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Invitation: Inaugural Peter Wallensteen Lecture



The Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University invites you to attend the inaugural lecture in a new annual lecture series honoring the department's founder, Professor Peter Wallensteen.

Professor Wallensteen's contributions to peace studies have been profound, particularly in the fields of sanctions, conflict data, conflict resolution, mediation and peacebuilding. In celebration of his 80th birthday and as a tribute to his enduring legacy, we are launching this annual lecture series to bring together leading scholars and practitioners to discuss the most pressing issues in peace and conflict research.

For the inaugural Peter Wallensteen Lecture, we are delighted to welcome **Professor Mary Ellen O'Connell** from the Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame. She will deliver a lecture titled "AI for Peace", drawing on her extensive expertise in international law and her current research on AI in the military domain. Her talk will explore how AI applications can help achieve compliance with the prohibition of force.

The lecture will take place on 20 May at 14.15 in the [Humanities Theatre](#), Thunbergsvägen 3C, Uppsala. A reception will follow.

Thank you for considering our invitation—we hope to see you there!

Ashok Swain,
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Mary Ellen O'Connell is the Robert and Marion Short Professor of Law and Professor of International Peace Studies—Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, USA. Her work is in the areas of international law on the use of force, international dispute resolution, and international legal theory. Her current work is on AI in the military domain.

