



Reversing the Doomsday Clock

An intergenerational forum to prevent nuclear war, protect the climate, enhance the rule of law and address the impact of digital propaganda which promotes nationalistic and militaristic narratives.

Friday January 23. 9:30-13:00

Salon Rouge, Euler Hotel, Basel (Switzerland) and online

Held in conjunction with the [2026 Basel Peace Forum](#) and the [2026 PACEY Award Ceremony](#)

Registration

Outline

In January 2025, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists set the 'Doomsday Clock' to [89 Seconds to Midnight](#), indicating how close humanity is coming to a civilizational catastrophe from climate change, nuclear war or a global war triggered by rising authoritarianism, militarism, digital misinformation, propaganda and political disruption.

Our 'Reversing the Doomsday Clock' intergenerational forum on January 23 will bring innovative young activists together with policy makers and civil society leaders to discuss effective initiatives and policies to address these issues. Amongst the initiatives to be presented are:

- An incredibly successful youth-led case in the International Court of Justice on the obligations of States with respect to climate change;
- A [Youth Hotline Campaign: Negotiating Nuclear Risk](#) launched by Youth Fusion in 2025;
- An update on negotiations for a [global treaty to end plastic pollution](#);
- A legal challenge in Slovakia based on universal jurisdiction and the ICCPR war propaganda prohibition against Russian statements and speeches which vilify Ukrainians (depicting them as Nazis) and consolidate support for the invasion of Ukraine;
- A [challenge in the UN Human Rights Council](#) against deployment of nuclear weapons by Russia in Belarus.
- [Legal Alternatives to War](#) (LAW not War), a global initiative to promote the use of legal approaches - including the International Court of Justice - to resolve international disputes peacefully, uphold the rule of law and prevent war.
- Some of the inspiring policies that won the [World Future Policy Award on Peace and Future Generations](#).
- A food-for-thought paper on leadership of Switzerland in advancing peace, disarmament and international law.

The event is held in conjunction with the award ceremony for the [Peace, nuclear Abolition and Climate Engaged Youth \(PACEY\) Award](#) which provides three prizes of €5000 each for youth projects on these issues.

Program

Moderator:

- **Marie-Claire Graf** (Switzerland) **in-person**
Co-President, Basel Peace Office. Co-founder, Youth Negotiators Academy
- **Jade Didier** (France) **in-person**
*Program Officer, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament.
Masters Student in International Relations and Diplomacy, Anglo-American University of Prague*

Welcome:

- **Prof Dr Andreas Nidecker** (Basel, Switzerland) **in-person**
Co-President, Basel Peace Office

Opening comments:

- **Lukas Ott** (Basel, Switzerland) **in-person**
Head of the Basel Cantonal and City Development

Panel 1: Climate change, the environment and protecting future generations

- **Fabien Fivaz** (Switzerland) **in-person**
Member of Swiss Parliament. Member, Committee on Science, Education and Culture. Member Committee on Legal Affairs. Member of the Interparliamentary Coalition to End Plastic Pollution
- **Henriette Buenger** (Netherlands) **online**
World's Youth for Climate Justice, one of the two winners of the 2021 PACEY Award
- **Ghurni Bhattacharya** (Germany) **in-person**
Youth Present and World Future Council

Panel 2: Nuclear war prevention and disarmament

- **Bill Kidd MSP** (Scotland) **online**
PNNP Co-President. Chair, Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament.
- **Alyn Ware** (Czech Republic/Switzerland) **in-person**
Basel Peace Office, LAW not War, World Federalist Movement
- **Diana Murzagaliyeva** (Kazakhstan) **online**
Founder and CEO of Inclusive Academy for children with disabilities, including those related to radiation impacts of nuclear testing in Kazakhstan.
- **Natia Ninoshvili** (Georgia) **online**
PNNP Program Officer. Core team member, Youth Fusion.

Panel 3: Peace, democracy and international law

- **Dvir Ezra** (Germany) **in-person**
Young European Federalists (JEF)
- **Rastislav Šutek** (Slovakia) **in-person**
Founder and Executive Director and Ukraine Programme Director, Platform for Peace and Humanity, one of the two winners of the 2021 PACEY Award
- **Anna Vyshniakova** (Ukraine) **online**
International criminal law consultant, Head of LingvaLexa NGO

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