

2019 Winter Session
Multi-Track Diplomacy: Transforming Violent Conflict
January 2 - 22, 2019



CIDCM
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DEVELOPMENT & CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

- **Professional Development: Peacemaking Skills from Local to International**
- **Online Classes: options to participate on-campus or interactively online evenings or weekends**
- **40 or 80-Hour Program, for Certification and/or 3 or 6 Academic Credits (grad or undergrad)**
- **Weekend Workshop Simulation on Evolving Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

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 societal 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 societal instability, terrorism or insurgent activities, as currently in our work in the Middle East, Latin America, South Asia, Africa and elsewhere.

Given intensifying cycles of oppression and confrontation in Jerusalem, where CIDCM faculty are engaged in peace initiatives, 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. In an effort to bridge the negotiation gap between parties, 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*), as well as online for credits toward a degree.

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



Profs. Edy Kaufman and 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 initiatives 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 co-developed global and 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 one or two 3-credit courses at either the 400 (undergraduate) level or (with more comprehensive readings and written work) at the 800 (graduate) level. Both courses may be taken on campus or online for credit and/or certification. *It is 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: 12 seminars: Mon-Fri evenings 6.00-9.15 pm, January 2-22, except Fri 4th & 11th classes as below, and Mon 21st MLK holiday. 409J & 808J online–classroom optional; CATOES002–classroom.

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

Schedule: 2 consecutive weekend workshops: Friday evenings 6-9pm, Saturday & Sundays 9am-1pm & 2-6pm, January 4-6 & 11-13. GVPT409K/808K online–classroom optional; CATOES003–classroom.

Location: Chincoteague Hall Rm. 1109 OR Edward St. John Building Rm. 1309 (TBD) – optional for online students, who are encouraged to link synchronously to (if not attending live) a number of class sessions.

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

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, 2018. 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.