

PUBLIC CONFERENCE

PEACE, POWER-SHARING AND CITIZEN INCLUSION: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES FOR KANAKY AND/OR NEW CALEDONIA

FEBRUARY 25, 2026 – NOUVILLE CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 26, 2026 – BACO CAMPUS

PROGRAM

5:30 p.m. – Official opening of the conference

5:45 p.m. – Introduction to the Inclusive Peace
project

6:00 p.m. – International perspective: Northern
Ireland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and
Mindanao

6:45 p.m. – Local perspective

7:30 p.m. – Q&A session

8:00 p.m. – End of the conference



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PRESENTATION

After more than thirty years of institutional peace following the Matignon–Oudinot and Nouméa Accords, New Caledonia remains a deeply divided society. The self-determination referendums (2018–2021) and the violence of May 2024 highlighted the persistence of community divisions and the limitations of the current governance model.

This conference will bring together local and international speakers who are specialists in comparative law and power sharing in divided societies. Drawing on their experiences in Northern Ireland, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Mindanao (Philippines), they will offer a comparative perspective on the consociational institutional mechanisms put in place to preserve peace and organise coexistence.

Particular focus will be given to the case of Kanaky and/or New Caledonia, with the presentation to the general public of the results of a quantitative survey of 1,200 people. While confirming the depth of the divisions, this study also reveals the existence of unprecedented margins for compromise.

At a time of major statutory change, this conference aims to contribute to the public debate on the institutional future of the country.

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DETAILED PROGRAM

5:30 p.m. – Official Opening

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IPNC Symposium Organising Committee and Project Leads

6:00 p.m. – International perspective

- Northern Ireland: Allison McCulloch
- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Valentino Grbavac
- Mindanao (Philippines): Yuji Uesugi and Dahlia Simangan

6:45 p.m. – Local perspective

- Introductory overview of the political situation: Mathias Chauchat
- Presentation of the results of the New Caledonia's questions from the Inclusive Peace survey: Anthony Tutugoro
- Presentation of an experiment conducted as part of the Inclusive Peace survey in New Caledonia: Laura Sudulich and Raluca Popp

7:30 p.m. – Q&A Session: Plenary Roundtable

8:00 p.m. – End of the conference