

Program Overview



Through role playing, conference participation, teambuilding, classroom learning, and trustbuilding sessions, the Caux Scholars

Program combines traditional education with practical application. It focuses on breaking down stereotypes, challenging worldviews, and equipping students with effective peacebuilding strategies. CSP aims to bridge the gap between societies through exposure to one another. Fundamental to the achievement of peace is the elimination of ignorance. Only through interaction can we learn to overcome our fear and insecurities of societies different from our own.



The program's home is Caux Palace, a former luxury hotel from the early twentieth century, located 1000m above Lake Geneva and Montreux. The hotel was purchased through the sacrificial giving of a large group of Swiss families at the end of WWII, refurbished through voluntary labor, and opened as a conference center by Initiatives of Change for the healing of relationships between people and nations, a role it continues to carry forward today. Conferences are held every summer and the Caux Scholars actively participate in one.



APPLY ONLINE

www.cauxscholars.org

Twenty scholars from around the world are selected for this four-week course held in Caux, Switzerland, during the Initiatives of Change global summer conferences.

Since its creation in 1991, CSP has over 550 alumni from 105 countries; still connected to each other through a global network. They are active in international organizations, NGOs, politics, education, business and communications around the world.

Language of Instruction: English

Program Cost (tuition, meals, and lodging):
US \$3800 scholarships available

Location: Initiatives of Change conference center in Caux, Switzerland

Dates: June 24 - July 21, 2018

Course Credits: Assistance for establishing independent study credit

Class Size: Limited to 20 students.

Application Fee: \$25

Application Deadline: March 2, 2018

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The Caux Scholars Program is a program of Initiatives of Change USA. Initiatives of Change is a diverse global movement with an 80-year track record of peacebuilding, conflict transformation and forging partnerships across divides of race, class, religion and politics.



A multi-disciplinary approach to conflict transformation, transitional justice and principled leadership

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Caux, Switzerland



Academic Coursework

The Caux Scholars Program is concerned with understanding and embracing a form of justice that satisfies human need. Beginning with key theoretical underpinnings and a multi-disciplinary approach to the concepts of conflict transformation, principled leadership, and trustbuilding, this course will highlight the contemporary applications in current and post-war settings internationally. The scholars will critique and compare various popular expressions of societal justice through structures such as: International Criminal Courts, Truth and Reconciliations Commissions, Restitution/ Reparations, Reintegration Strategies (DDR), and Memorialization practices.



The coursework and extracurricular activities are designed with four major themes, one for each week of the course. CSP-2017 will focus on the themes of justice, conflict transformation, dialogue, and reconciliation. The program includes approximately 40 hours of academic and experiential classes, seven hours per week of “Service for Leadership” practical work, and a field trip to Geneva to visit the United Nations Headquarters.



“CSP has an unique method of approaching conflict transformation with the overarching spirit that we can only transform our communities if we begin with transforming ourselves (our attitudes and beliefs).”

*Mercy Shahale,
Kenya*



Academic Director



Dr. Carl Stauffer is an Associate Professor of Development and Justice Studies at Eastern Mennonite University (EMU). He received a MA in Conflict Transformation at EMU and his PhD in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies

at Kwa Zulu University in South Africa. Dr. Stauffer has worked in the field of restorative justice and reconciliation both in the U.S. and in other countries. He was a co-founder of the African Peacebuilding Institute in Zambia and the Restorative Justice Initiative in South Africa.

Applicant Requirements

- Be between the ages of 21 and 35 (*Exceptions have been made for outstanding candidates*)
- Have a high level of academic achievement
- Demonstrate leadership qualities and commitment to public or community service
- Exhibit interest in the ethical dimensions of world affairs
- Possess openness to a multi-cultural learning experience

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Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer is a Professor at the American University's School of International Service in International Peace and Conflict Resolution in Washington, DC, and Director of the Peacebuilding and Development Institute. He is an expert on conflict resolution and dialogue for peace. Dr. Abu-Nimer is the co-founder and co-editor of the new Journal of Peacebuilding and Development.

Previous Faculty

David Anderson Hooker, PhD, JD, MDiv, is Professor of the Practice of Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in University of Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs.

Dr. Samuel Gbaydee Doe is a conflict, peace, and development professional from Liberia. Dr. Doe was a cofounder of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), based in Accra, Ghana.