Three core commitments guide our work: international courts and tribunals are essential to strengthening global justice, in cooperation with other important international and national institutions; the arts are an important and under-utilized resource for bringing peace to divided communities around the world; and a better future depends on a new generation endowed with the passion, knowledge, creativity, and humility to enact meaningful social change.

We pursue these principles through shared knowledge, action and reflection. We complement traditional scholarship, teaching and publication with dynamic and sustained gatherings where people work together to develop new ideas and forge new approaches to problems of justice, peace and human dignity.

Around the world we

- convene the Brandeis Institute for International Judges, the world’s only regular gathering of judges who serve on international courts and tribunals.
- sustain an active network of theater artists and peacebuilders who are helping communities recover from violence and developing new approaches to violence prevention.
- share new ideas about the implementation of human rights and international law with judges, activists and other professionals at the national and local levels.

At Brandeis we

- provide undergraduates with the opportunity to undertake and reflect on meaningful work in organizations around the world as Sorensen Fellows.
- develop and support courses, publications, and academic programs that engage young people in such areas as lawmaking, peacebuilding and business ethics.
- create and disseminate new knowledge through conferences, events and publications.

Ana Correa of Grupo Cultural Yuyachkani, an independent theater group that contributed to reconciliation in post-conflict Peru, performing Rosa Cuchillo at Brandeis University.
2014 highlights

- We help launch a new interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in Creativity, the Arts and Social Transformation (CAST) at Brandeis, incorporating courses from the Schools of Creative Arts, Social Sciences and the Humanities.
- We publish and distribute globally the proceedings of the ninth Brandeis Institute for International Judges, convened in Lund, Sweden.
- Students in our “Advocacy for Policy Change” program help develop and work to pass legislation in the Massachusetts legislature on issues including minimum wage, comprehensive sex education and in-state tuition for undocumented students.
- Campus events bring attention to the rule of law and development in Africa, economic and social equity in the United States, extremism and the challenge of public conversation, and more.

Selected resources

- **Acting Together**: two books, a documentary film, and an educational toolkit devoted to case studies of how theater artists and peacebuilders work together in divided societies.
- “Ethical Inquiry” and other web-based materials on international justice, peacebuilding, student engagement and many other topics.

How to connect

- Join our mailing list for news and events from the Center.
- Sign up for our International Justice in the News and Peacebuilding and the Arts e-newsletters.
- Attend lectures and discussions hosted at Brandeis University.

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