

IPT GOES ABROAD



1ST MASTER CLASS ON INTERACTIVE CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION IN NEPAL

During this Master Class, participants get acquainted with the underlying philosophical approaches, theoretical concepts and practical tools for facilitating interactive peacebuilding-processes and conflict transformation in complex constellations. Participants will develop theoretical skills and practical knowledge in adapting and applying their learnings in different environments and societal levels – for example as inside mediators, as third party, learning companions, community workers or when engaging with potential veto groups.

Dates: 14th-24th of September 2020

Application Deadline: 15th of May 2020

Application Deadline of self-funded Participants can be considered after the Deadline



Set in the beautiful Godavari Village Resort close to Kathmandu, this course invites professionals working in fragile contexts, researchers, educators, social- and community workers, mediators, dialogue facilitators and more operating in contexts affected by conflict and violence. In an international and interdisciplinary group-setting, participants acquire theoretical knowledge and practical skills in interactive conflict transformation together with guidance and support to adapt and apply the learnings in their respective environment. Participants further have the opportunity to engage in sharing of best practices, lessons learned and strategies to respond to challenges and opportunities in the field. This will be complemented by techniques fostering self- and collective-care and awareness.

Participants will:

- Understand the difference between concepts, such as conflict management, conflict resolution, conflict transformation, dialogue, mediation, negotiation and facilitation
- Learn to apply tools for complex conflict analysis (e.g. actors mapping, structural power analysis, analysis of cultural meanings, needs analysis)
- Develop key competencies on how to promote, support and guide reflective, deep dialogue processes
- Acquire strategies on how to deal with dynamics of exclusion and stigmatisation, as well as power asymmetries in conflict constellations
- Gain knowledge and skills to strengthen well-being, reflection and awareness on one's own conflict behaviour and to engage with conflicts as opportunities for change, rather than destruction.

COURSE FEES FOR NEPALI PARTICIPANTS: 1450 EUR

COURSE FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS: 1650 EUR

A LIMITED NUMBER OF FULL AND PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!



This includes tuition fee, course materials, shuttle to and from the airport, as well as full-board accommodation, coffee breaks and a guided tour through Patan, Kathmandu. Daily Yoga- and Meditation-Classes will be further available to participants free of charge.

Further information and registration via: www.aspr.ac.at/ipt

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TRAINERS

When working in crisis regions, I often observed motivated peacebuilders, who despite their good intentions, became part of the conflict dynamics. It is therefore of utmost importance to be able to deeply reflect upon one's own motivations, norms, values, and actions, and to constantly question oneself in relation to the conflict context.

Mag.^a Gudrun Kramer

Dr. Wilfried Graf is co-founder and executive director of the Institute for Integrative Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation Vienna (IICP), today Herbert C. Kelman Institute for Interactive Conflict Transformation (HKI), with associates in Vienna, Jerusalem and Ramallah. He has been working as advisor, trainer and senior research fellow in conflict regions and post-conflict societies, particularly the Balkans, South Caucasus, Central Asia and Sri Lanka. Today his work focuses primarily on Palestine and Israel.

In times of conflicts we are often confronted with stories about 'the other', about failure or paralysis. I am interested in how stories and creative processes can assist us to experience and practice agency so that we may imagine and move towards possibilities for peace and justice.

MMag.^a Julia Scharinger, MA

Mag.^a Gudrun Kramer is the director of the ASPR and board member of the Herbert C. Kelman Institute and OSCE Academy in Bishkek. She has over 15 years of experience in the field of conflict transformation gained through her work in different conflict zones, such as South Caucasus, Central Asia, Africa and the Middle East. From 2010-2017 she joined GIZ as Head of Programs related to 'Supporting Palestinian Refugees', and, amongst others, has delivered lectures and trainings at various universities in Austria, at the OSCE Academy in Kyrgyzstan, the Université de Paris Sud and more.

A comprehensive approach to peacebuilding, conflict counselling and training must be interactive, integrative and at the same time practical, well structured and continuously revised according to the philosophy, theory and praxeology of dialogue. It cannot be a fixed recipe, but requires elements of artistic creativity. And it has to be personal.

Dr. Wilfried Graf

MMag.^a Julia Scharinger, MA, manages the IPT-Programme. As a Peace- and Community Worker and Narrative Practitioner she has been accompanying individuals, families, communities and organisations invested in dealing with the past and transformative justice, in gender- and social justice, as well as creative peacebuilding-processes primarily in Southeast- and South Asia, as well as Austria. Her work and curiosity is underpinned by the exploration of individual and collective narratives that invite experiences of peace, agency and connection in one's life.

LOCATION AND VENUE

With this new training-format the ASPR aims to support regional and national networks and exchange, as well as to respond to the increasing challenges our participants face to join our trainings in Austria. Thus, at least one course per year will be facilitate on another continent in the future.

This year's training venue is Godavari Village Resort on the outskirts of Kathmandu. It combines traditional Nepali architecture and modern-day facilities, such as a spa, sauna, pool and more. The location is the perfect start to explore the nearby National Botanical Garden, hike up to Pulchowki which is the highest peak of the valley rim with 2,762 meters above sea levels or visit hidden destinations, such as the Santaneshwor Mahadev Temple, Thaiba or Harisiddhi.