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VORWORT

„Es sieht aus, als würde die Welt sich auf Krieg vorbereiten.“ Als der erst kürzlich verstorbene Michail Gorbatschow zu Beginn des Jahres 2017 diese Zeilen schrieb, mag vielen von uns der darin enthaltene Appell vielleicht nur am Rande bewusst gewesen sein. Am Österreichischen Friedenszentrum in Schlaining war das aber keineswegs der Fall. Ganz im Gegenteil, seit über 40 Jahren werden wir nicht müde, uns mit Konflikten zu beschäftigen und die Welt stetig auf Frieden vorzubereiten. Es ist und bleibt unsere Hauptaufgabe.

Speziell inmitten der geopolitischen Entwicklungen und Verwerfungen der letzten Jahre ist das Friedenszentrum daher ein Leuchtturm, der vom Ort Stadtschlaining weit über die Grenzen des Burgenlandes und Österreichs hinausstrahlt. Zum einen drückt sich das durch Initiativen aus die ein friedvolles Zusammenleben im Kontext von oft langjährigen Konflikten ermöglichen und in denen auf höchster politischer Ebene vermittelt wird. Andererseits trägt das Zentrum durch seine vielfältigen Trainingsformate, in denen Fachkräfte für die Arbeit in Konfliktkontexten aus- und weiterbildet werden, durch das friedenspädagogische Angebot und mit dem jahrzehntealten und international renommierten Engagement im Bereich der Friedens- und Konfliktforschung dazu bei, die Relevanz Österreichs und des Burgenlandes auf der internationalen Bühne zu erhöhen. Diese Komponente ist durchaus nicht selbstverständlich für eine Organisation dieser Art und bildet, einhergehend mit seiner regionalen Verwurzelung auch ein beständiges Fundament für die Förderung von Frieden in einer vernetzten Welt.

Zu den Herausforderungen wie etwa Friedenssicherung, Schutz der Menschenrechte oder die Bekämpfung von Ungleichheiten – um mit Blick in die Welt nur einige zu nennen, haben sich in den vier Jahrzehnten seit der Gründung des Friedenszentrum neue wie Big Data und die Klimakrise hinzugefügt.

In diesem Sinn verrichtet das Zentrum durch die einzigartige Verknüpfung von Ausbildung, Analyse und Forschung sowie direktem Handeln wichtige Arbeit, um diesen Herausforderungen zu begegnen. Vor diesem Hintergrund ist das Friedenszentrum vor allem auch für seine innovative Kapazität und inhaltliche Flexibilität bekannt. Diese Eigenschaft ist gerade auch deshalb besonders wertvoll, weil sich eine Organisation, die im Themenfeld Frieden und Konflikt arbeitet, vor allem nicht nur in unsicheren, sondern auch in sich ständig ändernden Kontexten bewegt. Das wird sich auch in Zukunft nicht ändern. Am Ende ist es nämlich nicht nur die Fähigkeit nach vorne zu schauen, die einen für eine größtenteils ungewisse Zukunft vorbereitet, sondern das Vertrauen in sich selbst, dass man aus 40 Jahren Erfahrung und Expertise schöpft.

In diesem Sinne wünsche ich dem Friedenszentrum alles Gute zum Jubiläum und danke allen, die ihm verbunden sind und waren für ihre Unterstützung in den letzten 40 Jahren und wünsche dem Zentrum auch in Zukunft Menschen in seiner Nähe, die sich für eine friedlichere und integrativere Welt einsetzen.

Mag. Norbert Darabos
ASPR Präsident

PREFACE



„It looks like the world is preparing for war.“ When the recently deceased Mikhail Gorbachev wrote these lines at the beginning of 2017, many of us may have been only peripherally aware of the appeal they contained. But this was by no means the case at the Austrian Peace Centre in Schlaining. On the contrary, for over 40 years we have never tired of dealing with conflicts and constantly preparing the world for peace. It is and remains our main task.

Especially in the midst of the geopolitical developments and upheavals of recent years, the Peace Centre is therefore a beacon that radiates from Stadtschlaining far beyond the borders of Burgenland and Austria. On the one hand, this is expressed through initiatives

that enable peaceful coexistence in the context of often long-standing conflicts and in which mediation takes place at the highest political level. On the other hand, the centre contributes to increasing the relevance of Austria and Burgenland on the international stage through its diverse training formats, in which experts are trained and further educated for work in conflict contexts, through its peace education formats and with its decades-old and internationally renowned commitment in the field of peace and conflict research. This component can by no means be taken for granted for an organisation of this kind and, together with its regional roots, also forms a consistent foundation for the promotion of peace in an interconnected world.

In the four decades since the founding of the Peace Centre, challenges such as peacekeeping, the protection of human rights or the fight against inequality – to name but a few – have been joined by new ones such as big data and the climate crisis.

In this sense, the Centre is doing important work to address these challenges through its unique combination of training, analysis and research, and direct action. Against this backdrop, the Peace Centre is also known for its innovative capacity and flexibility of content. This quality is particularly valuable because an organisation working in the thematic field of peace and conflict moves above all not only in uncertain but also in constantly changing contexts. This will not change in the future. In the end, it is therefore not only the ability to look ahead that prepares one for a largely uncertain future, but the confidence in oneself that one draws from 40 years of experience and expertise.

In this spirit, I wish the Peace Centre all the best on its anniversary and thank all those who are and have been associated with it for their support over the past 40 years and wish the Centre people close to it in the future who will continue to work for a more peaceful and inclusive world.

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Norbert Darabos
ASPR President

Frieden in Transformation

Die derzeitigen Entwicklungen stellen das Selbstverständnis des Zusammenlebens auf dem europäischen Kontinent und darüber hinaus in Frage. So viele Grenzen sind bereits überschritten, so viele unwiderrufliche Schritte gesetzt, dass ein Status Quo Ante kaum mehr vorstellbar ist.

In Zeiten von relativer Stabilität lässt sich leichter an Frieden denken als in Zeiten fundamentaler Bedrohungen. Und doch wird man über kurz oder lang Wege finden müssen auf dem europäischen Kontinent zusammenzuleben, zusammenzuarbeiten und nach Frieden zu streben. Ist einmal die Dynamik der Eskalation gestoppt, liegt ein langer Weg vor uns, der Dialog und Vertrauensaufbau auf vielen Ebenen erfordert und mit aller Ernsthaftigkeit und Selbstkritik geführt werden sollte.

Wir sollten dabei nicht vergessen, dass tiefgreifende und richtungsweisende Konflikte nichts Neues sind. In Europa selbst braucht man nur an die Balkankriege denken und welche Brüche sie im internationalen System auslösten. Anderswo auf der Welt liegen solche Erfahrungen noch näher, auch wenn die unter fragwürdigen Umständen erfolgte Invasion des Irak 2003 oder der ebenfalls völkerrechtlich umstrittene militärische Eingriff in Libyen 2011 nicht mehr in unserem Bewusstsein liegen – sofern man nicht selbst von den andauernden Konsequenzen davon betroffen ist.

Nicht vergessen sollten wir auch, dass nur vor allzu kurzer Zeit all unsere Aufmerksamkeit auf die Machtübernahme der Taliban in Afghanistan gerichtet war. Und nur kurz davor lagen alle Augen auf den andauernden Kriegen im Jemen und Syrien und den humanitären Katastrophen, die damit einhergehen. Andere Beispiele akuter und ungelöster Konflikte ließen sich leicht aufzählen.

Nicht vergessen sollten wir andere geopolitische Trends wie den so schnell wie nie in der menschlichen Geschichte voranschreitenden Technologiewandel, der dazu beiträgt, Propaganda zu beschleunigen und die Wahrheit zu verzerren, der einen Beitrag dazu leistet Kriegsführung weiter zu de-humanisieren – und der gleichzeitig dazu genützt werden kann, Friedensbemühungen zu unterstützen.

Nicht vergessen sollten wir den immer weiter voranschreitenden Klimawandel, der Lebensgrundlagen zerstört und dadurch ein immer wichtigerer Treiber und Beschleuniger von Konflikten wird. Dieser droht zudem Sicherheit, Stabilität und Frieden nachhaltig zu beeinflussen, bietet aber gleichzeitig Motivation über sonst unüberbrückbare Gräben hinweg zusammenzuarbeiten, Vertrauen wieder aufzubauen – denn diese Herausforderung betrifft uns alle. Auch auf dem europäischen Kontinent.

Mag. Moritz Ehrmann
ASPR Direktor

Peace in Transformation



Current developments call into question the perspective of coexistence on the European continent and beyond. So many borders have already been crossed, so many irrevocable steps have been taken, that a status quo ante is hardly conceivable anymore.

It is easier to think of peace in times of relative stability than in times of fundamental threats. And yet, sooner or later, ways will have to be found on the European continent to live together, to work together and to strive for peace. Once the dynamic of escalation has been stopped, there is a long road ahead of us that requires dialogue and confidence-building at many levels, and which should be

conducted with all earnestness and self-criticism.

We should not forget that game-changing conflicts are nothing new. In Europe itself, one need only think of the Balkan wars and the ruptures they triggered in the international system. Elsewhere in the world, such experiences are even closer, even if the invasion of Iraq in 2003, which took place under questionable circumstances, or the military intervention in Libya in 2011, which was also controversial under international law, are no longer in our consciousness – unless we are ourselves affected by the ongoing consequences of them.

Nor should we forget that only too recently all our attention was focused on the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan. And only a short time before that, all eyes were on the ongoing wars in Yemen and Syria and the humanitarian disasters that accompany them. Other examples of acute and unresolved conflicts could easily be listed.

Nor should we forget other geopolitical trends such as technological change, which is advancing faster than at any time in human history, contributing to accelerate propaganda and to distorting the truth, to further de-humanizing warfare – and which at the same time can be used to support peace efforts.

And neither should we forget the fast-advancing climate change, which is destroying livelihoods and thus becoming an increasingly important driver and accelerator of conflict. It also threatens to have a lasting impact on security, stability and peace, but at the same time offers motivation to work together across otherwise unbridgeable divides, to rebuild trust – because this challenge affects us all. Also us on the European continent.

Moritz Ehrmann
ASPR Director

BUILDING RESEARCH COMPETENCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

ÖIF - Österreichisches Institut für Friedensforschung

1982 Foundation of the Austrian Institute for Peace Research (ÖIF)

1983 Opening of ÖIF in Rittersaal of Schlaining Castle

Amendment of the statutes - Schlaining as the seat of the association
& exclusive seat of the association's activities

1984 1st Summer Academy (SAK)

1985 Declaration of the Committee of Persons Dr. Kreisky (100 persons)
*Goals of the Institute: expansion of the research center,
establishment of a Peace University & establishment of a Peace Forum*

1st State of Peace Conference (StoP) in Bad Tatzmannsdorf

1986 Opening of Schlaining Castle

Consolidated Eponym of the Peace Castle

The history of the ASPR begins in 1982 with the founding of the „Österreichisches Institut für Friedensforschung“ (ÖIF) by Gerald Mader, Burgenland Provincial Councilor for Culture, together with Hertha Firnberg, then Minister of Science. After leaving the Burgenland provincial government, Mader became the honorary executive president of the ÖIF in 1985. He had a lasting influence not only on the development of the institute but also on the development of Schlaining.



Gerald Mader
Founder of the ASPR



Schlaining Castle
Conference Center



Haus International
Student dormitory

The 1980s were marked by (re)constructions in terms of content and infrastructure that still characterize Schlaining's townscape today: The castle bastion and the granary were converted into a conference centre, which opened in 1987. The former armoury was transformed into a conference and seminar hotel and started operating in 1988. At the same time, the „European University Centre for Peace Studies“ (EPU) -the sister institute of the ASPR- was founded.

The former synagogue in Schlaining was purchased and renovated by the institute and, with the permission of the Jewish Community, the Peace Library was installed there in 1989. Finally, the student dormitory, Haus International, was built and began operating in 1992.

1987

UN Secretary-General Xavier Pérez de Cuellar appoints the Austrian Institute for Peace Research and Peace Education in Schlaining as „**Peace Messenger**“

1988

Opening of the hotel „Burg Schlaining“ (36 rooms, 65 beds)
Opening exhibition in the Synagogue *Restoration completed*

Preparatory conference of the UNESCO Commission
on the establishment of a University Center for Peace Studies

Foundation of the European University Centre for Peace Studies (EPU)
with 40 non-governmental representatives

1989

Peace Library moved to Synagogue (formerly in Granarium)

1990

Opening and start of EPU (pilot semester with 50 students)

1991/92

Construction of **Haus International**

From this point forward, the ASPR's activities shaped the Schlaining townscape. Schlaining became an international hub for participants of ASPR events and training courses as well as university students from all over the world. They were joined by visitors to the Peace Museum, and numerous schoolchildren from all over Austria that participated in the Peace Weeks. Concurrently high-ranking politicians, ministers, religious dignitaries, and representatives of opposition groups came to the ASPR in Schlaining and engaged in constructive conflict dialogue and worked out joint solutions.

After more than three decades of operations, the infrastructure created in the 1980s required extensive renovation. Negotiations with the Province of Burgenland resulted in the Hotel Burg Schlaining being incorporated into other existing structures in the region in 2019 and the administration of the castle being transferred from the ASPR to the cultural management of Burgenland.



EU Heads Mission Retreat
2014



Peace Education Conference
2021



EAPTC Conference
2022

In the year 2021, which marked 100 years since the founding of the Austrian state of Burgenland, the Peace Museum was closed, and the Peace Library was moved out of the Schlaininger Synagogue to make room for an anniversary exhibition.

The fact that Schlaining Castle has become known worldwide as the "Peacecastle" is not only thanks to Gerald Mader but also to the numerous staff members, members of boards and advisory councils, sponsors and supporters, peace researchers and peace activists, as well as the many participants in ASPR events and training programmes from all over the world.

ASPR - Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution

1992

Change of the organisation's name and new statutes

Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution

Opening of Haus International

44 rooms, 3 seminar rooms

Regular Start of the EPU

Opening EPU fall semester

1993

Start of pilot course under the International Civilian Peacebuilding Training Program (IPT)

Implementation ASPR & EPU

1994

Council of Ministers decision on IPT

Annually 2 basic training courses (4 weeks)
& 2 specialization courses (1 week)

1995

Research Project Study „Security in Europe“

International Conference

Declaration of Schlaining against Racism, Violence & Discrimination

World Conference of Peace Museum Directors

„Building a Peace Museum“

40 years
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European Peace University – EPU

Efforts to establish a Peace University started as early as 1985. In 1987 the institute submitted a proposal to the UNESCO General Assembly for the establishment of a European University for Peace Studies, which was unanimously accepted. One year later, the sister institute of the ASPR, the „European University Centre for Peace Studies“ (EPU) was founded. After the first pilot semester in 1990, regular operations started in 1992.

EPU students and ASPR course participants from all over the world became part of Schlaining's everyday life and the ASPR became the largest employer in the municipality.



EPU Workshop
1989



Stonebridge Schlaining Castle
Friedenszentrum - Peace Center



EPU Pilot Semester
1990

In 2010, the Austrian federal government decided to cancel basic subsidies for non-university research institutions such as the ASPR. The ASPR's funding was secured relatively quickly through its incorporation into a research cluster on „Conflict, Peace and Democracy“ coordinated initially by the University of Klagenfurt and later by the University of Graz.

1995 UNESCO Peace Award for Peace Education

1997 1st Summer Academy on OSCE

1997- 2003 EPU Master of Advanced Studies in Peace & Conflict

2000 Opening of the Peace Museum on 6000 m² as part of the castle with the exhibition „From the Cult of Violence to a Culture of Peace“

PAN-Peace Table for Dialogue
Dedicated to Nobel Peace Prize Laureates

2002 Minister of Education Elisabeth Gehrler commends the Schlaining Peace Museum for its „**outstanding achievements in the field of museums**“

UNITWIN Award „UNESCO Chair on Peace, Human Rights and Democracy“

2003 EPU Master of Arts Diploma Peace Studies

2004 **COMPAIR - Methods in dialogue**
International Academy for Conflict Resolution

The EPU failed to find the necessary funding and its accreditation as a private university was revoked in 2013. The following year, EPU had to close its doors after 22 years of operations.



ASPR & EPU Team
2001



Laszlo W. Farkas
Academic Coordinator



EPU Students in Vienna
Spring 2013

By then, more than 1,650 people from 125 countries had studied at EPU, and the teaching staff came from 42 different countries, especially from the Global South. Students from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds lived together in “Haus International” for three semesters at a time. Many of them came from crisis and war zones. This allowed for a unique learning space to be created in which not only theory, but also real experiences and practice of peace and conflict work were reflected.

2005 - 2007 Participation in the reconstruction after Tsunami in Sri Lanka
Construction of „Burgenland Village“ for 55 families

2006 **Symposium „Constructive Pacifism“**

2007 **Start of the Peace Weeks**
Pilot Project School 2007/08 with 370 students

2009 **Austrian UNESCO National Commission award for Peace Weeks**
in the framework of the UN Decade of Education and Sustainable Development



Sadako's Crane for Peace
Peace City Stadtschlaining
Memorial against the madness of war & for a worldwide peaceful coexistence

since **2009** **Training programmes for the European Security and Defence College**
for civilian, police and military experts

2010 **EPU accreditation**
Award of the Richard & Wilhelmine Swarz Foundation for the Peace Weeks

Peace Library

The former synagogue in Schlaining, which had stood empty since the expulsion or murder of Jewish families under National Socialism, was purchased and renovated by the institute. In 1989, with the approval of the Jewish Community, the Peace Library of the institute was moved there. Today, the library holds more than 31,000 volumes and journals, making it one of the largest specialized libraries for peace studies and peace education in Europe. The staff of the ASPR Peace Library also took over the support of Jewish Schlaininger descendants in researching their ancestors.



Former Synagogue
Stadtschlaining



Peace Library
1990 - 2020

Since 2021 the synagogue has been used for exhibitions by the cultural management of Burgenland- the library is temporarily in a transitional location and therefore not open to the public. However, library operations are up and running. The entire collection can be consulted online. Bibliographies or literature suggestions on specific topics are provided upon request.

2010

1st 3C Conference

Coordination for civil society engagement in the 3C process

2010/11

„Letter of Intent“

Cooperation agreement CPDC Cluster

Peace, Conflict & Democracy Research

Alpe Adria Uni Klagenfurt (until 2015, afterwards UNI Graz

Institute for Conflict Research, Democracy Center Vienna & ASPR)

since

2012

Holocaust History Project

since

2013

Implementation of the Austrian 3C-Process

2014

Closure of the EPU private university

2016 - 2022

EU Aid Volunteers training program - EUAV

Preparation course for volunteer candidates

Peace Museum

In 2000, the Burgenland Provincial Exhibition „From the Cult of Violence to a Culture of Peace“, curated by the ASPR, opened its doors. The exhibition was subsequently transformed into a permanent museum for peace. It covered 6,000 square meters and the ASPR was thus able to bring closer the idea of peace to a wider public. By the time it closed in 2019, the museum had welcomed 336,000 visitors and hosted 30 special exhibitions. The Peace Museum was only recently closed in 2021 for Burgenland's 100th-anniversary exhibition.



Awards

Over the years, the ASPR and the Peace University have received numerous awards, including

- Peace Weeks - UNESCO „Award for Peace Education“
- UNITWIN Award for „UNESCO Chair on Peace, Human Rights and Democracy“
- Peace Museum - Recognition for „outstanding achievements in the field of museum education“
- UN awarded titles as „Peace Messenger“
- Nelson Mandela Award for Peace and Conflict Resolution

Unique Characteristics

The profile of the ASPR is unique in the world today. Similar international institutes are primarily concerned with either research, education, or conflict transformation and only a few of them combine two of the areas or follow a multi-level approach. Thus, the ASPR's unique characteristics combine theory and practice by facilitating exchanges between academics and practitioners and by translating the theoretical as well as practical findings into educational work which can be applied from a local to the global level.



Peace Education & Trainings
Regional and International



PAN-Peace Table for Dialogue
Dedicated to Nobel Peace Prize Laureates



EPU & Training Alumni Network
Worldwide

The ASPR's work over the past 40 years has positively impacted the lives of many people worldwide: The ASPR now has a global alumni network of more than 8,000 individuals. These individuals hold high-level positions - in politics, academia, peacekeeping missions, humanitarian aid, and development cooperation - impacting the lives of many.

Sources: Book from Gerald Mader „Von der Utopie zur Wirklichkeit“, 2016; Article „Wir sind 100. Burgenland schreibt Geschichte“, Eisenstadt 2021 by Gudrun Kramer: Vom Burgenland in die Welt und wieder zurück – Friedens- und Konfliktarbeit auf Burg Schlaining, In: Rathkolb Kirchknopf (Hg.) as well as internal archives (Web & Annual Reports)

2019

Closure & clearance of the Peace Museum
and Sale of the Conference Hotel

Campaign „10 years Sadako's Crane“

2020

Clearance of the Peace Library from the Schlaining Synagogue
Archiving & Library in Haus International

International „Nelson Mandela Award for Peace and Conflict Resolution“

since

2020

Campaign „Homeland Earth“

2020-21

Restoration of Schlaining Castle

2020-22

Conflict Resolution Activities in seven countries *including Austria*

2021

EAPTC Conference
European Association of Peace Operations Training Centres

2023

“Schlaining Peace Forum“

CONTENTS AND INSIGHTS INTO OUR WORK AT THE ASPR

Research

The ASPR contributes to the dialogue on current peace policy issues through research, conferences and publications. Research results on these topics are regularly published in international, peer-reviewed journals. Additionally, the ASPR publishes the ASPR Report and ASPR Policy Brief series. The Research Department is responsible for the ASPR Vienna Lectures and organizes the annual „State of Peacebuilding“ (StoP) Conference, which serves as a meeting point for renowned international scholars. Furthermore, scientific expertise is contributed through the annual Summer Academy until 2021 and will continue to be contributed through formats such as the 40th anniversary conference or the „Schlaining Peace Forum“ in the Future.

CURRENT FOCUSES

Transition and peace processes in an international „political marketplace“
Perspectives for peacebuilding between normative and pragmatic requirements
Hybridity and complexity

PAST FOCUSES

Austrian peace movement
Establishment of the network for peace and conflict research in Austria
Political Theory
Austrian and European Security Policy
Transatlantic relations
Nuclear arms policy
Middle East
Political Islam
Peace Education
Peace Building
Conflict Prevention

since 1984 State-of-Peacebuilding - StoP

Annual academic exchange within a group of renowned peace researchers to an current issues within the framework of the international peacebuilding discourse. The research contributions are discussed and further developed in the ASPR traditional counter-reading procedure. This conference is not open to the public and has been held in English for several years.

since 2010 3C Conference and Process

As part of the Austrian 3C process (coherent, complementary and coordinated), the ASPR and the Austrian Ministry of Defense together with the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs have been organizing the annual 3C conferences as well as additional security policy workshops bringing together stakeholders from ministries and civil society organizations. The basis for this dialogue forum is the Vienna 3C Appeal of 2009, which outlines a coordinated approach by governmental institutions in fragile context and convenes stakeholders from the fields of diplomacy, development policy, the military, financial and economic policy, police and justice, and non-governmental organizations in the fields of development cooperation, humanitarian assistance, human rights protection and promotion as well as peacebuilding.

NETWORK PEACE AND CONFLICT RESEARCH IN AUSTRIA - NEFKÖ

Exchange platform between research and practice, disciplines, and generations

Since its foundation, the ASPR has acted as an interface for peace research, both, domestically and internationally. NeFKÖ was developed as a permanent format that significantly improves networking within peace and conflict research in Austria. It is an open and pluralistic network in disciplinary, theoretical, philosophical and practical respects, to which academic researchers and peace practitioners working on an academic basis belong to. The aims of the network are to strengthen peace and conflict research, to make its effects visible, to promote cooperation and to use synergies. Against this background, the ASPR has been a major contributor to NeFKÖ since its inception.

RESEARCH RESULTS AND PUBLICATION SERIES - EXCERPT

- 1984-2017 **Dialog - Contributions to Peace Research** 71 volumes
Documentations of the International Summer Academies, Results of the „State of Peace“ conferences & contributions from various scientific symposia
- 1994-2014 **European Peace Policy - Peace Power Europe**
Publication series in the form of 12 anthologies
- 1997-2009 **Schlaininger Working Papers** 20 Working Papers
for Peace Research, Disarmament and Sustainable Development
- 2006-2012 **SAFRAN** 10 working papers by young researchers
for Peace Research, Disarmament and Sustainable Development
- 1993-1999 **Peace Education in Practice** 6 handouts for pedagogues
- 1999-2005 **UNESCO Chairs on Human Rights, Democracy, Peace, Tolerance and International Understanding** Bulletin 1 to 7
- since 2018 **ASPR Policy Briefs & ASPR Reports**
- since 2019 **Public Perceptions of Peace in South Sudan**
- since 2021 **Strengthening Conflict and Gender Sensitive Community Resilience in Protracted Crises** in Northern Uganda and Central Equatoria (SCCR)

Source: Website - Archive until 2020

CONTENTS AND INSIGHTS INTO OUR WORK AT THE ASPR

Education & Training

- since 1993 **International Civilian Peacebuilding Training Program - IPT**
Core Course, Master Class 2020 & 2021 online, Short Online Course Introduction to gender, peace & security for civilian peacebuilders since 2021, Online Lecture Series 2020 & 2021 & Tailormade Courses
- Civilian peacebuilding experts**
In 1993, the tASPR implemented the world’s first training program for civilian professionals for peace and conflict work, the International Civilian Peacebuilding Training Programme - IPT, which is still offered today. In the nearly thirty years since inception, more than 2,000 persons from 133 countries have been prepared for their work in war and crisis zones.



IPT Course participants are prepared for work in war and crisis zones



IPT Election Observation Course 2021 in cooperation with Swiss Foreign Ministry



Summer Academy 2019

- 1984 - 2021 **Summer Academy**
The Summer Academy was a forum for experts, students, pupils and other interested individuals of all ages for up-to-date information, peace-oriented training, political discussion, and intellectual debate. The aim was to combine research and practice, dialogue and action, culture and politics while maintaining a scientific orientation.

- since **1997** **Summer Academy on OSCE**
Cancelled due to the pandemic and political developments in 2020 & 2021 & 2022
- The **training program for diplomats and experts in OSCE missions** is still running today.
More than 750 people have since completed this program.
- since **2000** Implementation of the **MPT courses „Mission Preparation Training“ for OSCE staff**
Development and implementation of various specialization courses
- since **2002** **EU Crisis Management Project**
several transformations of the project, subsequent initiatives until today: EUCTI
- since **2006** **Various activities on „Protection of Children in Armed Conflict“**
in cooperation with UN / UN DPKO: trainings, UN meetings
of all CPAs (Child Protection Advisors) and mediation between rebel groups

- since **2007** **Peace Weeks**
Alarmed by the increase in violence in Austrian schools, in 2007 the ASPR also reconnected with the 1980s and reactivated its initiatives in the field of peace education. Together with the Children and Youth Ombudsman's Office (KIJA) of Burgenland, a concept for **violence prevention in schools** was developed and the „Peace Weeks“ were piloted in the same year. Since then, more than 15,000 students have taken part, with more than 2,500 participating in the special „Holocaust History“ module.

- since **2009** **Training programmes for the European Security and Defence College - ESDC**
Core Course on Security Sector Reform (SSR), Course on Comprehensive Protection of Civilians (CPOC), Course on Recovery and Stabilisation Strategies (RSS)

Integrated Training Programme for Civilian, Police and Military Experts
At the ASPR, more than 1,800 people from all EU member states were trained and civilian experts were prepared for EU missions as part of the ESDC training courses.

2011-2019 Europe's New Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management - ENTRi



ENTRi Rule of Law Course
2016



Peace Weeks mobile
2020



Peace Weeks in Schlaining Castle
2021



ESDC - Common training
of civilian and military experts



HAWA Training of Trainers offers a wide
range of methods of adult education.



Course participants from the HAWA
Multiplier Module in Burkina Faso

since **2012** **Capacity Development for Humanitarian Assistance in West Africa - HAWA**
Training courses at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, HAWA Core Course *Pilot April 2015* (Core Course, Training of Trainers & Specialisation Course on Climate Action and Humanitarian Assistance), Women's Empowerment Module for female professionals, Strengthening local disaster management capacities, Research and counselling for the improvement of career development for women

The project is considered a „lighthouse project“ for the Austrian 3C process.
More than 250 people have completed the trainings so far.

since **2012** **Holocaust History Workshop**
„Learning today from yesterday for tomorrow“ for students of the 7th-10th grade of all school types

2016-2022 EU Aid Volunteers training program - EUAV

Preparation course for volunteer candidates

The EU Aid Volunteers Training Programme was a pre-deployment training for candidate volunteers pre-selected for volunteer placements in vulnerable and disaster-affected third countries. As part of a European consortium ASPR co-developed and provided pre-departure training to volunteer candidates pre-selected for positions published on the EU Aid Volunteers Platform.



2016-2018 Pilot **University course „Global Peace Education“**
in cooperation with PH Burgenland

since **2017** **SOS Peace Now**
Training provided in the areas of peace education and violence prevention for children, youths and caregivers of SOS Children's Village Burgenland & Austria

since **2018** **Peace Conference „Learning, Teaching, Living Peace Education“**
Innovative aspects for pedagogical practice for about 200 pedagogues from the region and students of the Private University College of Education Burgenland

since **2019** **EU Police and Civilian Services Training - EUPCST**
The programme aims to strengthen the capacities of the EU, Member States and third countries to contribute to the civilian peacekeeping missions of the EU and other multilateral organizations, as well as to other EU stabilization measures. The programme also seeks to improve cooperation between the EU member states in the preparation of mission personnel and harmonize training approaches.

2019-2021 **2nd University course „Global Peace Education“**



Peace Conference 2019 „Learning, Teaching, Living Peace Education“



5th EUPCST Steering Committee Meeting 2022 in Stadtschlaining



Graduates University course Global Peace Education 2021

SADAKO 'S CRANE 4 PEACE

since 2020 **ONLINE ASPR Dialogue Series on OSCE**

The aim of the online dialogue series is to expand and deepen knowledge about the OSCE by looking at specific aspects, also glancing at what is happening behind the scenes to get an understanding of diplomatic work and the importance of multilateralism. Furthermore, the Schlaining Dialogue series will provide food for thoughts and discussions to explore ways for the OSCE to enhance its existing, or to develop new capabilities in preventive diplomacy, peace-making, peacekeeping and peacebuilding.

2020-2021 **ASPR Helpline**

Free counseling offer for educators and parental persons in the crisis during the height of the pandemic

since 2021 **European Union's Civilian Training Initiative - EUCTI**

EUCTI seeks to enhance the quality of training provided to individuals joining international crisis management missions – either civilian crisis management (CCM) missions or civilian elements of integrated missions.

formerly ENTRi

since 2021 **7 Days for Peace**

The Burgenland Peace Education Symposium

A wide range of expertise and practical methods, including on-site and online workshops



EUCTI Security Sector Reform Training Course in Somalia 2021



7 Days for Peace - Peace Education Program Awards for Partner Schools



Peace Education Conference and premiere of the music theater 2021

MEMORIAL AGAINST THE MADNESS OF WAR AND FOR A WORLDWIDE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

Paper Crane

Sadako Sasaki *1943 †1955 *Hiroshima (Japan)*

The Japanese school girl Sadako Sasaki is one of the most famous survivors of the atomic bomb blast in Hiroshima. At the age of twelve, she developed leukemia as a consequence of the radiation. In the Japanese tradition, it is believed that someone who folds a thousand paper cranes has a free wish. Sadako folded over 1000 cranes, hoping that her wish to survive would be granted. She did not survive, and her legacy lives on all over the world:

The Origami Crane today has become an international symbol for peace – against nuclear weapons and war.



Due to the longstanding peace work of the ASPR at the Castle of Schlaining, Sadako's Family donated one of Sadako's original paper cranes in 2009 to the Peace Town of Schlaining. Since then the crane is also part of the ASPR logo.

The 10th anniversary of Sadako's Crane in Schlaining in 2019 was taken by the ASPR and the Peace City Schlaining as an occasion to set a sign for peace. At the city entrances this was made visible to everyone in the form of banners with quotations, and all over the country organizations and individuals participated by folding cranes. At the end of the campaign, more than 7,000 paper cranes were sent to Japan to the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, which wants to contribute to the worldwide promotion of peace and international cooperation by remembering the dropping of the atomic bomb.

The Austrian Study Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution was established in 1982, in the context of the Cold War, and located in the medieval castle of Stadtschlaining, just twelve kilometres from the Iron Curtain. Since its founding at the heart of a then divided Europe, the ASPR has sought to promote mutual understanding and peace not only in Europe, but throughout the world. Over the course of the past four decades, the ASPR has been a meeting place where differences and conflicts can be constructively addressed – whether in the context of the Cold War in the 1980s, amid the Balkan conflicts of the 1990s, protracted conflicts in the South Caucasus, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, as well as for conflicts further afield, such as in Uganda and the African Great Lakes region and Sri Lanka.

The ASPR’s commitment to promoting Peace and Conflict Resolution is implemented into action through facilitating informal dialogue processes, providing consultations for conflict party, supporting peace official negotiation processes, as well as engaging in direct mediation with conflict parties. These activities are at the core of the Centre’s mission.

- since 2018 Developing a Complex Understanding and Engagement with the Conflicts over the **Holy Land**
- since 2020 Dialogue for the Future of the Political Process in **Iraq**
- since 2021 Dialogue for Societal Cohesion in **Iraq**
Dialogue contributing to the de-escalation of water-related issues in **Libya**
- since 2019 **Sudan** Dialogue Platform
- since 2020 Communal Peace and Conflict Work in **Burgenland (Austria)**
- since 2021 **South Sudan & Uganda**

PAST ENGAGEMENTS

- 2018 - 2019 Georgia - Abkhazia Track 1½ (ASPR & HKI)
- 2017 - 2019 Ukraine Track 1½ together with CMI and swisspeace (ASPR & HKI)
- 2014 - 2019 Darfur Track
- 2006 - 2009 Israel Palestine Track 3 (HKI)
- 2006 - 2011 Carinthian conflict over bilingual road signs Track 1½ (HKI)
- 2009 Mediation between Tamil Diaspora and Tamils from Sri Lanka Track 2 (HKI)
- 2002 - 2009 Sri Lanka Track 1½ (ASPR & HKI)
- 2001 - 2004 Kyrgyzstan Track 2
- 1996 East Timor Track 1½ together with UN
- 1995 - 2008 Georgia - Abkhazia Track 1 ½ together with Conciliation Resources and Berghof Foundation, the so-called „Schlaining Process“ (ASPR)
- 1995 - 2004 South Caucasus Track 2
- 1991 - 1992 Yugoslavia Track 1½

IN MEMORIAM

FOUNDER AND LONGSTANDING PRESIDENT

Gerald Mader

* April 1, 1926 † May 6, 2019

Gerald Mader taught us what it means to stand up for the realization of an utopia. Despite all adversities, he always remained cheerful and never seized to remind us with a wink that the circle can be squared, if only we were willing to try. He was and will continue to be a part of the Austrian Centre for Peace in Schlaining. Together with his wife, Gertrud († 2017), and many fellow peace advocates, he succeeded in manifesting his vision. Till the end, he had been closely following new developments at the ASPR and remained interested in the national and international political landscape. Gerald never ceased his efforts to promote his vision of a peaceful world, one that we will continue to share on his behalf through our work.



LONG-TERM DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTRIAN CENTRE FOR PEACE

Arno Truger

* August 20, 1947 † March 15, 2022

The main focus of his work was researching and analysing conditions for international crisis operations, the development and management of training programs for civilian crisis operations and projects in crisis regions. The curricula that Arno Truger developed together with other experts in the 1990s had a major influence on relevant curricula of the UN, EU, OSCE and still serve as the basis for many training courses worldwide. He also was passionately involved in adult education in Austria and abroad. He always understood training as key to sustainable change. As the long-term director of the ASPR, he has influenced the institute's policy and developments side by side with President Gerald Mader.



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