



“Time to Think About the OSCE”



AUSTRIAN STUDY CENTRE FOR PEACE
AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION – ASPR

19th SUMMER ACADEMY ON OSCE



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The Austrian Study Centre for Peace & Conflict Resolution (ASPR)

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SHORT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the “Summer Academy on OSCE” is to expand and deepen knowledge about the OSCE and to contribute to its various activities. The Academy and special events are designed to provide diplomats who are going to work with OSCE Delegations and Institutions, as well as scholars, NGO representatives, etc. intending to co-operate with the OSCE in the areas of international diplomatic and civilian missions with:

- knowledge of the history, functioning, and current activities of the OSCE; and
- training in working more effectively within the OSCE diplomatic and OSCE-NGO milieu.

Furthermore, the Summer Academy will provide opportunities to explore ways for the OSCE to enhance its existing, or to develop new capabilities in preventive diplomacy, peace-making, peace-keeping and peace-building.

The Summer Academy on OSCE is independent of the OSCE, yet OSCE institutions and diplomatic missions will actively participate in the Academy by providing speakers, taking part in workshops as well as seconding participants with an interest in working with the OSCE.

Participants will be instructed by leading scholars in OSCE studies, senior diplomats with experience in OSCE diplomacy, international trainers with long-term field experience, and other international experts.

The student body will consist of diplomats, graduate students, and practitioners. **Participants are expected to come from the OSCE participating States or OSCE Partners for Cooperation.**

CONTENT OF THE PROGRAMME

- **Post Cold War Realities in Europe**
- Historical and political development of the OSCE
- Basic principles of security and co-operation
 - **The OSCE's Organisation**
- Basic features, and Institutional structures and budget
 - **OSCE in Action**
- Visit of the Permanent Council (PC) at the Hofburg/Vienna
- Meetings with OSCE Representatives in Vienna
- Assessment of the OSCE from an EU and national Point of View
 - **The Politico-military Dimension of the OSCE**
- Political-military issues
- TNT & Policing issues
- Relations with other security organisations
 - **OSCE Field Presences**
- Introduction, concept and general issues
- "Long-term missions": lessons learned

CURRICULUM, METHODOLOGY, PRACTICE

The methodology of the Academy is based on a mix of lectures, working groups, workshops and readings. Basic information about OSCE organisations and organisational structures will be made available in advance in order to help participants prepare for the lectures. Lecturers will use primarily the case study approach and will especially focus on recent developments and activities of the OSCE.

COST OF PARTICIPATION

The cost of participation will be €2.300 per participant. The amount covers tuition, educational materials, and full board accommodation in a single room with bath as well as all expenses linked to the Academy (such as excursions). For participants coming from non OECD member states, a limited number of scholarships will be awarded.

- **The Human Dimension of the OSCE**
- Standard setting & monitoring
- The work of the High Commissioner on National Minorities
- Election Observation / ODIHR
- Freedom of the Media
 - **Economic and Environmental Dimension of the OSCE**
 - **Regional aspects of OSCE functioning**
 - **Helsinki +40 - The future role of the OSCE within the European Security and Co-operation Architecture**
- **Workshops:**
- Workshop on Interaction in Multinational Teams
- Workshop on Mediation, Negotiation and Diplomacy
- Workshop on Gender Issues
- Workshop on Regional Aspects of the OSCE Functioning
- Workshop on the Simulation of an OSCE Event

Working groups will give participants the opportunity to consolidate subjects dealt with in the lectures. Participants will practice communication, mediation and negotiation skills and gain experimental knowledge of different concepts through interactive exercises, such as role-plays and simulation exercises. NEW: in the programme included is a 2days-excursion to the Hofburg/Vienna to visit the PC and meet OSCE representatives.

Applicants who would like to apply for such a support have to 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 from the organisers!

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants for admission must meet the following 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 17 April 2015

Applicants for admission will be selected on a competitive basis by an admissions committee. 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 **17 APRIL 2015 (APPLICATION DEADLINE)**.

THE SUMMER ACADEMY CORE TEAM

Arie BLOED has been the General Secretary of the Netherlands Helsinki Committee since its establishment in 1987 and is now still active as a regular Board member (since October 1997). He has been involved in CSCE/OSCE matters since the end of the 1970s, both as a scholar and as a practitioner. He was a member of Netherlands' delegations to several OSCE meetings. Between 1994 and 1997, as the Director of the Foundation on Inter-Ethnic Relations, he worked closely with the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities.

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 ASPR Project Director for OSCE related Activities as well as Peace Education. She is planning and directing various international peace-building programmes aiming at the preparation of international civilian experts for peace-building activities in crisis regions. Within the Centre she is responsible for international projects for the OSCE, the EU, and the UN as well as for Austrian peace education programmes.

**Applications should be sent
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Since 2005 she is involved in the Summer Academy on OSCE, 2010 she took over the responsibility for the development and implementation of this unique programme.

Walter KEMP is Director for Europe and Central Asia at the International Peace Institute (IPI) – Office Vienna. He joined IPI in August 2010 after serving for four years as spokesman and speechwriter at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

From 1996 to 2006 he worked for the OSCE, including as Senior Adviser to the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, and as Senior Adviser to the OSCE Secretary General and Chairmanship. Walter Kemp also assisted in the drafting of the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on increasing the effectiveness of the OSCE, and the Bolzano Recommendations on National Minorities in Inter-State Relations.

He is the author of Nationalism and Communism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union (1999) and Quiet Diplomacy in Action (2001), editor of Blood and Borders (2010), and has written several articles and chapters on issues including conflict prevention, the OSCE, the political economy of conflict, and national minorities.

PARTNERS

AUSTRIAN STUDY CENTRE FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION (ASPR) – PEACE CASTLE SCHLAINING

The “Summer Academy on OSCE” takes place at the Austrian Study Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR), which located in the medieval Castle and town of Stadtschlaining.

The ASPR was founded in September 1982 as an independent, non-profit and non-partisan organisation. It aims to contribute to the promotion of peace and peaceful conflict transformation and to the dissemination of practical ideas for peace. The ASPR was the founder of the European University Centre for Peace Studies (EPU) and established a European Peace Museum in Schlaining Castle in the year 2001. In order to help to facilitate ASPR activities, the ASPR set up a unique infrastructure including the Peace Library in a former synagogue, a Conference Centre in Schlaining Castle, the Hotel Burg Schlaining, and Haus International, a student hostel. For these and other efforts the ASPR was awarded UN “Peace Messenger” status in 1987 and in 1995 the ASPR and the EPU were awarded the UNESCO “Prize for Peace Education” and, in 2002, the UNESCO UniTwin Award.

Since 1992, the ASPR has become active in various peace-building training programmes and projects. ASPR founded the “International Civilian Peace-keeping and Peace-building Training Program” (IPT) - the first programme world-wide in which professionals from a variety of cultural, organisational and professional background receive a general and function-specific training for various peace-building activities. In 1997 the ASPR founded the annual two-week “Summer Academy on OSCE” in co-operation with the Berghof Research Center for Constructive Conflict Management, Berlin, the Constitutional and Legal Policy Institute in Budapest, and the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna. Together with these institutions the ASPR founded the “Mission Preparation Training Programme for the OSCE” (MPT) in October 2000.

Both programmes are conducted under the auspices of the OSCE. In 2001 the ASPR was contracted by the EU to co-ordinate and lead the EC project on “Training for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management”.

The aim of the project was the development of civilian EU capabilities and appropriate common standards and modules for training in the areas of rule of law and civilian administration.

Since 2009 the ASPR directs a specific programme on SSR and Peace Building, in cooperation with the Austrian Ministry of Defence.

The ASPR has also developed peace-building training programmes and projects for specific conflict regions. Since 1996 training programmes have been conducted for former Yugoslavia and the South Caucasus and since 1997 for specific African regions. In 2001, the ASPR became engaged in the ongoing peace-process in Sri Lanka. Several dialogue workshops in Austria accompanied by follow-up activities in Sri Lanka were conducted in order to support the official negotiation process. Since 2002 the ASPR supports the establishment of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek.

DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF VIENNA

The Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (DA) is a post-graduate school of international and European studies and prepares university graduates for a career in international organisations, the diplomatic service or international business. Its interdisciplinary study programmes aim at providing the academic expertise, personal skills and intercultural competence required for many jobs in the international field.

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