Practitioners, academics, students, researchers and community members are invited to come together to share and create new forms of relational, collaborative, and appreciative practices for peacebuilding, conflict transformation and mediation in families, organizations, communities, and the world.

There could not be a more important moment for this gathering. As inequality, interpersonal violence, community conflict, environmental destruction, political unrest, terrorism, and general global unease proliferate, it becomes increasingly important for us to share and expand our relational resources for peace.

Participants will share and develop ways of moving from conflict-saturated relations to collaborations across divides of meaning using social constructionist ideas. Our time together will both educate and bring to life new forms of practice and new projects large and small that inspire innovative ways of going on together.

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Creating Promising Futures through Social Construction
What will you experience at the conference?
Exploring Relational Practices in Conflict Transformation, Mediation and Peacebuilding:
From the Intimate to the International

Social constructionist dialogue — of cutting edge significance within the social sciences and humanities — concerns the processes by which humans generate meaning together. Our focus is on how social groups and the relational practices within those groups create and sustain beliefs in the real, the rational, and the good. We recognize that as people create meaning together, so do they sow the seeds of action. Meaning and action are entwined.

As we generate meaning together we create the future.

Taos Institute conferences are always a global event with participants coming from many different countries. Our past conference included participants from over 20 countries.

The conference is multi-disciplinary with presenters and participants from organizational change, leadership, community development, education, psychology, therapy, social work, medicine, law, coaching and mediation. The multi-disciplinary aspect of our conferences is always a highlight for participants. A great learning opportunity for students and practitioners.

The conference is a blend of whole group plenary dialogue and interaction, internationally recognized keynote speakers, hands-on break-out sessions focusing on practices and theory, short presentations called TAD talks (similar to TED talks), panel discussion, dialogue sessions, poster sessions, and lots of sharing and getting to know the other participants.

Keynote Speakers:
- Kenneth Gergen — Relational Theory and Practice
- Diana Whitney — A World without Conflict
- David Cooperrider — Business as an Agent of Peace
- Charles Gibb — The Story of the United Religions Initiative: Peacebuilding at the Community Level
- John Winslade and Gerald Monk — Mediating Conflict in Intimate Relationships: Peace at the Intimate Level
- Sheila McNamee, moderator — Panel Discussion: Beyond Agreement: Coordinating Complexity and Difference

The conference will be full of opportunities to learn with, interact with, play with, develop with, and share with practitioners, academics, students, community activists, teachers, change agents and many more phenomenal people.

We hope you will join us.