

## About the troubles and joys of co-authorship: A collaborative reflection from peace and conflict writers

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On the occasion of the first Incoming InnPeace Fellows, our writers in residence Laura Villanueva (Executive Director of the Centre for Conflict Analysis and Resolution of George Mason University) and Claudia Milena Giraldo Gómez (Director of the NGO TEJIPAZ – Weaving Territories for Peace in Granada, Colombia), will engage in an academic dialogue about co-authorship. During their week-long stay at the Grillhof Seminar Center, Laura and Claudia will be co-writing a chapter for the fourth volume on Local Peace Communities: Facing A National Peace (edited by Christopher Mitchell, Landon Hancock and Cécile Mouly). They will share their experience as co-authors and invite a larger dialogue with the audience about the many pieces and many peaces that transform one's (mostly lonely) academic endeavor of writing when done in team in a collaborative spirit.

Early-stage career academics are especially invited to attend this talk that will deal with the following methodological questions:

- What does it imply to co-author an academic piece?
- How does the collaboration and co-creation of the piece change our writing style, choice of topic, rhythm and ultimately publication vis-à-vis a monograph?
- Which kind of methodologies can we envisage that are more appropriate and suitable for collaborative writing of academic texts?

### Meet the InnPeace Fellows



**Laura Villanueva**, Executive Director Center for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University  
She is a peacebuilding practitioner with 15 years of peacebuilding project management, development, and practice in the field. She has used an elicitive peacebuilding approach in places like Spain, Japan and most recently in Colombia. She is the Executive Director for the Center for Peacemaking Practice at George Mason University's School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution.



**Claudia Milena Giraldo Gómez**, Director NGO TEJIPAZ (Weaving Territories for Peace – Colombia)  
A graduate in public accounting has experience in the construction of public policies for the integral attention and reparation of victims of the armed conflict and the displaced in Colombia. She was Secretary of Government of the Municipality of Granada Antioquia in the period 2012-2015 and is currently director of Tejiendo territorio para la Paz (TEJIPAZ).

### About the Incoming InnPeace Fellowships

*The Incoming InnPeace Fellowships hosts outstanding academics and professional peace workers from all over the world who want to conduct a particular Peace and Conflict Studies related project or research activity, while sharing their insights and experiences with the larger academic community. Interested in exchange, international collaboration and fostering the advancement of the Transnational Peace and Elicitive Conflict Frameworks, in theory and practice, the InnPeace Incoming Fellows enjoy their stay at the Grillhof Seminar Center, a place committed to the heart of peace and conflict work.*