Dear colleague,

One hundred years ago, in 1915, the Third Hague Peace Conference should have taken place to improve the international rules and institutions for the prevention of war. Since 1899, two such conferences had taken place. The third was planned to occur in 1915, but the outbreak of the First World War made this impossible. This Hague Peace Conference never took place.

Now, one hundred years later, The Hague University of Applied Sciences is organizing the Third Conference, not for government delegations but for the new generation of students who have a keen interest in contributing to better ideas on how to improve the maintenance of peace and humanitarian law.

The Third Hague Peace Conference will take place from **Wednesday 1 July 2015 to Friday 3 July 2015**.

This Peace Conference will evolve around an essay competition. The students who write the best 100 essays will be invited. The essays should contain either proposals on strengthening humanitarian law like the Geneva Conventions, or on maintaining peace more effectively by the United Nations Security Council and regional organizations. A jury will select the essays.

Students wishing to participate are requested to submit their essays before **Sunday 19 April 2015 via www.thehagueuniversity.com/haguepeace**.

We invite students from all over the world. A number of travel grants are available upon request for students from low-income and conflict areas. Students selected to participate get free admission, housing and food during the conference.

We kindly ask you to print out the poster and spread it among your students. If you are interested in large posters, let us know via the e-mail address below.

If you have any questions, you can contact us via the e-mail address below.

We look forward to welcoming your most promising students.

Yours sincerely,

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