

## UPF-Argentina's IAAP: Cultural and Technological Challenges for the Common Good

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Argentina -- "Cultural and Technological Challenges for the Common Good" was the theme of the inaugural panel of the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP)-Argentina. The webinar was held on November 3, 2020, with 184 registered and 87 online connections. Presentations on the five lines of action stated by IAAP-UPF-Argentina were given by Teresa Sacco, Francisco Albarello, Paola Delbosco, Oscar Muñoz and Romina Nogues; they are described in the section below, "Presentations and Themes."

The panel was moderated by Ambassador for Peace Julio Nardini, history and theology teacher (UCA) and former high-school director. The QandA section was coordinated by Ambassador for Peace Alzira Provo Chaves. A special UPF guest and coordinator of IAAP-South America, Danilo Correa, gave a brief speech. General moderation was in the charge of Miguel Werner, UPF-Argentina Secretary General; technical coordination was in the charge of Emanuel Sayavedra, member of UPF-Argentina's Governing Board.

**Recording:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOCoyljMoO8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOCoyljMoO8)

### Presentations and Themes:

#### Education and Values

Teresa Sacco, public accountant (UBA) and professional coach; postgraduate in Strategic Management and Negotiation Training (Harvard); interdisciplinary team, Foundation FEPAIS  
Recording: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=85-jDi0kJ1M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85-jDi0kJ1M)

#### Education and Technology

Francisco Albarello, Doctorate in social communication from Austral University and postgraduate in e-learning from Murcia University (Spain)  
Recording: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFijH3gK7z0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFijH3gK7z0)

#### Education and Culture

Paola Delbosco, Doctorate in philosophy from Rome's Università degli Studi "La Sapienza" (Italy); member of Academia Nacional de Educación  
Recording: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yBxBvefSY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yBxBvefSY)

#### Education and Media

Oscar Muñoz, Radio and TV Producer and Director – ISER – ENACOM

Recording: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jm13b\\_Z1zYs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jm13b_Z1zYs)

## Education and Environment

Romina Nogues, undergraduate in sociology (UBA); graduate in qualitative research methodology (UBA)

Recording: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUoYk3d8g9g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUoYk3d8g9g)



### QandA Section:

Alzira Provo Chaves, Bachelor in history; Portuguese teacher at Luján National University and Moreno National University

Recording: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPPH9BHRpk4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPPH9BHRpk4)

### IAAP/UPF Guest:

Danilo Correa, Bachelor in History, Bandeirante University (UNIBAN, Brazil); Regional Coordinator, IAAP-South America

Recording: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRhfl.5g4dRk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRhfl.5g4dRk)

### Objectives

To raise critical, constructive thinking in the core mission of seeking truth, kindness and beauty for the sake of the common good and world peace, with a new awakening of conscience in our current historical path, based on the premises of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal Values.

To offer the academic and scientific research world a meeting space where they can exchange ideas and proposals that can bring answers and solutions to the various issues affecting humanity and the planet, from poverty and corruption to a wide variety of conflicts, including current governing problems, social collapse and environmental upheaval.

To promote academic and scientific achievements that are substantial contributions to sustainable development, good governance and connection with the environment; that allow to weigh the importance of the family in the social fabric, the internalization of standards, the active commitment to the common good and coexistence with a peace perspective.

To promote excellence in information, which includes intercultural and interreligious aspects, for a more empathetic and cooperative leadership among the different disciplines and fields, overcoming old dichotomies and struggles. To promote research, publishing of academic materials and development of the arts and expressions that imply social commitment, which help achieve mutual dialogue and understanding, as well as fraternity among peoples and cultures.

To promote a broader perspective of the "intellect," which includes the emotional and spiritual, the transcendent sense of human existence, with new analysis categories and an approach that allows a greater understanding of the physical and metaphysical world. Knowledge of underlying worldviews, religions and philosophies, which allow us to think and portray more friendly, sustainable social and global order, with Eastern and Western universal values: as one human family connected with the Creator and the creation.

### IAAP Background

UPF Founders Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han Moon sought to include values in all disciplines and

leadership areas in times of a slow neglect of spirituality, family breakdown and ideological–commercial fights filled with selfish interests, which threaten sustainability of humanity and the planet. With this purpose, they created forums, congresses and regional and global conferences with eminent people to address these urgent issues, to raise awareness and commitment for the sake of the common good and peace. In the academic and educative field, they established the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS) in 1972 (1) and the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) in 1973 (2), considering their role in society as not only generators and senders of knowledge but also of values.

ICUS and PWPA had countless meetings throughout the decades in different countries that, along with other initiatives, included book publishing, teaching materials and specialized content. Later, they founded the Unification Thought Institute and the Hyo Jeong Academy of Arts and Sciences, with the theme "Filial love is the root of all virtues," considering the importance of arts in the approach of peoples and cultures. Its starting point is, precisely, filial piety, a key Eastern value compared to the Western meaning of fraternity.

Apart from establishing educational and cultural centers, more recently, in February 2020 in Korea UPF launched the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP) during the World Summit "Realizing World Peace and Reunification of the Korean Peninsula Through Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values." This was a historical meeting that united the most eminent global leaders, motivated to play a key role in such challenging times of issues and opportunities of change.



### IAAP-Argentina Lines of Action

The Academy founded by Plato sought the knowledge of Truth, Goodness and Beauty and was committed to the Common Good, which is expressed in The Republic. By seeking universal truths expressed in their ideas, members wanted to achieve ethical development of individuals and societies.

UPF sponsored the formation of the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), which suggests the intellectual, moral and spiritual development of humankind by developing a critical, constructive thought, whose mission is to achieve Truth, Goodness and Beauty; to make our world a better place, addressing its most critical challenges and promoting world peace.

The aforementioned will occur by understanding the interdependence of nations and seeking their mutual prosperity, based on universal values. Academicians can contribute to this process, which can allow humanity to appreciate each other as a family, with a transcendent, holistic vision.

According to the preceding considerations, the IAAP raises these five lines of action in Argentina: "Education and Values," "Education and Technology," "Education and Culture," "Education and Media," and "Education and Environment."

### Quotes

1) International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences webpage (ICUS): [icus.org](http://icus.org)

2) Professors World Peace Academy webpage (PWPA): [www.pwpa.org](http://www.pwpa.org)

IAAP: [www.upf.org/iaap](http://www.upf.org/iaap)

UPF webinar series: [www.upf.org/peacetalks](http://www.upf.org/peacetalks)