



## MEDIATION AND OTHER METHODS TO FOSTER DEMOCRATIC DIALOGUE

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### BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

In a two-week course, the program facilitates the exchange of ideas and cooperative projects among mediation scholars, practitioners, trainers, and students in the East and West. In addition to providing an introduction to mediation, it provides a teaching and training template for scholars and practitioners from around the world to adapt for use in their home countries.

Through lecture, discussion, demonstration and role-plays, students will be introduced to mediation and facilitation theory and skills and examine the impact of culture and context on the consensus-building approach adopted. The course also will examine a variety of strategies to foster and support democratic and constructive dialogue. The interactive presentation of the material is designed to offer teaching and training models to those course participants who want to develop programs in their own countries. Participants should come prepared for a highly engaging learning experience. Participants who have the means and ability to teach and train in transition countries will be given preference for acceptance.

Case examples will focus on both civil and criminal mediation models and scenarios from both the United States and Central and Eastern Europe, including efforts in Central and Eastern Europe to promote meaningful democratic dialogue in times of crisis involving high-conflict situations and inter-ethnic tensions.

Mediation is a newly emerging field in both the west and the east. Legislation mandating the use of mediation has outpaced the development of both theory and practice, and this course is designed in part to fill that gap, cultivating scholars, teachers, trainers, and practitioners in this developing and important arena.



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Application deadline: February 15, 2012

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<http://www.summer.ceu.hu/mediation-2012>

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