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## RESOURCES

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### Conferences and Training Workshops

#### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Conflict Resolution (5-10 May, St Petersburg):**

The Common Bond Institute and the Harmony Institute present an intensive 10-day conference exploring core issues in conflict resolution and imparting effective skills for participants to use in their personal and professional lives. Conducted in English and Russian, the conference offers full-day institutes, workshops, round tables and lectures reflecting a cross-section of views and approaches to conflict resolution. The fee is \$1990 for the full 10 days and \$1490 for six days (conference only). Apply to Steve Olweean, Director, 12170 S. Pine Ayr Drive, Climax, Michigan 49034 U.S.; tel. +1 269 665 9393; [SOlweean@aol.com](mailto:SOlweean@aol.com); [www.cbiworld.org/Pages/Conferences\\_ICR.htm](http://www.cbiworld.org/Pages/Conferences_ICR.htm)

#### **ASN Conference – Globalisation, Nationalism and Ethnic Conflicts (28-30 September, Belgrade):**

The conference is organised by the Forum for Ethnic Relations, with a geographical focus on the Balkans. Panels and lectures explore, among other topics: nationalism and ethnic conflict; the development of national identity and the challenges of globalisation; violence and terrorism, organised crime and illegal migrations; conflict prevention; and the protection of human and minority rights. Enquiries to Forum for Ethnic Relations, Kraljice Natalije 45/VII, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro; tel/fax +381 11 361 66 54/ +381 11 362 07 81; [ferbgd@Eunet.yu](mailto:ferbgd@Eunet.yu); [www.fer.org.yu/eng/index-eng.htm](http://www.fer.org.yu/eng/index-eng.htm)

**Strengthening Policy and Practice (biannually, Birmingham)** is a week-long workshop run twice a year for individuals aged between 17 and 21 who are interested in skills and strategies for peace. It offers a residential course for staff of international and national agencies with

advisory and management responsibility for relief, development, rights and peacebuilding programmes. It is particularly relevant for individuals engaged in planning and implementing aid and development programmes or concerned with developing policies for appropriate responses in complex political emergencies. The fee is £960, inclusive of accommodation and food. Enquiries to Mrs Pat Priestley, Programme Manager, Responding to Conflict, 1046 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LJ, UK; tel +44 (0)121 415 5641; fax +44 (0)121 415 4119; [pat@respond.org](mailto:pat@respond.org); [www.respond.org/training.asp](http://www.respond.org/training.asp)

#### **Training in Conflict Management, Negotiation, and Mediation series (4-6 May, Johannesburg; 17-19 August, Pretoria, 9-11 November, Cape Town; 13-15 September, Johannesburg; 5-7 October, Johannesburg):**

The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) Conflict Management Series is a set of three-day courses that aim to provide an overall understanding of conflict and conflict analysis, and to train effective conflict resolution practitioners. For more than 10 years ACCORD has been active throughout the African continent, building capacity in government, business and civil society to transform destructive conflicts and build security. Details available at [www.accord.org.za/training/cm\\_descr.htm](http://www.accord.org.za/training/cm_descr.htm)

#### **Human Rights Protection and Promotion (10-22 September, Austria):**

This specialisation course is part of the International Civilian Peace-keeping and Peacebuilding Training Programme, an initiative of the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution. The course aims at raising participants' awareness of their behaviour, attitudes and values when undertaking international human rights fieldwork and to ensure that their work is efficient, relevant, sustainable, participatory,

accountable and carried out safely before or after armed conflict. The deadline for applications is 19 May. The fee is 630 Euros per week. Apply to IPT/Ms Silvia Polster, Rochusplatz 1, A-7461 Stadtsch-laining, Austria; ipt@aspr.ac.at; www.aspr.ac.at/ipt.htm

**World Peace Forum 2006 (23-28 June, Vancouver):** The Forum will organise panels, workshops, public forums, arts and entertainment activities and networking events to offer participants an open space for discussion and performance under the theme of 'Cities and Communities: Working Together to End War and Build a Peaceful, Just and Sustainable World'. Register online at registration@worldpeaceforum.ca, or write to World Peace Forum 2006, 550 West 6th Avenue, Suite 420, Vancouver, BC Canada V5Z 1A1; tel + 604 687 3223; fax: +604 687 3277.

**Designing Peacebuilding Inter-ventions and Conflict Transformation Programmes (8-12 May, Cluj-Napoca, Romania):** A five-day international training programme for practitioners, policy makers, international and national agency staff and NGOs working in peacebuilding, conflict transformation, violence prevention and post-war recovery, and in violence- and war-affected communities. Enquiries to Andra Tanase at tel. + 40 264 420298; dpi@transcend.org; www.transcend.org

**Disasters Management Course (12-23 June, Nairobi):** The purpose of this course, organised by the African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF), is to build the capacity of health and development workers and their organisations to establish efficient, coordinated and flexible systems for managing disasters and improving sustainable development. The fee is \$480. Apply to AMREF International Training Centre, Lang'ata Road, Box 27691 00506, Nairobi, Kenya; tel. +254 (20) 699 3000; fax +254 (20) 609 518; amreftraining@amrefhq.org; www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwt.nsf/db900SID/EVOD-6GVLSR?OpenDocument

**Leading Organisations to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals for Health Certificate Programme (5-29 July, Boston University):** This year almost 11 million children will die before the age of five, more than half a million mothers will die from complications of pregnancy, and 20 times that number will suffer from serious disability. A great proportion of these deaths could be prevented by applying well known, currently available solutions. The challenge of the UN's Millennium Development Declaration is to promote 'a comprehensive approach and a coordinated strategy, tackling many problems simultaneously across a broad front'. Meeting this challenge will require inspired managers with leadership skills. This certificate programme will prepare health managers and consultants to lead organisations to face priority health challenges and achieve results. Participants will learn practical skills for mobilising and aligning groups in the complex conditions of health in the developing world. The Summer Scholars' Programme rate for non-graduates is \$4728 for tuition, \$400 for materials and an estimated \$225 for health insurance. Apply to Department of International Health Certificate Programmes, 715 Albany Street, T-4 West, Boston, MA 02118; tel. +617 638 5234; fax: +617 638 4476; ih@bu.edu; www.bu.edu/sph/siuh

**International Humanitarian Law & Current Conflicts New Challenges And Dilemmas (16-21 July, Harvard University):** This advanced training course offers an opportunity for mid-career professionals to acquire and refine their skills to address humanitarian challenges through international humanitarian law. Enquiries to Project Coordinator Elizabeth Holland or Travel and Events Coordinator Bérengère Cusin, Programme on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research, Harvard School of Public Health, 1033 Massachusetts Ave, 4th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138; tel +617 496 3730; fax +617 384 5908; ihlseminar@hsph.harvard.edu; www.ihlresearch.org/ihl/seminar/

**Land, Memory, Reconstruction and Justice: Perspectives on Land Restitution in South Africa (13-15 September, Stellenbosch University, Cape Town):** The conference will bring together academics, policy makers, analysts, journalists and practitioners working in the areas of land claims and land restitution. It aims to provide a platform for current research, review the state of knowledge and assess the challenges facing this multi-faceted programme. Contributions focusing on experiences from Africa and elsewhere are welcomed. Rates are: single room R2200 (early registration R2000), sharing R1550 (early registration R1400), non-resident R600. Enquiries to Paulette Bertram, AIM International, PO Box 1010, Green Point 8051, South Africa; tel. +27 21 434 1219; fax +27 21 434 3927; aimintl@iafrica.com; <http://academic.sun.ac.za/sociology/restitutionconference/0602CallForPapers.pdf>

**Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI), Centre for Justice and Peacebuilding (8-16 May, 18-26 May, 30 May-7 June, 12-20 June, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA, U.S.A):** The Institute offers a forum to discern the inter-connections between conflict transformation, equitable development, protection of human rights and sustainable management of the environment. Participants explore the possibilities for personal, communal and global peace, discovering common interests through classroom interaction, luncheon presentations, weekend seminars, special interest groups and community celebrations. Training fees range from \$645 for one session to \$2580 for four. Enquiries to Summer Peace-building Institute, Eastern Mennonite University, 1200 Park Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22802-2462; tel. +540 432 4490 or 540 432 4672; fax +540 432 4449 or 540 432 4444; [spi@emu.edu](mailto:spi@emu.edu); [www.emu.edu/ctp/spi.html](http://www.emu.edu/ctp/spi.html)

**Duke-UNC Rotary Centre for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution:** This annual course offers selected individuals committed to peace and cooperation the opportunity to pursue a two-year master's-

level degree in fields related to international cooperation and conflict resolution. The Duke-UNC Rotary Centre at the University of North Carolina, U.S., places special emphasis on democracy building, sustainable development and conflict prevention. Up to 70 Rotary World Peace scholars are chosen each year and are supported by full scholarships from the international Rotary Foundation. Enquiries to Susan Carroll, Coordinator, tel. +1 919 843 2792; [scarroll@duke.edu](mailto:scarroll@duke.edu); [www.ucis.unc.edu/programsrotary.htm](http://www.ucis.unc.edu/programsrotary.htm)

**Second Workshop of Young Scholars from the Global South (30 October to 3 November, Geneva):** Following the success of its workshop in October last year, the Graduate Institute of International Studies offers another workshop for outstanding young scholars from the Global South specialising in the study of international relations. The aim is to help incubate a network of young scholars from Southern countries by providing them opportunities to share experiences and develop collaborative frameworks and projects. Candidates will typically be new PhDs or nearing completion of their doctorates. All participants will be provided accommodation and receive a contribution towards living expenses. The Institute will also cover return excursion fares. Applicants are asked to e-mail a letter of self-introduction and motivation, attaching a detailed CV with contact details of two referees and a 2000-word summary of their PhD project, to [southworkshop@hei.unige.ch](mailto:southworkshop@hei.unige.ch) by 1 June, or to write to Ms Denise Ducroz, Graduate Institute of International Studies, 11A Avenue de la Paix, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland before 1 June.

## Web Pages and E-communications

**ACT (Alliance for Conflict Transformation):** Find information about ACT's current and past projects and access the ACT Forums, a leading online resource for information about jobs, scholarships, grants and events in peace

and conflict resolution, international development and humanitarian relief, at <http://conflicttransformation.org/>

**Communication Initiative:** The CI network – at [www.comminet.com/](http://www.comminet.com/) – is an online space for sharing experiences and building bridges among individuals and organisations engaged in or supporting communication as a fun-damental strategy for economic and social development and change.

**Human Development Resource Net:** The development of HDRNet was initially supported by Universitas, an initiative of the International Labour Organisation in Geneva. It is presently supported by ART, a collaborative initiative of the UNDP UNESCO, UNIFEM and UNOPS. The documents and information it publishes are selected by an international network of academics and practitioners involved in the practice and research of human development and international cooperation. It can be found at [www.yorku.ca/hdrnet/index.asp](http://www.yorku.ca/hdrnet/index.asp)

**CHA (Consortium for Humanitarian Agencies):** Established in 1997, CHA has become a national service provider in the non-profit sector, particularly for humanitarian agencies in Sri Lanka. It is committed to a process of continual improvement and to maintaining ethical, moral, transparency and accountability standards in the provision of interventions, products and services. Its website ([www.humanitarian-srilanka.org](http://www.humanitarian-srilanka.org)) features a library of reports, bulletins, members' publications, and a bank of job opportunities.

## Book Notices

### ***Human Rights and Conflict: Exploring the Links between Rights, Law and Peacebuilding***

Julie Mertus & Jeffrey W. Helsing, editors  
Washington DC: U.S. Institute of Peace,  
July 2006  
ISBN 1-929223-76-5

This volume brings various perspectives together to create a composite picture of the

relationship between human rights and conflict. Some chapters are followed by commentaries offering an alternative view of the same subject, or exploring ways in which human rights advocates, negotiators, peacebuilders and relief agencies can reinforce each other's work.

### ***Getting In: Mediators' Entry into the Settlement of African Conflicts***

Mohammed O. Maundi, I. William Zartman, Gilbert M. Khadiagala & Kwaku Nuamah

Washington DC: U.S. Institute of Peace,  
April 2006  
ISBN 1-929223-62-5

This study of successful mediation in a half-dozen violent conflicts across the African continent focuses on a neglected dimension of mediation and the motivations of the parties in conflict – and of the mediators themselves – in initiating the mediation option. Many journalistic accounts and scholarly analyses of conflict mediation detail the mediation process in full swing, but largely ignore the crucial phase of mediators' entry into the destructive and disturbing mass violence in Burundi, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and West Africa, and the border conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea. This collaboration of renowned scholars and a practitioner in conflict management and African politics draws wide-ranging and timely conclusions on the early stages of mediation from six case studies. For more information, visit [www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/gettingin.html](http://www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/gettingin.html)

### ***The Peace Process and Palestinian Refugee Claims: Addressing Claims for Property Compensation and Restitution***

Michael R. Fischbach

Washington DC: U.S. Institute of Peace,  
April 2006  
ISBN 1-929223-80-3

The property abandoned by Palestinian refugees in 1948 is an acutely sensitive subject for Palestinians and Israelis alike,



and wary negotiators often steer clear of the issue. But the failure to deal with claims for compensation or restitution has served only to undermine numerous peace endeavours. If peace is ever to break out, argues Michael Fischbach, negotiators need to heed the lessons of the past, especially of past secret plans to settle the property issue. For more information, visit [www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/peace\\_process.html](http://www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/peace_process.html)

***Grasping the Nettle: Analysing Cases of Intractable Conflict***

Chester A. Crocker, Fen Osler Hampson & Pamela Aall, editors  
Washington DC: U.S. Institute of Peace,  
January 2005  
ISBN 1-929223-60-9

Among the unwelcome legacies of the past century are a group of conflicts, both intrastate and interstate, that seem destined never to end. From Kashmir to Nagorno-Karabakh, Colombia to Sudan, the Korean Peninsula to the Middle East, these deeply entrenched, intermittently violent conflicts have so far resisted all outside efforts to resolve them. What lessons – aside from the apparent futility of mediation – can such dismal situations possibly offer? As the distinguished contributors to *Grasping the Nettle* make plain, this is not a rhetorical question. Unyielding conflicts offer numerous insights – not only about the sources of intractability, but also about such facets of mediation and conflict management as how to gain leverage, when to engage and disengage, how to balance competing goals, and whom to enlist to play supporting roles. For more information, visit [www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/grasping.html](http://www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/grasping.html)

***Paradise Poisoned: Learning about Conflict, Terrorism and Development from Sri Lanka's Civil Wars***

John Richardson  
Kandy, Sri Lanka: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, March 2005  
ISBN 9555800944

*Paradise Poisoned* draws lessons from Sri Lanka's civil wars to demonstrate that

violent conflict and terrorism are both predictable and preventable. John Richardson's study, carried out over nearly 20 years, employs rigorous political and economic analysis and a multi-disciplinary engagement of the systemic linkages between development, governance and civil conflict. The author is a noted development professor and practitioner, applied systems theorist and South Asian scholar. He traces 10 development failures that spawned conflict and terrorism in Sri Lanka, and proposes a comprehensive prevention strategy summarised in 10 key imperatives. While contextually rich in its examination of Sri Lankan political history, the policy relevance of *Paradise Poisoned* extends also to cases like Kosovo, Kashmir, Palestine, Sudan, Afghanistan and Iraq. Of special interest are three policy leverage points discussed at length by Richardson: meeting the needs and expectations of young men, increasing police effectiveness and prioritising business community involvement. For more information, visit [www.ices.lk/publications/books\\_monographs.shtml](http://www.ices.lk/publications/books_monographs.shtml)

***Engineering Peace: The Military Role in Post-conflict Reconstruction***

Colonel Garland H. Williams  
Washington DC: U.S. Institute of Peace,  
March 2006  
ISBN 1-929223-57-9

In this timely work, Colonel Garland Williams analyses the post-conflict reconstruction gap in three case studies – Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan – and shows how military engineering brigades accompanying peacekeeping contingents can be put to use immediately after the conflict ends to restore vital infrastructure and social institutions. In the book's concluding chapter, Williams proposes changes in U.S. national security decision making to integrate military engineering brigades into post-conflict reconstruction, thus making U.S. military officials less wary of 'mission creep' and nation building. For more information, visit [www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/engpeace.html](http://www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/engpeace.html)

***Hungry for Peace: International Security, Humanitarian Assistance and Social Change in North Korea***

Hazel Smith

Washington DC: U.S. Institute of Peace, November 2005

ISBN 1-929223-58-7

Drawing on impressive scholarship and extensive first-hand knowledge of humanitarian relief efforts in North Korea, Hazel Smith provides an illuminating account of the famine that devastated the country in the 1990s and of the international rescue programme that Pyongyang requested and received. She observes that, together, the famine and the humanitarian response have wrought subtle but profound changes in North Korea's economy, society, and security outlook. She argues that the regime has been persuaded to accept some international norms, allowed markets to develop and has incorporated some human security concerns with military-political interests in its negotiations with the West. For more information, visit [www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/hungry.html](http://www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/hungry.html)

***The Quest for Viable Peace, International Intervention and Strategies for Conflict Transformation***

Jock Covey, Michael Dziedzic & Leonard Hawley, editors

Washington DC: U.S. Institute of Peace, May 2005

ISBN 1-929223-67-6

As the editors of this groundbreaking volume explain, viable peace is achieved when the capacity of domestic institutions to resolve disputes peacefully overtakes the powerful motives and means for continued violent conflict. Getting to this point quickly demands the careful design and coordinated implementation of four mutually reinforcing strategies: to moderate political conflict, defeat militant extremism, inculcate the rule of law, and establish a political economy that reduces rather than ignites conflict. Drawing on their first-hand experience of Kosovo, the contributors identify the concrete challenges that must be confronted and lay out the

practical steps that must be taken to transform a society habituated to violent conflict into one where peace can eventually be self-sustaining. For more information, visit [www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/qvpeace.html](http://www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/qvpeace.html)

***The Limits of Leadership: Elites and Societies in the Nagorny Karabakh Peace Process***

Laurence Broers, Issue Editor

London: Conciliation Resources, 2005

ISBN 1365-0742

Since the ceasefire of 1994, the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia over Nagorny Karabakh has remained firmly deadlocked. An internationally sponsored peace process based on closed talks between Armenian and Azerbaijani leaders has yielded several proposals but no significant agreement. Broers's issue highlights the obstacles to a sustainable agreement. It explores the central challenge of bridging the gap between potential for agreement at the negotiating table and popular resistance to the compromises this entails. It also contains key texts and agreements, profiles of key actors and a chronology of the peace process. The publication is available in full web format from the CR website at [www.c-r.org/accord/nk/accord17](http://www.c-r.org/accord/nk/accord17)

***Council Unbound: The Growth of UN Decision Making on Conflict and Post-conflict Issues after the Cold War***

Michael J. Matheson

Washington DC: U.S. Institute of Peace, April 2006

ISBN 1-929223-78-1

Michael Matheson examines the Security Council's new, expansive exercise of legal authority in this period and its devising of bold and innovative methods – coercive and noncoercive – to stop nascent wars and 'threats to the peace', including international terrorism. He also surveys the many roles assumed by the Security Council in trying to rebuild a war-torn country or territory and reintegrate it into the world community – prosecuting war criminals, for instance, providing compensation for war

victims or exercising governmental authority in post-conflict territories such as Cambodia, Bosnia, Kosovo and East Timor. The author also examines more recent controversies over Iraq in which disagreements among the permanent members have made decisive UN action difficult, and the investigations into fraud and abuse in various UN programmes. For more information, visit [www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/council\\_unbound.html](http://www.usip.org/pubs/catalog/council_unbound.html)

***Questioning the Future: Methods and Tools for Organisational and Societal Transformation***

Sohail Inayatullah

Tamsui and Taipei: Tamkang University, 2005

ISBN 986-7385-11-X

*Questioning the Future* is a practical workbook for the manager or social activist who desires to use the future to change the present. It explores questions on the nature of futures studies, future-oriented policy making, and organisational and societal transformation. For more information visit [www.metafuture.org/Books/Questioning\\_the\\_Future.htm](http://www.metafuture.org/Books/Questioning_the_Future.htm)

local peacebuilding and conflict transformation capacities, resources, and mechanisms. Enquiries to Denis Matveev, [denism@patrir.ro](mailto:denism@patrir.ro); [www.en-cps.org/documents/field\\_projects.doc](http://www.en-cps.org/documents/field_projects.doc)

**Documents and Reports**

***Strengthening Civil Society by Building Local Capacities for Peace and Democracy; Progress Report for 2005***

This short report, brought out in February this year, relates to the civil society-based international cooperative project on peacebuilding and conflict transformation in Moldova-Trans-dniestria, and outlines the progress made in 2005 and the key objectives for the upcoming years. The aim is to contribute to the peaceful transformation of conflicts within and between Moldova-Transdniestria and to empower and engage the local civil society and actors from a wide and representative range of social sectors in active conflict transformation by developing sustainable