

Requirements

- ◆ Master's degree or the equivalent in working experience,
- ◆ working knowledge of English,
- ◆ submission of the application form and the required accompanying materials as soon as possible, but not later than 2nd April 2020.

Applicants for admission will be selected on a competitive basis. Preference is given to applicants whose participation is supported by their Foreign Ministry or one of the OSCE institutions. Applicants will be informed on the decision of the admissions committee after the

Cost and application process:

The **cost of participation will be € 1.899,-** per participant. This amount covers tuition, educational materials, and full board accommodation in a single room with bath as well as all expenses linked to social events and excursions.

For participants coming from non OECD member states, a limited number of scholarships will be awarded. Applicants who would like to apply for such a support should indicate this in the respective section of the application form and give reasons for that in their application essay. However, there is no possibility to get financial support for travel expenses

Please email the completed and signed application form to:

Ms. Claudia Hofer (hofer@aspr.ac.at) at the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

DEADLINE: 2nd April 2020

Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR)

The Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) was established in 1982 to promote and develop civil strategies for the peaceful resolution of conflicts on a local, national and international level. It is the first institution of its kind to offer training in international civilian peacebuilding. Its offices are located in the medieval Stadtschlaining, in the federal Austrian province of Burgenland, about 135 km southeast of Vienna. The ASPR also maintains the Peace Library.

In recognition of its contribution to global peace, the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution was awarded the title of United Nations Messenger of Peace in 1987 and the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education in 1995.

To request further information or to apply for this course, please visit our homepage at <https://www.aspr.peacecastle.eu/training-programmes/summer-academy-on-osce/>. or contact us:

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24th Summer Academy on OSCE

10-19 June 2020

New Challenges? New Chances!
Time to think about the OSCE

Since 1997 the purpose of the „Summer Academy on OSCE“ has been to expand and deepen knowledge about the OSCE. A number of Alumni have gone on to become OSCE diplomats or OSCE field staff, contributing to various OSCE activities.

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The Purpose of the Summer Academy on OSCE

The OSCE has taken on renewed relevance in the past few years due to the crisis in and around Ukraine, rifts between Russia and the West, as well as challenges of integration in ethnically diverse societies. The OSCE Academy provides participants with an opportunity to think about what can be done to reduce tensions and promote security and cooperation in Europe during this time of crisis.

A carefully balanced **mix of lectures and workshops** combined with a study trip to the OSCE institutions in Vienna provides participants with knowledge of the history, functioning, and current activities of the OSCE, and tools on how to work more effectively in a multi-lateral environment. Furthermore, the Summer Academy enables participants to put themselves, and the OSCE, to the test in crisis management situations.

Although the Summer Academy is independent, it enjoys close cooperation with the OSCE. Representatives of OSCE participating States and executive structures actively take part in the Academy through lectures, thematic discussions, and role play exercises.

Workshops are led by **leading scholars** in OSCE studies, senior diplomats with experience in OSCE diplomacy, **representatives of OSCE executive structures**, as well as experienced **international trainers**.

Participants come from a diverse range of OSCE participating States or Partners for Cooperation and a variety of backgrounds including diplomats, graduate students, and practitioners. What they share is an interest in European security and cooperation.

Programme

Lectures and Discussions

- ◆ History and relevance of the OSCE
- ◆ The OSCE's structure
- ◆ The Politico-military, the Human and the Economic and Environmental Dimensions of the OSCE
- ◆ The High Commissioner on National Minorities / Minority Issues
- ◆ Election Observation / Freedom of the Media / Gender Issues
- ◆ OSCE Field Activities
- ◆ The OSCE at a time of crisis

Workshops

- ◆ Interaction in multinational Teams
- ◆ Mediation, Negotiation and Diplomacy
- ◆ Building Consensus: Simulation of an OSCE Meeting

Study Visit of OSCE Vienna

- ◆ Visit of the Permanent Council at the Hofburg/Vienna
- ◆ High Level Panel on Threats and Challenges to Security in Europe



Curriculum and Methodology

The methodology of the Academy is based on lectures, workshops, study visit to OSCE in Vienna and readings. Basic information about the OSCE and its executive structures are made available in advance in order to help participants prepare for the lectures.

Lecturers use primarily case study approach and focus on recent developments and activities of the OSCE.

Working groups give participants the opportunity to discuss the subjects dealt with in the lectures and to further consolidate and apply their knowledge.

The Summer Academy Course Directors

Arie Bloed is a regular Board Member of the Netherlands Helsinki Committee. He has been involved in CSCE/OSCE matters since the end of the 1970s, both as a scholar and as a practitioner. He has published extensively on OSCE issues. Arie Bloed is Co-Founder, Director and Lecturer of the Summer Academy on OSCE since its foundation 1997.

Ursula Gamauf-Eberhardt is Head of ASPR's Programme on the Summer Academy on OSCE as well as the Programme on Peace Education. Since 2005 she is involved in the Summer Academy on OSCE, 2010 she took over the responsibility as the Academy Co-director.

Walter Kemp is Head of the Strategic Policy and Planning Unit in the OSG. Previously he has worked for UNODC and for the OSCE. Walter Kemp assisted in the drafting of the reports of the OSCE Panel of Eminent Persons in 2005 and 2015, and the Bolzano Recommendations on National Minorities in Inter-State Relations (2008). He has published extensively on conflict prevention, the OSCE, organized crime, and national minorities.