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 Speakers include:

**TUESDAY 6 JULY**

Keynote address by Johan Galtung, heralded as the founder of peace research, created the International Peace Research Institute of Oslo and the TRANSCEND network, on: Communicating Peace, Abolishing War.

Oliver Richmond, Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of St Andrews, UK and author, Peace in International Relations, on the ‘liberal peace’ model, what it says about Australia’s mission in Afghanistan and whether it can ever be won.

**WEDNESDAY JULY 7**

Larry Wittner, Professor of History, State University of New York, Albany and author, Confronting the Bomb, the story of the global disarmament movement, with Hiroshima H-bomb survivor Junko Morimoto and Aboriginal test-blast survivor, Yami Lester, on abolishing nuclear weapons.

FRIDAY JULY 9

Jake Lynch, Director of CPACS, University of Sydney, with Carolyn Arguillas, founder of Mindanews (Philippines) and dissident Sri Lankan film-maker and rights activist Sunila Abeysekara, on peace journalism and media activism.

SATURDAY JULY 10

Irene Khan, outgoing Secretary General, Amnesty International, with LisaLinda Natividad (Guam) and John Ondawame (West Papua) on defending and extending human rights.

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