Systemic Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation & Post-War Recovery and Reconciliation (PCTR)

Advanced Certificate Program (ACP) for Senior Leadership, Practitioners & Policy Makers

Program Outline

The PCTR is one of the most advanced and well-known of IPDTC’s global advanced certificate programmes for policy makers, professionals and senior government officials.

Hosted at the IPDTC Global Academy the programme takes place over 5-days and provides intensive, rigorous training in the state of the art of peacebuilding, prevention and post-war recovery. Participants come from UN agencies, governments, and national and international organisations. Selection is rigorous and interested participants are encouraged to apply early.

"I will not hesitate to unreservedly recommend this program for all actors in the peacebuilding field. I dare say that without it you stand the risk of missing the mark, with it your chance of success in your endeavours are quite significantly enhanced!"

Paul Ebikwo, UNAMID, Sudan
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- Improving Quality, Effectiveness and Strategic Impact of Peacebuilding Policy and Practice –

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International Peace and Development Training Centre (IPDTC)
June 10th – 14th, 2013 – www.patriro/training

The PCTR has been acclaimed by policy makers and practitioners from the United Nations, national and international organisations and governments as one of the best programs of its kind in the world. For reviews of past participants please click here.

Bringing together experienced practitioners and policy makers from governments, the United Nations, regional organizations (EU, AU, OAS, ASEAN), and national and international organisations and agencies, the PCTR provides a unique opportunity to exchange experiences and practical learning together with those working in conflict situations world-wide. One of the best evaluated programs in the field internationally, the PCTR is unique in addressing all three phases of violence and war – before, during and after – based on rigorous professional training and practical operational experiences.

The PCTR is a five-day intensive program which provides experts, practitioners and policy makers with a forum for reflection and targeted, relevant professional development in a dynamic and stimulating environment. Given the issues it addresses, it is also relevant for those working in political, gender, security, human rights, development, and humanitarian fields, donors, and diplomats, working in areas affected or threatened by war and armed conflict or in post-war situations. The PCTR draws upon a global experience base, systematically weaving together key operational and policy lessons identified and good practices. The direct, needs-based, skills and knowledge intensive approach of the PCTR is relevant for senior and executive field staff and leadership in governments and organisations as well leadership, staff and field practitioners in national and international aid and development organisations. The program’s focus on practical experiences, skills which can be used in the field, and modules on systemic peacebuilding, making prevention work, conflict intelligence, peace consolidation and applied peacebuilding methodologies, have received strong feedback from participants, both during the program and years later.

Participants include: senior experts, field staff working in areas affected by violent conflict and war and in post-war situations, international diplomats, national and local level politicians in countries affected by war and conflict or with portfolios responsible for issues dealing with peacebuilding, conflict transformation, and development policies, policy makers, UN staff and heads of missions, people involved in grass-roots and community-based peacebuilding, and practitioners of conflict transformation and mediation.

THE PCTR INCLUDES:

- Operational skills, lessons learned and best practices in peacebuilding, conflict transformation, and post-war stabilization, recovery and reconciliation;
- Case Studies and training in key skills, knowledge and methodologies addressing participants needs
- Tools for strategic planning and systemic peacebuilding, conflict transformation and post-war stabilization and recovery strategies and engagements
- In-depth operational guide to Conflict Analysis and Conflict Intelligence in peacebuilding and post-war stabilization and recovery
- Linkages with: gender; human rights; political, economic and social stabilization; security; disarmament, demobilization and reintegration; governance and democratization; development and nation and state-building
- Methods and strategies for organizations, governments and international institutions to improve and strengthen their support to peacebuilding, conflict transformation and post-war stabilization, recovery, and reconciliation
- Operational framework for strengthening sustainable national capacities and infrastructure for peace

The PCTR is highly intensive. Participating agencies, organisations and participants draw upon the operational methodology of the program to review strategies and engagements. Once selected, participants are provided with customized pre-training support which includes an evaluation and assessment to identify key issues participants wish to address and the results they wish to achieve.

Relevant, Operational, Practical

The PCTR offers participants an intensive, stimulating and challenging environment with experienced practitioners and policy makers from the UN, governments, and national and international agencies and organizations. This allows participants to learn together with practitioners from multiple conflict contexts, agencies, and levels of operation and engagement. Staff of the International Peace and Development Training Centre (IPDTC) and PATRIR’s Department of Peace Operations provide tailored support to assist participants in enhancing in-depth knowledge, applied peacebuilding skills and customized approaches relevant for their needs and contexts. Bridging the fields of theory and practice, the PCTR is highly effective for those working in on-going peacebuilding and post-war stabilization and recovery missions, policy makers, and deployable civilian and military experts.

Case Studies

Appropriate case studies will be selected for the program following the selection of participants and Participants’ Needs Assessment. Previous PCTR Case Studies have included:

- Kosovo
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- North & South Caucasus
- Moldova-Transdniestria
- Northern Ireland
- Guatemala
- Colombia
- Liberia
- Sierra Leone
- Burundi
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Cyprus
- Israel-Palestine
- Iraq
- Lebanon
- Afghanistan
- Sri Lanka
- Philippines
- Nepal

**Location:**
Cluj-Napoca, Romania

**When:**
June 10th – 14th, 2013

**Trainer & Lead Resource Person:**
Mr. Kai Frithjof Brand-Jacobsen

**Director IPDTC/ Coordinator IPDTC**
Ms. Zsuzsanna Kacso/ Ms. Adelina Decean

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--- **DEADLINE for APPLICATIONS** ---

Participants are encouraged to apply early as there are a limited number of positions. Final deadlines are:

- May 10th for Applicants WHO NEED a Romanian Visa;
- June 3rd for Applicants who DO NOT NEED a Romanian Visa
## THE PROGRAM

### Day 1
#### Morning
- Welcome and Introduction:
  - Program Overview & Participants Aims and Objectives
- Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation & Post-War Stabilization and Recovery: Operational and Conceptual Framework

#### Afternoon
- Conflict Analysis & Conflict Intelligence: Improving a Key Tool in Effective Policy Development and Peacebuilding Programs
- Conflict Transformation & Peacebuilding Outcomes: Developing Viable, Effective and Sustainable Outcomes which meet the needs of parties

### Day 2
#### Morning
- Systemic Peacebuilding: Improving Effectiveness, Coherence and Impact
- Peace Profiles: Improving Coordination and Cooperation across Peacebuilding Sectors and Actors

#### Afternoon
- Early Warning & Preventing Armed Conflict: Key Operational and Practical Developments in Making Prevention Effective
- Scenario Planning in Peacebuilding: From *Reaction to Risk* to effective Peacebuilding and Preventing Violence and Crisis

### Day 3
#### Morning
- Case Study
- Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation During Situations of War / Armed Violence / Conflict

#### Afternoon
- After War: Key Lessons & Experiences in Stabilization, Recovery and Reconciliation
- Policy Makers’ & Practitioners’ Forum

### Day 4
#### Morning
- Strategic Planning and Design of Peacebuilding Engagements

#### Afternoon
- Strategic Planning and Design of Peacebuilding Engagements (cont)

### Day 5
#### Morning
- Working Groups: Key Issues in Peacebuilding from Participants’ Needs / Contexts
  - *Moving the Field Forward*: How do we do Peacebuilding, Violence Prevention and Post-War Stabilization, Recovery and Peacebuilding

#### Afternoon
- Bringing it Together:
  - Developing Participants’ Peacebuilding Guides
  - Peacebuilding Intelligence and Next Steps:
    - Implications for Policy and Practice
Who takes part

- UN, OSCE, EU, Commonwealth, OAS, AU, ASEAN Staff
- Government and Conflict Party Leadership and Senior Negotiators and Mediators
- Deployable Civilian Experts, Policy and Field Staff for international and national organizations and agencies working in areas affected by violent conflict / war and in post-war situations
- Senior to mid-level staff and executive officers in national and international aid and development organisations and organizations dealing with peacebuilding or working in areas affected by armed conflict
- Staff of international and national NGOs working in the fields of development, human rights, stabilization and recovery, conflict resolution, confidence and security building measures, democratization, and social empowerment, gender and peacebuilding, and reconciliation and healing
- National and local level politicians in countries affected by war and conflict or with portfolios responsible for issues dealing with peacebuilding, conflict transformation, violence prevention, post-war stabilization and recovery, reconciliation and healing
- Mediation Parties including Government Leadership and Conflict Parties and their representatives involved in Mediation and Negotiation Processes
- Mediators and those involved in facilitating and supporting formal and information mediation processes, including back channel negotiations and quiet diplomacy
- Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations involved in funding, capacity building and support operations for peacebuilding, conflict transformation, violence prevention and post-war recovery programs
- Members of Working Groups, Expert Groups and Negotiation Teams involved in mediation and peace processes and confidence building working groups

Certification

Upon successful completion of the program participants receive an IPDTC Advanced PCTR Certificate. The received certification represents one of the eligibility criteria for admission to the COTIPSO program of the Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI). Please see more information on page 12.

The PCTR Process: Preparation, Implementation & Post-Program Support

The PCTR Program is made up of three distinct Phases:

1. **PREPARATION**: During the PREPARATION phase participants will receive all the information they will need to take part in the program. A web-site will be set up to assist all participants in their preparation for the program. Participants will also receive a Pre-Travel Information Package with details on arranging their travel, accommodation and meals (paid for in the cost of the program), weather conditions, and frequently asked questions. Participants will also receive Preparation Materials to help them prepare for the program. This will include a short selection of key readings. Additionally, each participant will be contacted directly by the IPDTC with a Needs Assessment. The purpose of the Needs Assessment is to identify with participants issues of key importance they would like to have addressed in the program and to identify what they would like to achieve through the training. Participants will also be asked to send in a short biography. The biography of all participants will be shared with them before they travel to the program.

2. **IMPLEMENTATION**: The IMPLEMENTATION phase will be made up of the PCTR 5-Day Training and Capacity Building Program.

3. **POST-PROGRAM SUPPORT & FOLLOW-UP**: After the training participants will continue to be supported by the IPDTC. This has been seen as a highly valuable additional contribution to participants to assist them in strengthening the integration and application of knowledge and skills developed in the program in their work. This will include support materials provided after the training, optional participation in the IPDTC alumni platform, and direct access to mentoring, support, and consultation upon request.
### PARTICIPATION FEES

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<td><strong>Full Fee</strong></td>
<td>OECD Participants</td>
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<td><strong>Discount Category I</strong></td>
<td>Early Payment* OR Multiple Participants**</td>
<td>Full fee – 10% OECD Participants - EUR 806/participant Non-OECD Participants – EUR 536/participant</td>
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<td><strong>Discount Category II</strong></td>
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<td>Full fee – 15% OECD Participants - EUR 761/participant Non-OECD Participants – EUR 506/participant</td>
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* Payment prior to May 4th
** Departments, Agencies and Organisations sending 3 or more staff
*** i.e. Early Payment and Multiple Participants.
**** Those interested in enrolling into the COTIPSO program through the PCTR course will be required to pay the COTIPSO fee to the Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI) according to the fee structured developed by them.
### What you will get from the PCTR Training Program

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<td><strong>Advanced Certificate Program</strong></td>
<td>PCTR is designed to enhance operational knowledge and understanding of practical issues in peacebuilding and post-war stabilisation, recovery and reconciliation for policy makers and practitioners. The program brings forward the best in PATRIR-IPDTC trainings, providing a forum for experienced practitioners and policy makers to address key issues and develop knowledge, skills and tools that will assist them in the field, in an environment in which confidentiality and space for key discussions are enabled.</td>
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<td><strong>Increasing Coherence, Effectiveness and Impact</strong></td>
<td>PCTR brings together a global group of practitioners, deployable civilian experts and policy makers from UN agencies, governments, donors and national and international organisations and agencies, helping to enhance understanding, coordination and coherence in peacebuilding and post-war stabilisation and recovery, in the field and between policy and practice. The program will address key issues facing those working with conflict and help them to improve the practical quality of their work and approaches to peacebuilding in the field, enhancing coherence, effectiveness and impact.</td>
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<td><strong>SYSTEMIC PEACE BUILDING</strong></td>
<td>Introduces participants to systemic peacebuilding, integrated approaches, and comprehensive conflict strategies, developing participants’ intellectual and logical framework for systemic peacebuilding, broadening awareness and understanding of the field, expanding knowledge of practical tools, systems and methods for addressing conflicts and establishing a framework in which to understand and place their work, approaches and capacities.</td>
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<td><strong>LEADERSHIP &amp; STRATEGY</strong></td>
<td>Quality leadership and effective, appropriate and relevant strategy are two of the most important missing ingredients in most efforts to prevent or end war and violence and enable the emergence of sustainable peace. One-off, fragmented, project-driven, and often incoherent, short-term or counter-productive policy and operational programs guided by limited or non-existent strategy effect much of today’s conflict work. While there are many and notable exceptions, this description broadly fits current ‘overall’ approaches to conflict and peacebuilding. This session will enable participants to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding for leadership and strategic effectiveness in peacebuilding and conflict transformation.</td>
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<td><strong>CONFLICT INTELLIGENCE</strong></td>
<td>Conflict Intelligence links conflict monitoring, analysis and understanding with design and development of policy options and objectives, strategic direction and operational implementation. The quality and range of tools for conflict analysis and understanding have increased substantially over the past 20 years but are only weakly linked with the design and development of policy objectives, strategic direction and program design. This has led to peacebuilding efforts and engagements which fail to (i) address core / underlying causes of the conflict; (ii) take note of key conflict issues; (iii) transform conflict dynamics; (iv) strengthen sustainable capacities for peacebuilding and conflict transformation; (v) contribute to the prevention or ending of violence, war to peace transition, and the enabling of a sustainable peace. This session will develop participants’ core knowledge and understanding of Conflict Intelligence with operational tools and methodology for applying it in the work of their organisations and agencies.</td>
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<td><strong>PEACE BUILDERS TOOLBOX</strong></td>
<td>Most practitioners and agencies are exposed to a narrow range of peacebuilding tools and approaches. PCTR will help participants to map and identify a broader range of possible tools, methods and approaches to develop their ‘peacebuilders toolbox’, improving their ability to identify and apply appropriate tools and approaches to working with conflict in their situations and according to their organisation’s mandate and objectives.</td>
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<td><strong>PRACTITIONERS FORUM</strong></td>
<td>This session extensively draws upon participants’ own knowledge and experience, providing a forum for participants to share skills, tools, lessons learned, challenges, and how they’ve addressed these, learning from across sectors, continents, and conflict experiences.</td>
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<td><strong>CONFlict TRANSformation OUTCOMES</strong></td>
<td>A key obstacle in dealing with conflicts can be found in the failure to develop practical solutions to addressing the core issues in conflict and a vision for the future beyond the conflict that is seen as reliable, attractive and achievable by the parties. Good vs. evil, win-loze, zero-sum approaches based upon defeating the other or supporting one side’s ‘legitimate’ party dominate. Civil society actors often lack the leverage or opportunity to engage with key political and conflict driving issues. Peacebuilding activities and programs frequently focus on effects or particular aspects of the conflict. The need to develop effective</td>
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<td><strong>Building Peace in the Midst of War</strong></td>
<td>This session will comprehensively review strategies and methods for peacebuilding and peacemaking during war, from community-based interventions to high-level peacemaking and mediation. Developing a clear overview of approaches and options the session will strengthen participants’ knowledge of how to work for peacebuilding and enable the ending of violence in the midst of war. Operational approaches which can be applied by participants and their organisations / agencies, case studies and a framework for peacebuilding in the midst of war will form the central focus.</td>
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<td><strong>Peace Profiles</strong></td>
<td>Building upon the session before and linking it with participants’ own current contexts this session will focus on a key tool developed in recent years. ‘Peace Profiles’ help to identify what is being done to address a conflict, including: peacebuilding initiatives, engagements, actors, gaps, and opportunities to improve coherence, complementarity and strategic planning and effectiveness in peacebuilding and peacemaking. Participants will develop peace profiles for their contexts / conflicts to identify what is being done by different actors at different levels, synergies, and gaps, and to develop recommendations for enhancing peacebuilding effectiveness. This is a valuable tool for policy makers and practitioners, providing a better overview and understanding of what is being done in peacebuilding in a specific conflict, and from that to be able to map out and identify key capacities, shortcomings, and gaps which need to be addressed in a strategic and coherent framework.</td>
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<td><strong>Post-War Stabilization, Recovery and Peacebuilding</strong></td>
<td>Post-War / Post-Settlement contexts often see the failure to address underlying issues and causes which gave rise to the conflicts in the first place. Sustainable peace and transformation of the conflict remains elusive. Visible and invisible impacts and effects of the violence often remain. Substantial numbers of ‘post-war’ situations transition to further outbreaks of war and fighting or long-term instability. The large number of organisations and agencies involved in post-war recovery and stabilization and the breadth of needs create substantial challenges for peacebuilding and war to peace transition. This session will help participants see how to develop more effective approaches to addressing the challenges of post-war peacebuilding and war to peace transition and to enhance the capacity of national, regional and international actors to support the emergence of sustainable peace after war.</td>
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<td><strong>Peacebuilding Intelligence</strong></td>
<td>Peacebuilding Intelligence involves the design, development and implementation of appropriate policies and practice which respond to and address real needs in conflict situations and enable effective peacebuilding, violence prevention and post-war recovery. This session will assess the implications for policy and practice of the results of the working groups and the content of the <em>Peacebuilding: A Field Guide</em> training.</td>
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<td><strong>Bringing it Together</strong></td>
<td>A key component of the training the <em>bringing it together</em> session will enable participants to design their own customized ‘guides’ to peacebuilding, building from the training and drawing out those aspects most relevant for their own contexts and situations. Participants will design frameworks for improved peacebuilding practice drawing upon lessons learned and the skills, knowledge and experience gained through the week.</td>
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1. **Applying to the Program**: To apply, please visit [www.patrir.ro/training](http://www.patrir.ro/training) or write to training@patrir.ro to have an Application Form sent to you. Only fully completed application forms will be considered.

2. **Selection Process**: Only a limited number of positions are available for the program. Participants will be selected based upon their experience and positions, ability to implement knowledge and skills gained from the program, need in their country and the context they are working in, and their level of commitment and seriousness. In selecting participants the IPDC will ensure gender balance, as well as appropriate geographical, knowledge and experience representation.

3. **Receiving Notice of Your Selection**: Participants will receive notice of their selection to the program within 5 days of their application.

4. **Preparations and Resource Materials**: A web-site will be created in advance of the program to assist with materials and resources. These may also be shared with departmental and organizational colleagues and staff. Upon completion of the program the web-site will be up-dated to provide to all participants with the report of the program, slide shows and materials used, and select materials chosen to assist in your work. Copies of all key documents made available during the program will also be accessible from the web-site.

5. **Accommodation and Meals**: The course fee for the training program covers:
   a. Training Fee
   b. Accommodation in double room (room with two beds) from Sunday 9th of June (check-in time 12:00 pm) till Saturday the 15th of June (check-out time 12:00 pm). For those who wish accommodation in single room, an extra fee will be charged.
   c. Breakfast at the hotel for the duration of the training
   d. Lunch for the duration of the training (Monday 10th of June – Friday 14th of June)
   e. Three dinners (Monday, Tuesday and Friday)

6. **Visas**: Participants requiring visas are responsible for applying for them on time to ensure they are able to take part. Participants requiring visas will receive a letter of invitation confirming their participation in the program for the Romanian Visa and Consular authorities. Participants requiring visas are encouraged to apply for their visas 4 – 6 weeks in advance.

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**Please Note: Visa Applications**

Participants requiring visas must apply at the Romanian Embassy or Consulate immediately upon receiving confirmation of their acceptance. Participants requiring visas must submit their application form to the Embassy or Consular Office responsible for their country at least 4 weeks in advance of their day of travel. IPDTC staff will be available to assist you at all points should you require it. A Guide to Visa Applications for the training program will be sent to you upon your acceptance.
Facilitator & Resource Person

Kai Frithjof Brand-Jacobsen
Director, Department of Peace Operations – PATRIR

Kai Frithjof Brand-Jacobsen Director of the Department of Peace Operations (PATRIR). He is an international expert in mediation and peace processes, armed violence reduction, infrastructure for peace, systemic peacebuilding, design and implementation of early warning and operational and structural prevention, post-war recovery, Strategic Conflict Analysis (SCA), Cumulative Impact and Needs Assessments (CINA) and policies and proposals for improving peacebuilding and peacemaking practice, effectiveness and impact. He consults for governments, foreign ministries, and international and national organizations. He is a co-founder of the Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) and was President of the Institute from 2001 – 2012. He is an advisor to several governments and international and national agencies, including the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), UN country missions, and the All Party Parliamentary Working Group (APPG) on Conflict Issues of the British Parliament.

Process Facilitation: He is invited broadly by UN agencies and country missions, national and international organizations and governments as an experienced practitioner and specialist in the development, design and facilitation of mediation and peace processes; peacebuilding programs; conflict sensitivity; strengthening governmental, inter-governmental and NGO policies and institutional capacities for peacebuilding, humanitarian aid, and international development cooperation; preparation, training and deployment of civil peace services; early warning and comprehensive prevention; post-war recovery and infrastructure for peace (I4P). He is also widely invited to assist organizations and agencies in organizational and program development and design, strategic planning and strategy development, and improving implementation of peacebuilding and peace processes. Since 2007 he has been called upon to facilitate Multi-Stakeholder Strategic Planning Processes in Northern Ireland, Sudan, Cyprus, Nepal, Iraq and elsewhere. He is also regularly asked by major national and international coalitions, platforms and Governments to facilitate inter-agency strategic planning processes.

Training: He has provided more than 200 training programs in 36 countries to senior political and conflict party leadership, government ministries, national and international organizations, UN agencies and country missions, diplomats, NGOs, community-based practitioners, military, and others in the fields of mediation, systemic peacebuilding, conflict transformation, early warning and comprehensive prevention, war to peace transitions, reconciliation and healing after violence, conflict sensitivity, strategic peacebuilding, and designing peacebuilding programs. In cooperation with the International Peace and Development Training Centre (IPDTC) he works closely with governments, UN agencies, and organizations who have requested training support to design specialized programs customized to meet the specific needs, objectives, and operating environments in which they work to strengthen their peacebuilding capacity and effectiveness.

Public Lectures and Teaching: He has taught and lectured at universities across Europe, North America, Latin America and Asia including Royal Roads University (Canada), York University’s Post-War Recovery and Development Unit (PRDU), the United Nations University (Japan), the European Peace University (Austria), and many others, and is invited faculty at the United Nations University for Peace in Costa Rica. He has been invited to provide more than 200 public talks in 28 countries.

Publications and Research: He is an experienced Researcher and Director of Research Programs. He led the International Research Team on Searching for Peace in Iraq from 2010 – 2011. In 2009 he headed the Palestine and Israel: Improving Civil Society Peacebuilding Strategies, Design, and Impact international research project. He has written and published widely and is a member of the Executive Board of the Journal of Peace and Development (JP) and an Editor of Oxford University Press’ Peace Encyclopedia. In 2012 he is an Executive Editor of a Special Issue on the Journal on Peacebuilding and Development on Infrastructure for Peace (I4P).

Country / Regional Experience: Kai has worked in Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, southern Thailand, Burma, Cambodia, Aceh-Indonesia, Russia, Moldova, South Eastern Europe, Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Mexico, Colombia, Somalia, Liberia, Sudan, North America, and the Middle East at the invitation of governments, inter-governmental organizations, UN agencies, and local organizations and communities.

Contact: jacobsen@patrir.ro

Kai Brand-Jacobsen will be supported by a training & resource team from the IPDTC and PATRIR.
The Organizers

PATRIR
The Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania

Founded on March 1st, 2001, PATRIR works in applied peacebuilding, violence prevention, mediation, conflict transformation, and post-war recovery. Through its Department of Peace Operations (DPO) PATRIR provides expert support to local, national and international organizations in the development, facilitation and implementation of peace processes, mediation, and community-based to national level peacebuilding. PATRIR’s involvement in peacebuilding processes and local and national peacebuilding initiatives is based upon requests from governments, conflict parties, and local and international organizations. The Institute has worked in cooperation with UN agencies, the OSCE, Council of Europe, Save the Children, and a wide-range of local and national organizations and partners in Colombia, Mexico, the United States, Canada, the UK, Norway, Spain, Italy, Moldova-Transnistria, Austria, Jordan, Israel-Palestine, Somalia, Kenya, Cambodia, Burma-Myanmar, Southern Thailand, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Japan and Aceh-Indonesia. PATRIR has provided training programs to more than 4000 practitioners and policy makers in 42 countries. PATRIR is a member of the European Network of Civil Peace Services and Nonviolent Peaceforce, and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict.

International Peace and Development Training Center

Established in 2003 the International Peace and Development Training Centre specializes in providing advanced and expert training programs for governments, UN staff, policy makers, conflict parties and leadership, field workers, local and national organisations, and staff of international agencies. IPDTC annual programs include:

- Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation and Post-War Recovery (PCTR)
- Gender in Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding (GaP)
- Enhancing Peacebuilding Effectiveness (EPE)
- Designing Peacebuilding Programs (DPP)
- Reconciliation and Healing After Violence
- Democracy, Human Rights and Peace by Peaceful Means

In addition, the majority of IPDTC trainings are developed upon request and provided in host countries around the world. IPDTC requested programs are custom-designed to meet the specific needs, contexts, objectives and experiences of the requesting organisations. Programs have been designed for:

- Political Leadership and Policy Makers
- Conflict Party Leadership
- Humanitarian Relief, Aid and Development Agencies and Organisations
- National and International Organisations
- Community-Based Organisations
- Chambers of Commerce
- Universities
- Military Academies and Training Centres

For more information or to register as a participant, please contact:
Ms Adelina Decean, Training Coordinator IPDTC at training@patrir.ro
Or visit: www.patrir.ro/training
The Peace Operations Training Institute is dedicated to providing globally accessible and affordable distance-learning courses on peace support, humanitarian relief, and security operations to men and women working to promote peace worldwide. Students have been taking POTI distance-learning courses on UN peacekeeping since 1995. The POTI courses and programmes have been repeatedly welcomed by the United Nations Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34).

Certificate of Training in United Nations Peace Support Operations (COTIPSO)

Students interested in a comprehensive study of peacekeeping and humanitarian relief may earn a Certificate of Training in United Nations Peace Support Operations (COTIPSO). This advanced-level certificate is made possible through a partnership between the Peace Operations Training Institute and participating national and regional peacekeeping training centres and selected universities.

By combining focused classroom training and a wide base of self-paced distance-learning courses, the COTIPSO Program provides a solid foundation of knowledge in peacekeeping. This Program gives students the opportunity to combine the benefits of in person instruction with the convenience of distance training, while the academic-level thesis allows students to research a single peacekeeping-related topic within a self-paced structure.

COTIPSO Program’s Three Components

1. Distance Education

Participants in COTIPSO complete twelve distance-learning courses from the Peace Operations Training Institute. We suggest a schedule of one course per month for twelve months. These courses each include an End-of-Course Examination and require a minimum passing score of 75%.

2. Classroom Instruction

Classroom instruction is conducted at recognized national peacekeeping training centres and universities worldwide. Please note that students must make their own classroom course arrangements directly with the provider of the classroom training. Students may begin their study with attendance at one of the recognized classroom courses or they may begin with the distance education component. POTI recognizes completed training from some organizations that are not active COTIPSO partners. The training from these organizations can still be used to fulfill the classroom instruction requirement of the COTIPSO program.

3. Original Research Paper

After the completion of the resident classroom course and the 12 courses from the Institute, the student writes an original thesis integrating what he/she has learned. The thesis will be written at the level of graduate college research and should demonstrate both a factual understanding of peace support operations and an ability to synthesize and discuss peacekeeping and related issues. The thesis will be written under the supervision of a Thesis Adviser and published on our Web site upon completion and acceptance. To learn more about these Thesis Advisers and to communicate with them directly, visit the complete list of Thesis Advisers. Pricing varies depending on the course of study. The base COTIPSO fee is 1239 USD. In addition, students must pay any tuition and expenses related to the classroom training course to the partnering institution directly. Students must also enroll in twelve courses from the Peace Operations Training Institute. Institute course costs vary by program and delivery type.