



Conflict Transformation Across Borders

Summer Training Institute

Quito, Ecuador

June 10-30, 2015

BORDER ZONES can be sites of conflict among states and transnational actors over currency and trade, migration and refugees, environmental threats, and contested sovereignty. Trained, dedicated individuals capable of developing innovative responses with which to transform conflicts are needed to build institutional and social bases for coexistence and a lasting peace.

Program Summary

Led by an international faculty of peacebuilding practitioners and scholars, this summer institute in Ecuador is designed to equip early-career professionals, graduate and advanced undergraduate students, and other future peacebuilders with practical tools, knowledge, and hands-on experience to understand the complexities of conflicts within and across border regions, and the types of interventions that can be used to transform these conflicts.

Participants will reside in apartments near FLACSO-Ecuador in Quito, and will make field visits to the Amazon cloud forest in Baeza, and to the Northern Border region in Carchi province. The language of instruction will be English, although some Spanish-language talks will likely be included with translation provided.

Conflict Transformation Across Borders is offered through the Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance in UMass Boston's McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies. The program will be jointly run with UMass Boston partner institutions la Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO-Ecuador), and the Center for Mediation, Peace, and Resolution of Conflict (CEMPROC).

Methodology

This program uses a combination of classroom learning and discussion, hands-on experience through simulations and field visits, and interaction with high-profile guest speakers who are practitioners and scholars in the field of conflict transformation. Students will have the opportunity to engage in simulations and site visits during the practical training component of the course.

After laying a theoretical foundation, the program will include the analysis of concrete cases of conflict and peacebuilding in the region, as well as practical skills training workshops on conflict analysis, negotiation and mediation, cross-cultural and nonviolent communication, and proposal writing.

Participants will research and design their own proposal for a peacebuilding intervention, and will receive feedback from a panel of experienced experts in the field. Those wishing to submit their proposals to funding agencies for consideration will receive encouragement and technical assistance.

Topics

- ♦ Human security vs. national security in border regions
- ♦ Transnational dimensions of conflict and peacebuilding
- ♦ Skills workshop: Conflict analysis
- ♦ Border disputes and binational dialogue/peace processes: the cases of Ecuador-Colombia and Ecuador-Peru
- ♦ Forced migration and social conflict in migrant-receiving communities
- ♦ Skills workshop: Negotiation and mediation;
- ♦ Skills workshop: Project development and proposal writing
- ♦ Conflict involving transnational environmental challenges
- ♦ Indigenous identity, ethnicity and conflict in border regions
- ♦ Skills workshop: Cross-cultural and non-violent communication as peacebuilding resource
- ♦ Security sector reform; disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) and the Colombian armed conflict
- ♦ Linking local initiatives with national infrastructures for peace



Faculty

Professor Jeff Pugh
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Global Governance
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Professor Cecile Mouly
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FLACSO-Ecuador

Invited guests may include:

FRANCISCO CARRIÓN, former Ecuadorian Minister of Foreign
Relations and ambassador to the United Nations

YOLANDA KAKABADSE, former Minister of the Environment

COLONEL FLAVIO CÁRDENAS, former UN peacekeeper and
officer in the Ecuador-Peru war

ISRAEL BATISTA, presidential appointee to the Commission on
Truth and Transparency to investigate the Angostura attack by
Colombia on a FARC camp in Ecuadorian territory

Many others

Academic Credit

All participants will register for:

CONRES 626 Advanced Intervention
3 graduate credits

Optional Credit

CONRES 696 Independent Study
3 graduate credits

Credit will be granted by UMass Boston, but students from any
university (or graduates) are welcome.

Program Fees

\$599 graduate per course tuition fee, payable to
UMass Boston.

\$2,200 program fee payable to CEMPROC, which includes
lodging, meals, ground transport, and all other required
in-country expenses.

This fee does not include insurance or airfare between the
participant's home and Quito. Please do not purchase airfare
until formal notice of acceptance has been received.

Application Deadline

Application Deadline: March 1, 2015

Please write to jennifer.goode@umb.edu or visit Jennifer Goode-
Sollis in Wheatley Hall, Room 003, Dean's Office, to request an
application.

Early application is highly recommended. Applications received
after the deadline will be considered if space is available.

For More Information

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