

International Peace Educator and Mediator Paul Dziatkowiec Joins GIIP to Host Honolulu Lecture on International Diplomacy



During his visit to the Gandhi International Institute for Peace (GIIP) in Honolulu, Paul Dziatkowiec drew on his extensive career in diplomacy and conflict mediation to address the primary trends driving today's turbulent geopolitical environment. He also offered key insights into the current state of international peacemaking.

Drawing on his experience across Ukraine, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, he provided an overview of the significant shifts in geopolitics and conflict dynamics that have impacted peace negotiations in recent years. These include the erosion of core principles in international relations, the growing complexity of global conflicts, and the tendency of some nations to pursue quick fixes over principled solutions.

The subsequent discussion with the audience delved into mediators' strategies—and their challenges in securing lasting solutions—within the contexts of Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, and Sudan. Participants also sought Dziatkowiec's views on the urgency of UN Security Council reform, the role of principled middle powers in sustaining the rules-based international order, and the essential interplay between justice and enduring peace.

Finally, the event concluded with a robust exchange on how individuals and local organizations can help rebuild trust and foster meaningful dialogue within divided communities, drawing on historical lessons from Hawaii and the broader United States.