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CONFLICT RESOLUTION SUMMER TRAINING

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ANNOUNCING: KENT SUMMER TRAINING MAY 20-24, 2024

Technology and Conflict: Anticipating Change for
Better and for Worse

The five-day **tuition-free** Kent Conflict Resolution Summer Training will take place in-person in New York between **May 20th-May 24th, 2024** and combines experiential skills building and expert panel discussions. This intensive course will familiarize a select group of mid-career diplomats with the emerging dynamics of 21st century conflict and the tools, knowledge, and negotiating techniques that are necessary to address these dynamics. Specifically, participants will engage with the opportunities provided by “**The Golden Triangle,**” a reference to the synergistic potential for cooperation between stakeholders in government, civil society, and the private sector. Participants will receive a packet of training materials before arriving in New York. Those who successfully complete the training will receive a Certificate of Participation from Columbia University’s **School of International and Public Affairs.**

The 2024 Summer Training will center around a new theme of **Technology and Conflict: Anticipating Change for Better and for Worse**, recognizing that technological breakthroughs will change the landscape of conflict in unpredictable ways. Advances in remote warfare, the manipulation of information, and artificial intelligence presage a multiplicity of possible paths, contingent on the relative level of diffusion of these technologies. What choices can governments, civil society and the businesses responsible for the development of these technologies make in concert to harness technology as a catalyst for peace while countering its latent potential to spread conflict?

APPLY NOW!

Applications for the Summer 2024 cohort are now open!

To apply, please submit a CV, cover letter, and TWO letters of recommendation (one from a direct supervisor) to guehennokentdirector@columbia.edu by **December 1, 2023.** Questions regarding the program or the application process should be directed to the email above.



ABOUT THE TRAINING:

The training centers around an **in-depth simulation and a case study**, which are augmented by **high-level panels** featuring senior officials from governments and international organizations, CEOs of major corporations, and leaders of prominent NGOs. As a distinctive feature of the training, the simulation will bring to the world of diplomacy some of the methods used in business schools. Last year's simulation and case study centered around the training's overarching theme of **Expanding Avenues of Conflict**. The simulation took form as a Peace Summit in Geneva, asking participants to come together as political, military, business, and civil society stakeholders to address a persisting civil war, while the case study asked participants to address the destabilization of a multi-ethnic country, recently recovered from a long civil war, caused by a wave of migration from a neighboring country with a similar ethnic composition suffering through a civil war of its own.

Recordings of sessions from last year's summer training are available [here](#)

ABOUT THE KENT PROGRAM:

The Kent Global Leadership Program on Conflict Resolution is the product of a fortunate encounter:

- The **School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)**, whose approach to education is to combine the academic rigor and innovative spirit of Columbia University with the policy focus of practitioners who bring to the classroom the experience and challenges of a changing world. The history of the school is intimately linked to the United Nations – its founding dean, Andrew Cordier, had been a close adviser of Dag Hammarskjöld – and whose student body, coming from more than 70 countries, reflects that international outlook; and
- A generous donor, **Muhtar Kent, retired Chairman and CEO of The Coca-Cola Company**, who throughout his career has demonstrated a deep commitment to international cooperation and a conviction that business has a particular responsibility in helping build peaceful societies.

The Kent Program has the ambition to help prepare the next generation of global practitioners for the increasingly complex challenges posed by contemporary conflict. In addition to an annual summer training for promising young diplomats, the Kent Program sponsors on-campus events and workshops during the academic year, a visiting professorship, fellowships for outstanding SIPA graduate students, and original research in conflict and peacebuilding.





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For more than 70 years, SIPA has been educating professionals who work in public, private, and nonprofit organizations to make a difference in the world. Through rigorous social science research and hands-on practice, SIPA's graduates and faculty strive to improve social services, advocate for human rights, strengthen markets, protect the environment, and secure peace, in their home communities and around the world.



KEREN YARHI-MILO
Dean, School of International and Public Affairs, and Adlai E. Stevenson Professor of International Relations, Columbia University

FAQs

Who can apply?

This program is designed for promising young diplomats serving in overseas missions or in the foreign ministries of their home countries. Candidates are expected to have some years of professional experience and a demonstrated commitment to international conflict resolution and peacebuilding, as well as be strongly recommended by their respective missions/ministries.

What are the program costs?

Thanks to the generosity of the donor, this training is offered by Columbia University to participating diplomats free of charge. Attendees are, however, expected to cover their travel and lodging costs in New York. In exceptional cases, financial aid may be granted; upon acceptance into the training, attendees may inquire for more information.

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