

2008 Winter Program Multi-Track Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation

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- **Building Skills for Peacemaking: Personal, Community, Organizational & International**
- **Special Focus on Current Middle East Conflict**
- **80-Hour Evenings and Weekends Program, for Certification and/or Academic Credit**
- **Co-Facilitated by US Muslim and US-Israeli Professionals**
- **For Professionals and Concerned Citizens in Conflictive Environments at Any Level**

This is a program for those struggling with the always corrosive, often devastating impact of persistent conflict on relationships and community, in day-to-day situations or internationally. Join us for an intensive evening and weekend program of experiential learning and new perspectives on ways to bring about conflict transformation and peacebuilding. The goal is to develop the knowledge and skills needed to facilitate the transformation of interpersonal, organizational, community or complex societal conflicts, including ethnic, religious or cultural tensions, using techniques of multi-track and citizens' diplomacy. These techniques, applicable at all levels of society, provide an essential complement to official ("first track") diplomacy and police work, from conflicts in the workplace, to dealing with terrorist or insurgent activities, as currently in our work in the Middle East, India, Pakistan and elsewhere.

Multi-track diplomacy has become an important tool not only for diplomats, government and IO agencies and CSOs working for development, democratic reform, relief and humanitarian aid, but also for other concerned citizens or stakeholders in areas of violence, tension or instability. Such conflicts typically lack a mutually acceptable official structure through which disputes can be settled. In the context of mistrust and uncertainty, project sustainability often depends on our ability to encourage individuals and communities to find common ground on implementing planned initiatives. Trust building, skills building in areas such as nonviolent communication, prejudice reduction and integrative problem solving, along with consensus building and action planning methodologies may become essential elements for success.

The Winter Program gives a theoretical and experiential basis for applying these methods, drawing on the cumulative experience of researchers and scholar-practitioners at CIDCM working with *Partners in Conflict*, *Partners in Peacebuilding* and related projects around the world. Visiting speakers are expected to include Ambassador John McDonald, founder of the Institute of Multi-Track Diplomacy.

This year we will be using multi-track diplomacy to search for common ground for dialogue between the new Palestinian and Israeli governments. A planned simulation, between influentials with access to the newly elected *Hamas* (Palestinian) and *Kadima* (Israeli) leadership, will include 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 rich experience using multi-track diplomacy in many countries suffering from war, terrorism and instability in the Middle East and around the world. 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.

Instructors and Readings



Prof. Edy Kaufman and Prof. John Davies are Senior Associates with CIDCM, which has pioneered the development and application of second and multi-track diplomacy for resolving protracted ethnic, nationalist and other complex societal conflicts since the early 1980's. They are co-editors of the book: *Second Track /Citizens' Diplomacy: Concepts and Techniques for Conflict Transformation* (2002/3), and have collaborated in leading conflict transformation workshops through CIDCM's *Partners in Conflict*, *Partners in Peacebuilding* and related projects on several continents. Edy Kaufman has also been Executive Director of the Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace in Jerusalem. He has taught and worked extensively with applied techniques of conflict management in the Middle East, Latin America, Former Soviet Union, South Asia and Africa. John Davies has done similar work in the Middle East, Former Soviet Union, Balkans, Caribbean, South and South-East Asia and Africa. He has also trained UN peacekeepers in conflict transformation, and has helped to build conflict early warning and early response networks in the Caucasus, Africa, Central and South East Asia.

The primary texts for the program will be Davies and Kaufman's *Second Track/Citizens' Diplomacy: Concepts and Techniques for Conflict Transformation* (paperback edition 2003), and van Tongeren et al.'s *People Building Peace II* (both texts available from the University Book Center, 301-314-BOOK or the Maryland Book Exchange, 301-927-2510, both under GVPT 409J). Additional readings will be drawn from the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance's *Democracy and Deep-Rooted Conflict: Options for Negotiators* (1998) (available on-line); Mohammed Abu Nimer's *Non-violence and Peacebuilding in Islam* (2003), and several other texts. A course packet with relevant readings from non-prescribed books will be available for purchase at the first seminar.

Program Structure

The program is divided into two courses, which may be taken by degree-seeking students as 3-credit courses offered at either the 400 level or (with extra readings and written work) at the 800 (graduate) level; or as advanced training workshops by non-degree-seeking professionals (WINT 002 and 003). *Advanced Training Certification* will be available from CIDCM for those completing the full program (A or B in each course required for degree-seeking students).

Multi-Track Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation

(GVPT 409J/808J or WINT 002)

Instructors: Prof. John Davies, with Edy Kaufman

Classes: Twelve 3½ hour seminars: Mon-Fri evenings 6.00-9.15 pm, January 2-22, except Fri 5th and 12th when participants will be expected to join the 409K/808K or WINT 003 class, and Mon 15th Martin Luther King day (substitute "snow" days are January 20-21 if needed).

Workshop in Citizens' Diplomacy

(GVPT 409K/808K or WINT 003)

Instructors: Prof. Edy Kaufman, with John Davies

Classes: Two consecutive weekend workshops: Friday evenings 6-9pm, Saturday and Sundays 9am-1pm and 2-6pm, January 5-7 and 12-14 (snow days are January 20-21 if needed).

Participants are expected to take both courses, which complement each other. Instructor's permission is required to do just one course. The first introduces participants to the concepts, issues and methods of multi-track diplomacy, including skills for transforming personal, organizational and community conflict, interfacing between citizens' and official diplomacy, and understanding conflict dynamics transformation and peacebuilding. The second course focuses during the first weekend on preparatory techniques (trust building and skill building, including communication skills and shared visioning), conflict issues and workshop planning. The second weekend engages participants in role-playing the adversarial, reflective and integrative phases of a problem-solving workshop in the context of a current societal conflict.

Location: The seminars will be held at CIDCM, Tydings Hall #1102, the workshop in #1101, at the University of Maryland (see www.parking.umd.edu/themap/ and www.admit.umd.edu/visit/direct.html).

Registration, Fees and Further Information

Students currently enrolled at the University of Maryland should register as they would for any Winter Term course. Consult the Winter course listings within the Schedule of Classes on the Web at www.testudo.umd.edu/scheduleofclasses.html for further information. **The full 6-credit program is the normal requirement** (permission from Dr. Davies required to enroll in one course only), and permission to enroll for 6 credits during the Winter Term will automatically be given for students not working full time if required. Contact Dr. Davies as below or show this as evidence to your departmental advisor.

Students currently enrolled at other universities or colleges who wish to receive academic credit must submit an admissions application before registering. Please visit www.winter.umd.edu for the appropriate admissions and registration forms or call 301-314-8240. **All 6 credits are required** unless permission is given for one course only by Dr. Davies. All fees for out-of-state students participating in this Program have been reduced to the Maryland in-state tuition rate, whether for undergraduate or graduate credit. Students are responsible to pay all fees: see www.winter.umd.edu for tuition rates and fees.

Professional / Non-Degree-Seeking Applicants who wish to register for the Program as two non-credit workshops may visit www.winter.umd.edu/w/admissions/courses/non-credit/ to access instructions and a printable workshop registration form. The workshop registration form has mailing and/or faxing instructions as well as payment method and information. Workshop participants may also register in-person at the Registrar Customer Service Desk, 1st Floor, Mitchell Building, University of Maryland. If you can't access the information on-line or in person, please call 301-314-8240. Total fee is \$1,353 (much less than the for-credit tuition fee), including \$614 for each workshop, \$70 service fee and a non-refundable one-time \$55 application fee. **Enrollment in both workshops is required.**

Payment for both the credit courses and the non-credit workshops is due no later than January 2, 2007. Payment received after this date will be assessed a \$20 late fee. Cancellation from workshops must be made prior to the first meeting in order to receive a refund. Please visit www.winter.umd.edu for application, registration, and payment deadlines.

For further information on any aspect of the Winter Program on Multi-Track Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation, please email Prof. John Davies at jdavies@cidcm.umd.edu.