

Summer Program
in
**Citizens' and Multi-Track Diplomacy:
Mitigating Violence and Instability**
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A SUMMER OF NEGOTIATION FOR PEACEBUILDING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Join us in an experiment using multi-track diplomacy to search for common ground for opening a dialogue between the new Palestinian and Israeli governments. The planned simulation, between influentials with access to the newly elected *Hamas* (Palestinian) and *Kadimah* (Israeli) leadership, will include several Arab and Jewish participants and will be co-facilitated by an Israeli American, Prof. Edward (Edy) Kaufman, and a Muslim American, Prof. John Davies, both with a rich experience in using multi-track and citizens' diplomacy in many countries suffering from war, terrorism and instability in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Americas.

Violent conflicts typically lack a mutually acceptable official structure through which disputes can be settled. In an effort to bridge the negotiation gap between new leaders of parties that remain caught in cycles of violence and terror, unofficial channels will be explored using leading-edge interactive techniques. The outcome of this workshop, accomplished through trust building, skills building and consensus building, is expected to be channeled into forthcoming second track meetings in the Middle East as well as directly to the relevant Palestinian and Israeli authorities.

Multi-track diplomacy has become an increasingly important tool not only for diplomats, government and IO agencies and civil society organization (CSO) staff working for development, democratic reform, relief, refugee and humanitarian aid, but also for other concerned citizens or stakeholders in areas of violence or instability. Offered at College Park by the Department of Government and Politics and sponsored by its Center for International Development and Conflict Management, this University of Maryland 40-hour summer course has therefore been scheduled over seven evenings and a weekend, for the convenience of professionals (details over page).

Certification and Scholarships

Successful completion qualifies participants for certification of training in multi-track diplomacy, as well as three academic credits for degree seeking students. Some scholarships will be available covering half of the registration and tuition costs for non-degree-seeking professionals, including staff of embassies and CSOs. Visiting speakers should include Ambassador John McDonald, founder of the Institute of Multi-Track Diplomacy.

Further Information

For more information, see reverse, or please contact Edy Kaufman at ekaufman@cidcm.umd.edu or 301-314-5907; or John Davies at jdavies@cidcm.umd.edu or 301-754-1014.

Program Structure, Credit and Readings

The program may be taken either by non-degree-seeking professionals for audit and certification, or by graduate or advanced undergrad students as a three-credit class:

Mitigating Violence and Instability

Credits: GVPT 808D or GVPT 409D

Instructors: Profs. Edward (Edy) Kaufman and John Davies

Schedule: Seven evening seminars, Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 22nd – July 13th, 6.00 – 9.20pm and Friday July 14th, 6.00 – 9.20pm; weekend workshop: Saturday and Sunday July 15th – 16th, 9.00am – 1.00pm and 2.00 – 6.00pm. There will be no classes on July 3rd or 4th, allowing a long holiday weekend.

Location: Tawes 0131 and Tydings 0145 on the College Park campus (rooms to be confirmed).

Readings: *Second Track/Citizens' Diplomacy: Concepts and Techniques for Conflict Transformation* (2003), by John Davies and Edward Kauman, will be a primary text, with additional readings included in a course packet available at the beginning of the program.

Registration

For on-line application and registration visit our web site at www.umd.edu/summer. Note that a registration fee of \$55 and a campus use fee of \$198 are payable in addition to tuition fees as below. We have been granted permission for all participants to pay the much lower in-state tuition fees, even if they are in fact from other states or countries, unless they are enrolling for graduate credits toward a degree.

Professional/Non-Degree-Seeking Applicants should first complete the standard “Undergraduate Visiting Student Application” (even though they are not undergraduates: this allows a lower tuition fee) and then enroll to “audit” GVPT 409D. Call 1-877-989-SPOC (1-301-314-3572 if outside US), or email summer@umail.umd.edu, if assistance is desired or web access is problematic. Tuition fees are \$858.

Students currently enrolled at the University of Maryland should first complete the graduate or undergrad application and then register for GVPT 808K or 409K as they would for any summer course.

Those currently enrolled at other universities or colleges within the Metropolitan Washington DC Consortium should contact the Office of Special Projects at their respective institutions for registration information. They may also register on-line as above or call the Graduate Admissions office at 301-405-4198 for an admissions application and course registration form.

Intending applicants are strongly encouraged to enroll early as acceptance (for credit or otherwise) will be subject to availability of seats (maximum 30 participants). However, if you expect delays in enrollment due to funding or visa applications, or to consortia procedures, please contact the instructors as below to request that a seat be held for you.