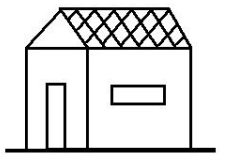




International Institute of Peace and Development Studies (IIPDS)



Ref: Invitation to Help Identify Potential Co-organizers for SASP-SPSSI Small Group Meeting in Collaboration with

IIPDS

Dear Colleagues,

The **International Institute of Peace and Development Studies (IIPDS)** Bangkok under Asian Resource Foundation Bangkok is willing to hold a **2-day SASP-SPSSI Small Group Meeting** in collaboration with **SASP and SPSSI** on the **'Significance of Social Psychology and Personality Psychology in Peace Building through Conflict Transformation'**, as a **satellite event to the SASP annual conference** to be held in Canberra in 2024.

We are seeking co-organisers for this event.

About IIPDS: IIPDS has been a stand-alone institute on peace building since 2007, running seminars, programs courses etc across Asia on peace studies, development, and human rights, offering training in peace building, reconciliation, conflict transformation, negotiation, human rights, mental health, and social work. It also holds inter-faith forums for dialogue exchange on practical solutions to pressing social issues. Through these efforts IIPDS aims to create generations of peace workers, peace defenders and peace negotiators to prevent conflict and promote sustainable peace in multi-cultural and multi- ethnic Asia and beyond. Each year about 150 youth and professionals from various countries take part in these activities. In 2020 IIPDS along with ARF brought out an e-book on 'Perspectives of Conflict Transformation'.

As indicated in our earlier EOI and articulated more clearly in our full application, **IIPDS will provide food and lodging** (on twin sharing basis except for keynote speaker) to all attendees from the **day prior** (from morning) to the **day after** (to evening) the event. **IIPDS on its own can meet all such and other costs during the event** with the **SPSSI-SASP grant** (if received) for such a meeting, **needing no fund from anyone else** and levying **no registration charges on attendees**.

Travel costs are to be met by all attendees. Possible dates of the meet are **21-22.11.'24** or **29-30.11.'24**, with a spare day, in each case, between the meet and SASP event. Attendees can **stay in IIPDS** from **20.11.24 to 23.11.24** or **28.11.24 to 30.11.24** as per dates chosen. **Paid airport and/or city pick-ups and drops can be arranged by IIPDS**. Group pick-ups and drops are preferred. Dates will be finalized based on more number of attendees agreeing to a given dates set. IIPDS will be happy to welcome all to the meet.

Proceedings of the Meeting can be **published in SASP and/or SPSSI journal/s** and **IIPDS newsletter as special issues** if possible.

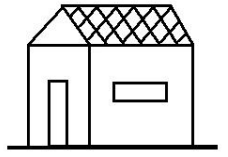
Location: IIPDS is in Nong Chok, on the outskirts of Bangkok, 35kms from Subarnabhum International Airport and 50kms from Bangkok city centre, accessible by public transport (taxis etc), with easy getaways to shopping and tourist hot-spots.

Facilities: Within a suburban, spacious, serene and green campus, IIPDS provides the following facilities to all involved- **Meeting Room** - Covered on 3 sides by glass walls, for sufficient play of daylight, giving a sense of sync with the nature outside, the meeting room can seat 40 attendees. It is equipped with ACs, moving whiteboard, tables, movable chairs, projector with screen, wireless internet, and microphones. There are ladies and gents toilets beside it for bio-breaks, **Reading Room**- Surrounded by a pond, and made of glass walls, it provides seating for 20 people, in AC comfort. This calm set-up amid books and journals is ideal for individual learning and discussions, while enjoying the view of nature, **Lodging**- There are 24 comfortable rooms on twin-sharing basis. Each room comes with washroom, AC, multiple plug points and wireless internet access. Ramps are there to help wheelchair-bound people get into the lodging facilities, **Premises**- It is full of greenery (big trees, garden, playing field) with cosy seating spaces for casual chats amid nature and in the lobby. An in-house kitchen serves fresh food in nice dining settings (indoors and outdoors). Laundry facilities are there. Smoking and drinking alcohol are prohibited in the campus. The entire campus except the kitchen and respective lodging areas are open to all at all times.

The whole premises is ideal for meet-ups and me-time in a very relaxed milieu.



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Please do not hesitate to contact **Mr. Sumit Dutta, Visiting Resource Person, IIPDS**, at sdpsychoblast@gmail.com for **any query**. Thanking you in advance.

Yours Sincerely,

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