



International Civilian Peacebuilding Training Programme:

About IPT

IPT is an internationally recognised professional training programme for civilian experts in peacebuilding, conflict transformation and crisis management. Within IPT we base our work on regular scholar-practitioner exchange and on an integrative approach that investigates different philosophies, theoretical paradigms and social theories in ways that support our efforts in peacebuilding. As such we are interested in ontologies and epistemologies of peace and peacebuilding together with their implications and applications for our practical work.

Teaching- and Learning Methodology

As ACP Faculty we see it as our responsibility to create an interactive and participatory learning space which is based on academic rigor, creativity, self-reflection, cross-cultural collaboration, care, and respect. In these spaces we aim to contribute to participants' knowledge and skills, and offer opportunities for reflection, self-enquiry and for gaining new tools and methods. We combine for example group work, simulations, lectures, opportunities for individual and collective reflection and more. We pay close attention to ensuring that aspects of personal, relational, cultural and structural learning can take place and be transferred and adapted into our participants' respective fields. We seek to support creativity and innovation on the basis of cross-cultural exchange and collaboration in the learning environment, as well as between scholars and practitioners.

Course Formats

Our course formats are tailored towards professionals in junior- and mid-level positions in their respective fields. Our Core Courses offer a comprehensive introduction and basic qualifications in the realm of peacebuilding, while the Specialization Courses and Master Classes are dynamic responses to new developments and identified needs in the field:

- The Core Courses (CC) provide participants with basic knowledge, skills, tools, and opportunities for working in realms of peacebuilding and conflict transformation.
- Our Specialization Courses (SC) offer qualifications in function-specific duties in the field, such as Election Observation, Child Protection or the Management of Peacebuilding Projects and related Processes.
- Master Classes (MC) invite internationally renowned experts utilising their specific fields of expertise, methods or approaches they have developed, in an intensive training programme. The chosen trainers will facilitate a process-oriented learning experience throughout the



training, which centres on their approach and related foundations within theory and practice. These courses are either offered in Austria, as regional or online courses together with three individual coaching sessions per participant.

- IPT Online Lecture Series (IPT OLS) is our online format aimed at responding to pressing questions around peace, violence, conflict, and justice in our time. Under the banner of 'Caring Conversations for Peace and Justice' it invites renowned persons from academia, practice and advocacy around peacebuilding and social justice to share their insights, approaches, lessons learned and more.
- Tailor-made courses can be facilitated for interested organizations at our Headquarters in Austria or in their respective fields. In the past we have organized Safety and Security Trainings for the Austrian Working Group of Humanitarian Assistance, for example, or Election Observation Courses for the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

Examples of Courses

IPT offers state-of-the-art peacebuilding training courses, in terms of both content and methodology, such as:

- Child Protection
- Dialogue and Mediation
- Election Observation
- Engaging Men and Masculinities in Peacebuilding
- Gender, Intersectionality and Peacebuilding
- Human Rights
- Interactive Conflict Transformation
- Project Management for Peacebuilders
- Psychosocial Work and Peacebuilding
- Women in Armed Conflict