

# IPT COURSE CALENDAR 2016

TRAINING FOR PEACE ENGAGEMENT  
Stadtschlaining | Austria

## WHAT IS IPT?

The **International Civilian Peacekeeping and Peace-building Training Programme (IPT)** is an internationally recognised professional training programme for civilian experts in crisis management. IPT aims to provide civilians with knowledge and skills for peacekeeping and peace-building activities. IPT courses have been offered by the ASPR at Schlaining Peace Castle in Austria since 1993.



## WHAT TO EXPECT?

IPT graduates develop a comprehensive and critical understanding of the multiple dimensions of civilian crisis management. IPT training courses also present an excellent opportunity to get together with other professionals from different institutional and cultural backgrounds, all working towards achieving sustainable peace, security, and development. The diversity of participants and faculty is one of the unique features of the IPT. In 2015, 112 civilian experts from 47 different countries were trained in IPT courses; in total we have a pool of over 1600 alumni, representing 127 different countries.

IPT is a non-profit project and course fees can be kept low due to the support of the Austrian Government. Furthermore, we are able to award a limited number of scholarships to applicants from non-OECD countries.

## ELECTION OBSERVATION



### IPT SPECIALISATION COURSE 24 - 30 July 2016

The objective of this IPT Specialisation Course is to support the development and consolidation of pluralistic, democratic societies through preparing participants for observation and assistance tasks in electoral missions.

Course topics include different electoral systems, different institutional approaches to election observation, voting, and new technologies, elections and election observation in different contexts, and the tasks of Short-Term Observers (STOs), Long-Term Observers (LTOs), and Election Supervisors. Participants will:

- ✓ Understand the concept of elections as part of the democratic process
- ✓ Become familiar with concepts and practices of democracy
- ✓ Understand the relationship between human rights, democratic standards, and elections
- ✓ Analyse the complete election-cycle in a complex simulation exercise

**COURSE FEES:** 1.110€ include tuition fees, course materials, coffee breaks, full-board accommodation, shuttle to and from the airport, and a social event.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE for SCHOLARSHIPS:** 1 May 2016

## IPT CORE COURSES



15 - 27 October 2016

The programme of this training course is composed of highly relevant theoretical input and practical exercises tailored to the realities in the field. All modules enhance personal attitudes, stress the importance of active involvement in the host society, and promote a reflective and critical approach. Especially for more junior participants the course presents an opportunity to reflect on their own mission readiness and motivation. As part of the course participants will:

- ✓ Train in how to behave in complex risk situations: four-wheel drive training, mine awareness, and field orientation
- ✓ Understand the different types of third party intervention and gain tools necessary for third party interventions
- ✓ Get an overview of key international human rights law and humanitarian law standards
- ✓ Get familiar with the different actors in the field and ways of cooperation with IOs, NGOs, CivPol and military actors

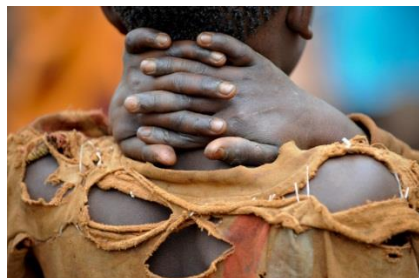
**COURSE FEES:** 1.690€ include tuition fees, course materials, coffee breaks, full-board accommodation, shuttle to and from the airport, and a social event.

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## CHILD PROTECTION



**IPT SPECIALISATION COURSE**  
28 October – 6 November 2016

This IPT Specialisation Course equips participants with specialised knowledge and skills to become effectively involved in monitoring, advisory and executive functions to protect children in crisis areas.

Children are subject to abductions, military recruitment, killing, maiming, and numerous forms of exploitation. The multiple distresses affecting children in armed conflicts call for a multi-track approach and well trained experts to safeguard their rights. Participants will

- ✓ Devise child rights assessment and monitoring strategies for the prevention of child rights violations
- ✓ Get familiar with strategies to reduce the impact of armed conflict on children
- ✓ Understand child rights-based and child-participatory approaches
- ✓ Get the full picture of instruments and actors for the implementation of strategies for child protection, monitoring, and rehabilitation

**COURSE FEES:** 1.410€ include tuition fees, course materials, coffee breaks, full-board accommodation, shuttle to and from the airport, and a social event

**APPLICATION DEADLINE for SCHOLARSHIP:** 1 July 2016

## ABOUT THE ASPR

The Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) was established in 1982 to promote and develop civil strategies for the peaceful resolution of conflicts on a local, national, and international level. It was the first institution of its kind to offer training in international civilian peacebuilding for experts from the UN, EU, OSCE, and (I)NGOs. Over the last 20 years the ASPR has positioned itself as a leading institute for the development of training standards and programmes for national and international partners.

The major activities of the ASPR are:

- ✓ ASPR is partnering with universities, think tanks and the private sector to provide cutting-edge capacity development.
- ✓ Undertaking and promoting peace and conflict research.
- ✓ Promoting peace education.
- ✓ Supporting peace processes and initiatives at the Schlaining Peace Castle.
- ✓ Participating in Austrian-wide initiatives and platforms.
- ✓ International collaborations for peace and conflict resolution.
- ✓ Maintaining the Peace Library in the former synagogue of the city of Schlaining.
- ✓ Overseeing the European Peace Museum in the Peace Castle.



## CONTACT US

To request further information or to apply for IPT courses, please visit our homepage at [www.aspr.ac.at/ipt](http://www.aspr.ac.at/ipt) or contact us!

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We look forward to welcoming you at Schlaining Peace Castle!

