

## Peace Activism – December 2022

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Month/Year	December 2022
Key term	“Peace Activism” and Peace Activism
Database	Google Scholar
Link to database	<a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lwzWoK-AYcXLOdt_No17WgHZ1rfg-kbRGP6brZ4cJa8/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lwzWoK-AYcXLOdt_No17WgHZ1rfg-kbRGP6brZ4cJa8/edit?usp=sharing</a>

### Overview

We identified 39 documents published on peace activism in Google Scholar for the period of December 2022. The documents included theoretical papers, empirical papers, books, book chapters, thesis, book reviews, conference papers, a blog article, a news article, and an editorial. Among the 39 documents, 2 of them emerge when a quotation mark is used to specify “peace activism”. The 2 articles are relevant to the topic. On the other hand, we have found 37 papers on google scholar where the quotation mark is not used to specify the keyword. Among the 37 papers, only 15% are relevant to the topic and 5% are partially relevant to the topic. Among the examined papers, 98% of them were written in English. The summary below is only based on the "relevant" papers.

### Methodology

Qualitative research methods are popular approaches in utilizing both primary and secondary data on the topic of peace activism (Dewi, 2022; Mibtadin, 2022; Khan, 2022). Data were collected through direct observation, in-depth interviews, and documentation in the form of research reports, journal articles, conference proceedings, and more popular articles (Mibtadin, 2022; Khan, 2022).

## Participants

Gender and peace studies are gaining more attention under the topic of peace activism. An interesting issue that drew scholars' attention in December is the involvement of women and non-traditional actors such as minority groups (Dewi, 2022; Mibtadin, 2022; Khan, 2022; Wibben & Confortini, 2022). Scholars investigated the potentials and pitfalls of how women's communities contribute to peace activism (Dewi, 2022; Mibtadin, 2022; Khan, 2022; Wibben & Confortini, 2022). The roles and influences of women are specifically investigated on the topic of the anti-nuclear movement (Wibben & Confortini, 2022), and in the context of gaining equality in Indonesia (Dewi, 2022; Mibtadin, 2022) and Pakistan (Khan, 2022).

## Key findings

Scholars concluded that women can actively take up the role of communication among different groups of people in the community, thus providing a space for the discussion of social and cultural issues (Mibtadin, 2022). The discussions of women peace movements further introduced the continuum of violence from a female perspective. Scholars highlighted that peace is not achieved via the pursuit of power in hierarchical social power but with practices and ethics of mutual care and maternity (Wibben & Confortini, 2022).

Moreover, scholars have examined how global organisations, like the United Nation Peacekeeping mission, take the lead in introducing the involvement of women in peace-keeping movements and the increasing recognition of women's importance in achieving peace nationally (Dewi, 2022; Khan, 2022). Many of the papers in December 2022 also focused attention on feminist peace, as well as the past anti-violence movement (Cortright, 2023).

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