. In this context, how do Asian states foresee the evolution of their relations with Beijing over the next decade?

MODERATOR

Tanvi KULKARNI,
Senior Policy Fellow at
Asia-Pacific Leadership
Network, Visiting Fellow
at the Institute of Peace
and Conflict Studies,
New Delhi

SPEAKERS

- > **Jean-François DI MEGLIO** | Chair of the Advisory Board, Asia Centre
- > **Eunjung LIM** | Professor of International Studies at Kongju National University in South Korea (KNU)
- > **Carlos SORRETA** | Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations

YOUTH WORKSHOPS

This year, **10 workshops** designed exclusively for high school students will be offered during the two days of the Forum:

THURSDAY 9 APRIL

10:30 AM > 12:30 PM

SCREENING OF THE DOCUMENTARY "LE PROJET"

In partnership with Les Temps qui Courent

10:30 AM > 12 PM

OBSERVING PEACE, DECODING WAR: INDICATORS AND STATISTICAL REPRESENTATION

In partnership with the DECRIP project (INALCO)

10:30 AM > 12 PM

DISCOVERING DIPLOMATIC CAREERS

In partnership with the Académie diplomatique et consulaire

10:30 AM > 12 PM

PEACE LAB - IMAGINING AND BUILDING PEACE IN EVERYDAY LIFE

In partnership with the Learning Planet Institute

2 PM > 3:30 PM

CONVERSATION WITH TWO KEYS WITNESS - CHAIRED BY MISTER GÉOPOLITIX

2 PM > 4 PM

SCREENING OF THE DOCUMENTARY "I AM THE FUTURE"

In partnership with Life Project 4 Youth

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SCREENING OF THE DOCUMENTARY "A SISTER'S TALE"

In partnership with Docs up Fund

10:30 AM > 12 PM

LEX MACHINA: THE MOCK TRIAL OF AN AI

In partnership with the International institute for Human Rights and Peace

10:30 AM > 12 PM

SPAIN: A MODEL OF DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION?

With the participation of the Honorary Consulate of Spain in France

10:30 AM > 12 PM

DIALOGUE ABOUT THE WEB SERIES "HOPES FOR PEACE"

In partnership with the "Boîte à Bac"

These sessions are reserved for school audiences and are not accessible to the general public.

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2026

10 AM > 12 PM

Plenary Conference | Plenary Room
CAN YOUNG PEOPLE STILL CHANGE THE WORLD?

12 PM > 2 PM

Lunch Break
Catering available on site

2 PM > 3:30 PM

Key moments | Plenary Room
Europe: A Spineless Spectator or the Last of the Mohicans?

Debate | Or Room
Redefining peace building with women

Debate | Nacre Room
Is there a peace plan for Palestine?

4:30 PM > 6 PM

Debate | Plenary Room
Generation Z: revolution or disillusionment?

Debate | Or Room
Facing State Disengagement: What is the Future of international solidarity?

Debate | Nacre Room
Can artificial intelligence serve peace?

Debate | Azur Room
America First: Are we returning to the law of the strongest?

Debate | Auditorium
Sudan: What hope for peace in a forgotten war?

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FRIDAY 10 APRIL 2026

10 AM > 12 PM

Plenary Conference | Plenary Room
HOW CAN INTERNATIONAL LAW BE SAVED?

12 PM > 2 PM

Lunch Break
Catering available on site

2 PM > 3:30 PM

Debate | Plenary Room
Fighting for freedom: the inspiring journey of Ouissem Belqacem

Debate | Or Room
Bombed, divided, isolated: what fate awaits Iran?

Debate | Nacre Room
Manipulation, disinformation, interference: what safeguards can protect our societies?

Debate | Azur Room
Armed conflicts: when states privatise security and war?

Debate | Auditorium
Understanding migrations: from the causes of exile to the challenges of reception

4:30 PM > 6 PM

Debate | Plenary Room
The High Seas: A new space for conquest, a new arena for confrontation?

Debate | Auditorium
What changes lie ahead for security in Asia?

Opening hours of the site

From 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Catering available on site

Food trucks and bars are available in the grounds of the Abbaye aux Dames

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