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 **Bologna, Italy (in-person only)**

Now at its 7th edition, the Bologna Peacebuilding Forum (BPF) has become a landmark event and a key platform for peacebuilding discussions in Italy and abroad. The forum provides a space where practitioners, scholars, policymakers, and civil society actors come together to exchange ideas, share insights, and explore collaborative solutions to some of the most pressing challenges in conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

This year's theme:

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We live in an era of deepening conflicts and widening divisions. Despite global leaders emphasizing peace, trust in mediation and diplomacy is fading. Even more concerning, the legitimacy of armed conflict as a tool of international politics is rising, often at the cost of international law and human rights.

Against this backdrop, the Bologna Peacebuilding Forum will provide a space to analyse and discuss challenges and opportunities for peacebuilding in a digital era, pioneering new, human-centered solutions for peacebuilding in a rapidly evolving digital landscape.



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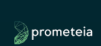


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Today's world is increasingly shaped by protracted wars and polarised societies. While political leaders routinely refer to peace as a priority, trust in mediation and peace processes is eroding. Even more worryingly, armed conflicts are more and more perceived as a legitimate way of solving international disputes and exercising power, while international law and human rights are often ignored.

Now at its seventh edition, the Bologna Peacebuilding Forum has become a leading global event for scholars and practitioners to discuss new frontiers of peacebuilding.

This edition will explore innovative ways of building peace, with particular reference to the role of digital and communication technologies.

Technology is an integral part of most aspects of life. It constantly changes and redefines the way we communicate, work and access information and public services. We often focus on the risks associated with technology, while its potential opportunities are frequently overlooked. At the same time, while peacebuilding remains a human-centred endeavour in which personal interactions are crucial, the recent technological changes are transforming the field.

Against this backdrop, the Bologna Peacebuilding Forum will provide a space to analyse and discuss challenges and opportunities for peacebuilding in a digital era. The ambition is to pioneer innovative ways to address violent conflicts and use technology in smart and human-centred ways.