

2019 Winter Session
Multi-Track Diplomacy: Transforming Violent Conflict

January 2 - 22, 2019



CIDCM
CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT & CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

- **Professional Development: Peacemaking Skills from Local to International**
- **Weekend Workshop Simulation on Evolving Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**
- **80-Hour Evenings and Weekends Program, for Certification and/or Academic Credits**
- **Understanding Rising Tensions at Home and Abroad**

In the context of current failures of leadership in official diplomacy and consequent missed opportunities in addressing the roots of instability around the world, the role of multi-track diplomacy in promoting peace and development and transforming violent conflict becomes more critical. Join us for an intensive evening and weekend program of experiential learning and new perspectives on ways to resolve conflict and build a lasting peace, in local situations as well as in complex national and international conflicts.

The goal is *to develop the knowledge and skills needed to facilitate transformation of community or societal conflicts*, including ethnic, religious or cultural tensions, using techniques of multi-track diplomacy. These techniques, applicable at all levels of society, provide an essential complement to official (“first track”) diplomacy and police work, from conflicts in families or local communities, to dealing with political instability, terrorism or insurgent activities, as currently in our work in the Middle East, Latin America, South Asia, Africa and elsewhere.

Given intensifying Israeli/Palestinian confrontations in Jerusalem, where CIDCM faculty are engaged in peace building, our weekend workshop will search for common ground on addressing the dispute over the Temple Mount/Haram Al-Sharif at the heart of both national identities. The workshop simulation engaging influential Israeli and Palestinian civil society representatives will be co-facilitated by experienced Israeli-American and Muslim-American professionals, Prof. Edward (Edy) Kaufman, and Prof. John Davies (see below). In an effort to bridge the negotiation gap between parties that remain caught in cycles of confrontation, unofficial channels will be explored using leading-edge interactive techniques. New insights from the workshop, arrived at through trust building, skills building (in areas such as nonviolent communication, prejudice reduction and integrative problem solving) and consensus building, will provide out-of-the-box policy options to inform ongoing multi-track work in the region.

Multi-track diplomacy has become an important tool for current and intending professionals, including not only diplomats, government and IO agencies and CSO staff working for development, democratic reform, relief and humanitarian aid, but also 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 CIDCM, this University of Maryland *80-hour professional development program* is scheduled for *evenings and two weekends* for the convenience of professionals (*certification available*).

Further Information

For more information, see below (or reverse), and please contact Prof. John Davies at jdavies@umd.edu or 240-441-8712, or Prof. Edy Kaufman at kaufmane@umd.edu. Past evaluations are available showing the unique advanced and innovative approach of this program.

Instructors



Prof. Edy Kaufman and Prof. John Davies are Senior Associates with CIDCM, which has pioneered the development and application of multi-track diplomacy for resolving protracted ethnic, nationalist and other complex societal conflicts since the early 1980's. They're co-directors of CIDCM's *Partners in Conflict & Peacebuilding Program* and have collaborated over 25 years in leading conflict transformation workshops in the Middle East, Latin America, Eastern Europe, South Asia & Africa. Also, Edy Kaufman has been Executive Director of the Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace in Jerusalem; and John Davies has trained UN peacekeepers, and helped build and run global & regional conflict early warning/response networks.



Certification, Credits and Scholarships

Successful completion not only provides life skills for transforming conflict in families, communities and nations, but also qualifies participants for certification of advanced training, and up to 6 academic credits for degree seeking students. Some scholarships may be available covering up to half of the tuition costs for non-degree-seeking professionals, including embassy, CSO staff and international visitors.

Program Structure, Credit and Readings

The program may be taken either by non-degree-seeking professionals for certification, or by degree-seeking students as two 3-credit courses at either the 400 (undergraduate) level or (with more comprehensive readings and written work) at the 800 (graduate) level. *It is highly recommended, but not required, that both classes be taken concurrently.* Students not needing 6 credits are encouraged to take the second course for certification.

Multi-Track Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation (GVPT409J / GVPT808J / CATOES002)

Schedule: Twelve seminars: Mon-Fri evenings 6.00-9.15 pm, January 2-22, except Fri 4th and 11th classes as below, and Mon 21th Martin Luther King day ("snow day" makeups Jan. 19-20 if needed).

Workshop in Multi-Track Diplomacy (GVPT409K / GVPT808K / CATOES003)

Schedule: Two consecutive weekend workshops: Friday evenings 6-9pm, Saturday and Sundays 9am-1pm and 2-6pm, January 5-7 and 12-14 ("snow day" makeups Jan. 19-20 if needed).

Readings: Required text is Davies & Kaufman *Second Track/Citizens' Diplomacy: Concepts and Techniques for Conflict Transformation* (2003), plus online readings. Recommended text: Crocker et al. *Managing Conflict in a World Adrift* (2015).

Location: Tydings Hall GVPT409J/808J/CATOES002, Rm. 1102; GVPT 409K/808K/CATOES003, Rm. 1101 (building 042 on map: see www.transportation.umd.edu/parking/maps/map_color.pdf).

Registration

For assistance, email winter@umd.edu or call 301-405-7762.

Credit (degree-seeking students): Registration opens October 23, 2018. UMD students may simply register; visiting students seeking academic credit must first apply; see www.winter.umd.edu. All credit-seeking students need permission to register for more than 4 credits. For instruction, see <https://oes.umd.edu/incoming-current-visiting-students/winter-session/winter-session-academic-policies#MaximumLoad>. Enrollment in both courses is recommended but not required. Seats are limited. For credit tuition, fees, and payment, see: www.winter.umd.edu, select "Fees, Payment & Aid."

Non-Credit (professional/non-degree-seeking): Enrollment opens October 24, 2017. For non-credit enrollment instructions, tuition, and payment, see: <https://oes.umd.edu/incoming-current-visiting-students/winter-session/winter-session-courses-and-workshops/winter-session-workshops>. Enrollment in both non-credit workshops is recommended but not required. No additional permission is required. Seats are limited.

Comments from Past Courses:

"The track two diplomacy program at UMD is vigorous and full of energy and life. The instructors play a role more like facilitators and the students more like participants in conflict mediation workshops. Role play sessions on the Middle East conflict...were real and everybody became totally immersed in efforts to resolve this obstinate conflict... The instructors managed the sessions with wit, dexterity and tact. Their thorough knowledge not only of the subject matter but also of the different shades of conflicts, conflict hot-spots, means of mediation and conflict predictability was astounding... No student leaves without presenting real action commitments s/he is willing to undertake to resolve a conflict. If everybody were track two practitioners, no arms would sell and the wars would end." - John Monibah (Liberia)

"The Multi-Track Diplomacy: Transforming Violent Conflict winter program at UMD, led by Prof. Edy Kaufman and Prof. John Davies... was much more than just a course: it was a window of possibilities for people from 13 different cultures to co-create new approaches for peace and conflict transformation initiatives all around the world. It has changed the life of this group of 21 professional, grad and undergrad students. It is a story that shows that the limits of what we think is possible depend only on our capacity to connect with people and with our deepest motivations." – Alan Dosoretz (Argentina)

"I feel extremely lucky that I got to spend 80 hours in these last 3 weeks with the most brilliant and genuine group of people who are passionate about bringing peace to this world... We were Muslims, Jewish, and Christians, we were 13 different nations of all colors, males and females, old and young, students and professionals thinking, talking, discussing, sharing, learning about conflict resolution until we felt like our brains were burning. I never thought that leaving this workshop would be this emotional, but I now know that I have doors to knock across the globe from Papua to Argentina... It gave me hope that peace is possible, that we can trust in one another and coexist. People like you are the reason I am not concerned about tomorrows." – Elifnaz Caliskan (Turkey)

"This program really changed the way I look at the world... This class made me realize the significance of communication and learning how to build an intimate conversation with someone. This tactic will be useful when I go to law school or just dealing with people in general...This will be a new start to my relationships." - Tooba Ahmed (Graduate Student, University of Baltimore)