

Newsletter

Creating Safer Space

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Dear All,

In today's newsletter, we share invitations to two events that explore new research on unarmed civilian protection, and updates from *Creating Safer Space* projects.

Creating Safer Space is an international research network, which aims to understand and support unarmed civilian protection and self-protection amidst violent conflict.

Research Café: The Centrality of Relationships to Nonviolence and UCP

At the next *Creating Safer Space* Research Café, Louise Ridden and Felicity Gray will present their research on the Unarmed Civilian Protection in theory and in practice, and the similarities and differences they found in the work.

2.00 – 3.30 pm UTC on **Monday 21 August**

Please use a [timezone converter](#) to check your local time.

The session will be held in English and Spanish with simultaneous translation.

Please register for this online **Zoom event** here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/join?z=us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkduihqzqsHNLpCgxv5JPo3dMLDbUDK6vk>

The aim of this network-wide *Creating Safer Space* Research Café is to enable people in different parts of the world to exchange knowledge and to help build a community of Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP) researchers and practitioners.

UCP Research Forum on Asia

The *Creating Safer Space* team at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, invites you to the second UCP Research Forum on Asia.

This month, Arfiansyah (International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies) and Delsy Ronnie (Nonviolent Peaceforce) will share experiences and insights from their research project, "Exploring Local Infrastructures and Initiatives for Civilian (Self) Protection in Papua amidst Violent Conflict".

7.30 – 9.00 pm Bangkok time (12.30 – 2.00 pm UTC) on **Wednesday 23 August**

Please use a [timezone converter](#) to check your local time.

The session will be held in English.

Please register for this online **Zoom event** here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?z=us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwofuqrpzqiGdfsIGBqoXnqTWFTaN-0EFQh>

News from Projects in our Network



The research team of the project “**The Social Process of Guarantees of Antioquia, Colombia, an experience of unarmed civil protection with indigenous and peasant communities of Bajo Cauca**” has prepared a newsletter, which details their recent fieldwork. They have carried out ‘word circles’ with the communities and have accompanied the installation of white flags as a self-protection mechanism. You can read their newsletter [here](#).

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