

**Institute for Peace and Dialogue, IPD**

**2nd International Summer Academy on Peacebuilding & Intercultural Dialogue**

**17-27 August 2014 Baar, Switzerland**

**Project Introduction**

IPD is very glad to announce its next International Summer Academy in Peace-building & Intercultural Dialogue, which is going to be held in Switzerland 2014. Its image as one of the most favourable places for traveling has made it more interesting to offer an excited and comprehensive program for our participants. Our experts, who are professionals in their fields will contribute to this event, with many years of experience in peace and conflict studies.

Nowadays unfortunately several frozen or ongoing conflicts between or within states still exist. Conflicts are different and if we look to the world mankind, how they are facing many new challenges, coupled with new dangerous situations, i.e. terrorist acts, non-legal arming of conflict sides, re-determination of borders, establishing new countries in the world map, non-providing territorial integrity, trafficking of arms, drugs and human; disputes on the implementation of transnational energy projects, democratization and false elections, revolution and internal political conflicts, armed guerrilla movements, violation and discrimination by nationalists, world economic crisis, climate change and unsafely biodiversity etc. Unfortunately the list is long. Conflicts are related and an integral part of human beings, as conflicts cause violation of human rights.

Existing conflicts weaken every kind of cooperation between nations and states. Without mutual cooperation and understanding, the future prosperity of the region would remain only as a good dream. Taking into consideration of peaceful behavior and engagements, we can make a decision on the strict belief, that opportunities for solving conflicts are feasible. Because in every conflict situation and tension forms we consequently face the below mentioned common situations:

1. Desperate situation and non-solving problems are not eternal;
2. It is possible to make common decision which both sides;
3. We can find common values, traditions and similar situation among conflict parties;
4. Protracted conflicts on the same time endanger regional development and prosperity;
5. Any mediation and negotiation actions are better than nothing.

**Main Goal**

The main goal of the summer academy is to support institutional academic peace education and strengthen peace-building skills and intercultural dialogue of the international society.

**Methodology**

Within the international summer academy we plan to include different workshops, lectures, presentations, interactive group works, brainstorming on conflict places, mediation operations and peace negotiation activities as well as case studies on ongoing-fragile conflicts in the world (depends experts availability).

Participants will acquire knowledge and skills from lecturers/experts who are working on peace building, mediation, negotiation, conflict transformation, intercultural dialogue and non-violence and other correspond fields at the research centers, universities, INGOs and state organs.

In the training, both visual/dynamic methods will be used, such as schedules, tests, surveys, direct interviews, distribution of questionnaires and other methods of observation. Every expert will take 1 or 2 days for his lecture and workshops. We will send educational materials and daily programs of the summer academy to the selected participants.

Beside the academic-educational side a huge cultural programme every day after the courses is planned. As an opportunity to learn the international atmosphere better, an international evening will be organised, where a cultural presentation with several traditional foods, meals, drinks, fruit/dry fruit, sweets, national songs, souvenirs, traditional dress etc. of different countries is thought.

### **Important Dates & Times of Daily Program**

- **Arriving & Registration:** 17<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014 (Hotel registration starts after 12:00am)
- **Opening Ceremony & Program Beginning:** 18<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014
- **Breakfast Time:** 07:00am - 09:00am
- **Morning Workshops Period:** 09:00am - 12:30am
- **First Break Time:** 10:30am - 11:00am
- **Lunch Time:** 12:30am - 14:00pm
- **Afternoon Workshops Period:** 14:00pm - 17:00pm
- **Second Break Time:** 15:30pm - 16:00pm
- **Dinner Time:** 19:00pm - 20:30pm
- **Certification of Participants:** 26<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014
- **Departure of Participants:** 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014 (Hotel departure till the 12:00am)

### **Summer School Language**

The International Summer Academy will be held in English.

### **Potential Participants**

A broad range of interested Participants can apply for the International Summer Academy on Peacebuilding & Intercultural Dialogue; such as representatives of **Governmental Organs, INGOs, IOs, Companies, freelance researchers, diplomats, political parties, independent mediators, PhD students, NGO leaders, peace workers/activists** and who want to develop their academic knowledge and capacities, who have intention to join missions in conflict regions, who work and live in countries with ongoing tensions.

Depending from city-tours and visit to peace institutions, the daily program can change during the days and we will update you on final changes on time.

### **Participation & Deadline**

There are no age or country limits for the application. Requested documents (see below) for application has to be sent till the **30 June 2014** to [fhuseynli@ipdinstitute.ch](mailto:fhuseynli@ipdinstitute.ch)

Please send your application in **WORD format** with your **CV, Passport Page (Only photo page)** and name the documents as **“NAME” “SURNAME” “COUNTRY” “DOCUMENTS NAME”**

**NOTE:** After evaluation of your application we will send you the conditional invitation to start the payment of the participation fee. Unconditional invitation to the participants we will send by email and by fax to the relevant embassy which you mentioned in your filled application form.

### **Participation Fee**

Participation fee is 1.600 Euro (date of receipt is determining)

### **What is included in the program fee?**

- Accommodation (Staying in Double Room)
- Full Pension (3 times Meals & 2 times Coffee-Break per day)
- Course & Stationary Materials (File, notebook and pen)
- WiFi Free Internet Connection

## What is not included in the program fee?

Extra accommodation and meal expenses, international travel and travel related expenses (visa & insurance fee expenses) is not included in the participation fee.

After evaluation of your application we will send you the conditional invitation to start the payment of the participation fee and later after the unconditional letter by email and by fax to the relevant embassy.

## For transfer of participation fee:

### Bank Account

Postfinance AG

Account Number: 25-100224-4

IBAN: CH62 0900 0000 2510 0224 4

SWIFT: POFICHBEXXX

## Cancellation

Please note that in case of a participation cancellation after submission till the **15<sup>th</sup> July 2014** the charge will be **250€** (without bank transfer costs) will be deducted from your participation fee for administrative charges. For cancellations till the **31st of July 2014** the charge will be **400€** (without bank transfer costs) and for cancellations after the **17<sup>th</sup> of August 2014**, no refund will be possible.

## Accommodation

Participants will stay at a double room in the '**Eckstein**' Meeting and Education Centre, located in **Baar**, close to **Zurich**. You can reach the place directly by train from **Zurich Main Train Station**.

For more information please visit the webpage of '**Eckstein**' Meeting and Education Centre: [www.zentrum-eckstein.ch](http://www.zentrum-eckstein.ch)



## Support Us

We all know that organizing such kind of international training programs are quite expensive, so to help in this matter, we invite state organs, foundations, think tank Institutes, universities, embassies, companies, business leaders, individual and philanthropies for their contribution and to invest capital to the institutional development of academic peace education. Your donation will give financial help in form of scholarships to motivated participants from the most needed areas of the world to apply their acquired knowledge in peace building in their countries to pave the way for a better future.

## **Organizer**

Institute for Peace and Dialogue (IPD) is an independent, international non-profit and non-religious institute located in Lucerne, Switzerland where it dedicates itself in the promotion of the prevention of conflicts between and within states by strengthening institutional dialogue between civil societies, international peace- and state institutions. To achieve its purpose, IPD can provide its beneficiaries with institutional broad research-survey outputs, publication of educational materials, implementation of academic-scientific programs, carrying out mediation, negotiation, reconciliation initiatives as well as reports.

IPD invites state actors, policymakers, think tank centres, peace builders, researchers, media and interested public actors for the cooperation and implementation of creative-innovative, effective and sustainable initiatives for the sake of empowering constructive intercultural dialogue, global governance, peaceful conflict transformation, active world citizenship, human security and responsible leadership.

*We will be Glad to See You Among Us*

## **Contact Person for any Questions**

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