

Baku Summer Academy: 7 - 15 July, 2026

Baku, Azerbaijan - Ganjali Plaza Hotel

- Early Bird Application Deadline: 25 March, 2026

- Late Application Deadline: 25 May, 2026

Training Course + Sightseeing Trip to Sheki



Introduction & Methodology

Institute for Peace and Dialogue (IPD) is proud to announce the International Summer Academy, which are to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Its image as one of the most favourable places for traveling has made it more interesting to offer an excited and comprehensive program for our participants.

Nowadays unfortunately several frozen or ongoing conflicts between or within states still exist. Conflicts are different and if we look to the world mankind, how they are facing many new challenges, coupled with new dangerous situations, i.e. terrorist acts, non-legal arming of conflict sides, re-determination of borders, establishing new countries in the world map, non-providing territorial integrity, trafficking of arms, drugs and human; disputes on the implementation of transnational energy projects, democratization and false elections, revolution and internal political conflicts, armed guerrilla movements, violation and discrimination by nationalists, world economic crisis, climate change and unsafely biodiversity etc. Unfortunately, the list is long. Conflicts are related and an integral part of human beings, as conflicts cause violation of human rights.

Existing conflicts weaken every kind of cooperation between nations, states and Institutions. Without lasting mutual cooperation and understanding, the future prosperity of the world would remain only as a good dream. Taking into consideration of peaceful behaviour and engagements, we can make a decision on the strict belief, that opportunities for solving all kind of conflicts are feasible.

Because in every conflict situation and tension forms we consequently face the below mentioned common situations

- Desperate situation and non-solving problems are not eternal.
- It is possible to make common decision and find common values, even both conflict sides are thinking differently.
- If the hostility thinking becomes stronger, there are no winner and right side.
- Protracted conflicts on the same time endanger to the development and prosperity of all involved conflict parties.
- Any peaceful mediation, negotiation and mutual understanding actions are useful than nothing.

Participants will have access to expert knowledge, work-base and hands-on experience as all our Experts are specialists with years of experience academically and professionally in their respective fields, will contribute to this event, with many years of experience in Peacebuilding, Conflicts Solution, Mediation, Leadership and International Security Studies. This is truly a great opportunity not to be missed to get or refresh knowledge, skills and create new worldwide friendship and networks.

Baku Summer Academy offer lectures and classes via non-formal, interactive and practical methods by the experienced teachers with professional and academic background include the following stated methodologies

- Interactive teaching based on research and professional experience, illustrated by practical cases
- Lectures through open presentation and panel discussions
- Workplace case studies, situational examples and success stories telling
- Problem solving group works, paired practice discussion/exchange and self/group reflections
- Individual approach, role plays, group presentations and assignments
- Short video film coaching

Participation in all Modules is mandatory to get Certificate.

Main Goal

- The main goal of the **Baku Summer Academy** is to strengthen the skills of the representatives from state institutions, business sector, INGOs/NGOs, education institutions, religious organisations, independent mediators, politicians and students through academic and as well work-field based trainings in peacebuilding, mediation, conflict resolution, international security leadership and intercultural dialogue fields.

Participation in Baku Summer Academy gives the participants education and network to build their future career worldwide level in state, private and public sectors as peace builder, manager, lawyer, diplomat, human resource officer, mediator, international and public relations manager, mentor, coacher and in etc. relevant jobs.

Summer Academy Timetable: 7 - 15 July, 2026

- Class Days: 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13, 14 July, 2026
- Arrival of Participants (Check in after 14:00): 7 July, 2026
- Breakfast Time: 7:00 - 9:00
- Morning Workshops Period: 9:00 - 12:30
- First Break Time: 10:30 - 11:00

- Lunch Time: 12:30 - 13:30
- Afternoon Workshops Period: 13:30 - 16:00
- Second Break Time: 14:45 - 15:00
- Sightseeing Visit to Sheki & Lunch: 12 July, 2026
- Certification: 14 July, 2026
- Departure of Participants (Check-out till the 10.00): 15 July, 2026

Trainers & Topics of Summer Academy



Mr. Peter Aeberhard
 **Trainer**



Ms. Sibylle Rupprecht
 **Trainer**



Mr. Urs Stirnimann
 **Trainer**

I LECTURER: Peter Aeberhard Class Days: 8 & 9 July, 2026

Day 1 Topic: Foundations of Empowered Leadership and Conflict Prevention

Day 2 Topic: Mediation, Negotiation, and Trauma-Informed Leadership

II LECTURER: Ms. Sibylle Rupprecht Class Days: 10 & 11 July, 2026

Day 1 Topic: Ethical Leadership - Key to Social Peace and Justice

Day 2 Topic: Advocacy as a Game Changer - move the needle

III LECTURER: Urs Stirnimann Class Days: 13 & 14 July, 2026

Day 1 Topic: Introduction to International Humanitarian Law

Day 2 Topic: Protection of Civilians and War Crime Matters

Intercultural Exchange

In order to capitalize on these diverse backgrounds of our participants, we encourage the exchange of each representative's own unique heritage and culture through the sharing of national clothes, drinks, foods, sweets, souvenirs, flags, etc. during the Summer Academy 2026

Programs Language: English

Eligible Participants

A broad range of the interested participants from various countries within the fields mentioned below can apply to the **Summer Academy**:

- Representatives of Government Institutions, Diplomatic Missions and Courts
- Representatives of Business Institutions and Private Sector
- Representatives of Religious Organizations and Political Parties
- Representatives of IOs, INGOs and Local NGOs
- Representatives of Universities, Academic Staff, Researchers and Students
- Representatives of Media Institutions
- Lawyers, Mediators, Coaches, Mentors and Peacebuilders
- Other potential individuals

Alumni Participants represented State Institutions, Embassies, Private Institutions, Universities, Swiss Government, Australian Government, Romanian Government, UK Government, European Union, European Investment Bank, Asian Development Bank, African Union, United Nations, UNWOMEN, IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, ICRC, Peace Brigades International, Soros Foundation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Welthungerhilfe, Save the Children and etc. institutions and also individuals (Students, Researchers, Philanthropists, Trainers, Teachers, Scientists, Activists, Journalists and etc.).

To be Sending Group Leader or Organisation

We have special participation fee amount for Sending Group Leaders or Organisations (if you are sending minimum 2 person). We invite state, private, public and academic institutions from different countries to send group of participants to our short- or long-term academic programs. For more information please contact us by email or LinkedIn / WhatsApp.

To be Sponsor: Please contact by email

- For Individual Donation: 50EUR and above
- For Organizational Donation: 200EUR and above
- To be Bronze Sponsor: 1000EUR and above
- To be Silver Sponsor: 5000EUR and above
- To be Gold Sponsor: 10000EUR and above
- To be Platinum Sponsor: 20000EUR and above
- To be Diamond Sponsor: 30000EUR and above

PS: Please visit our website to get more information Sponsors' Benefits & Privileges

Scholarship

IPD offers support for most needed potential participants in the form of reduced participation fees.

If you wish to request a discounted participation fee amount, please write your request briefly via email before or during the application submission period.

Unfortunately IPD scholarship program does not cover all of the participation fee and international travel expenses. There have following discount opportunities:

- 10% discount for Alumni of IPD programs
- 10 % discount for Students (Valid with actual Student Card)
- 10% discounts for small NGO representatives (Valid with Organizational Reference Letter)
- 10% discount for paying together with group of participants (More than 2 person)
- 10% discount for Annual **ProPeace** Members (For registration please visit www.ipdinstitute.ch)

Participation Fee for Summer Programs: All the fees stated below are calculated per participants.

- Early Bird Application Fee with Single Room: 2150EUR
- Early Bird Application Fee with Double Room: 1800EUR
- Early Bird Application Fee without Accommodation & Breakfast: 1000EUR
- Late Application Fee with Single Room: 2550EUR
- Late Application Fee with Double Room: 2100EUR
- Late Application Fee without Accommodation & Breakfast: 1400EUR

Participation Fee includes

- 10% Discount to join other IPD Training Courses
- Accommodation
- Two Meals per class day (Breakfast & Lunch expenses included in the fee)
- Course & Stationary Materials (Badge, File, Notebook and Pen)
- Free WiFi
- Program Fee
- Certificate
- Cables and adapters
- 1 Whole Day Sightseeing Trip
- Coffee-Tea breaks per class days
- Invitation Letter
- Application Fee

E) Additional Expenses: Unrefundable

- Additional Single/Double room stay includes breakfasts & local city transport ticket: Available upon request
- Welcome meeting in Basel Airport and transfer to hotel: 100EUR per person

Application Deadline & Participation Procedure Step by Step

Interested participants need to send the filled application in WORD format and scanned Passport Page (Only photo page) by email to fhuseynli@ipdinstitute.ch no later than **Application Deadline**. Please label your documents as “NAME” “SURNAME” “COUNTRY” “DOCUMENT NAME”.

1. The participant submits a filled application in WORD format with a CV and scanned passport page by the deadline
2. The participant will receive an invoice to start the payment of the requested participation fee amount
3. When the requested fee has been transferred to the bank account provided, the participant will receive an invitation letter via email. If visa application process is required, we will send the invitation letter by email to the relevant embassy.

NOTE: We strongly advice participants to submit the filled application as soon as possible, particularly if they require a visa to enter Switzerland or those who needs of more financial documentation process from his/her sending organization for participation sponsorship.

Cancellation Rules & Procedure

Below stated high cancellation prices stated because of to prevent the mass application submission of non-serious people and prevent the financial risks of accommodation expenses.

Please note that after submission of the application, any participation cancellation until **20 May, 2026** the charge will be **550EUR** (not including bank transfer and exchange rates costs) for the participants of **Summer Academy** from the paid participation fee for the administrative charges.

For participation cancellation between **18 May, 2026** till the **10 June, 2026** the charge will be **1200EUR** (not including bank transfer and exchange rates costs) for the participants of **Summer Academy** from the paid participation fee for the administrative charges.

For participation cancellation after **10 June, 2026**, there will be no refund on the paid participation fee. Participant responsible to inform IPD directly by email or post about his/her participation cancellation.

Why to Visit Azerbaijan the Border Between Europe & Asia

- Visit to Land of Ancient Human Habitat and Land of Historical Monuments (Stone Age, Gobustan UNESCO World Heritage Place)
- Visit to Land of Zoroastrians (Ateshgah Fire Temple, 7th Centure, Baku)
- Visit to Land of Khazars & Mountain Jews (5th Centure, Guba)
- Visit to Land where Russian, Persian, Ottoman, Arab & Mongolian Empires Existed
- Visit to Land where Silk Road crossing which connected the East and West (2nd Centure)
- Visit to Land where mass underground and above ground natural resources exists
- Visit to Land with incredibly unique natural contrasts: 9 of 11 main climatic types of the Earth, from subtropics to alpine meadows represents
- Visit to Azerbaijan to taste the amazing different traditional local foods
- Visit to Caspian Sea which is rich with its world famous Petrol, Gas, Black Caviar & Beautiful Beaches)
- Visit to Land where hospitable people waiting you
- and for many other unique historical, natural & cultural reasons

IPD Bank Account

Beneficiary's Name: Institute for Peace and Dialogue (IPD)

Bank Name: PostFinance Ltd

Bank Address: Mingerstrasse 20, 3030 Bern, Switzerland

Account number: 91-577724-2 EUR

IBAN: CH 27 0900 0000 9157 7724 2

SWIFT code: POFICHBEXXX

Organizer

Institute for Peace and Dialogue (IPD) is an independent, international non-profit and non-religious institute located and registered in Basel, Switzerland where it dedicates itself in the promotion of the prevention of conflicts between and within states, organizations and individuals by implementing academic programs and strengthening institutional dialogue between state institutions, private entities and civil society organizations. IPD invites state institutions, companies, INGOs, think tank centres, researchers, media and interested public actors to the cooperation and implementation of creative, innovative, effective and sustainable initiatives for the sake of empowering constructive intercultural dialogue, mediation, global governance, leadership responsibility, peaceful conflict transformation, active world citizenship, human rights defence, security and welfare.

Our Vision

Our vision is the education of an institutionalized civil society platform in peace-building, mediation, conflict transformation and intercultural dialogue, to convey a peaceful approach and behavior.

Our Mission

Our mission is to empower state, public and private institutions capacities in peacebuilding, conflict resolution, mediation and intercultural dialogue fields to build up a solution-oriented positive thinking in their work, community and family in order to have institutional impact for the sake of whole society development.

IPD Previous Academic Programs

- 6th International Winter Academy: 17 - 25 November, 2026 in Basel, Switzerland
- 16th International Summer Academy: 4 - 14 August, 2026 in Basel, Switzerland
- Baku Summer Academy in Baku, Azerbaijan: 6 - 12 July, 2026
- Training Courses on Diplomacy & International Relations: 5 - 11 January, 2026 in Basel, Switzerland
- 5th International Winter Academy: 16 - 26 November, 2025 in Basel, Switzerland
- 15th International Summer Academy: 5 - 15 August, 2025 in Basel, Switzerland
- International Balu Summer Academy: 1 - 7 August, 2025 in Baku, Azerbaijan
- 4th International Winter Academy: 17 - 27 November, 2024 in Basel, Switzerland
- 14th International Summer Academy: 5 - 21 August 2024 in Basel, Switzerland
- 3rd International Winter Academy: 21 - 29 November, 2023 in Basel, Switzerland
- 13th International Summer Academy: 7 - 21 August 2023 in Basel, Switzerland
- Capacity Building Training Course: 19 - 26 December, 2022 in Basel, Switzerland
- Executive Training for Nigerian Senior State Officials: 30 November - 6 December, 2019 in Basel, Switzerland
- 1st & 2nd Basel Global Peace Conference: 4 & 13 August, 2019 in Basel, Switzerland
- 12th International Summer Academy: 13 - 22 August 2019 in Basel, Switzerland
- 11th International Summer Academy: 4 - 13 August 2019 in Basel, Switzerland
- 2nd International Autumn Academy: 27 October - 03 November, 2018 in Zug, Switzerland
- 10th International Summer Academy: 25 July - 03 August 2018 in Zug, Switzerland
- 9th International Summer Academy: 16 - 25 July, 2018 in Zug, Switzerland
- 1st International Spring Academy: 5 - 12 May, 2018 in Zug, Switzerland
- 1st International Autumn Academy: 29 October - 04 November, 2017 in Zug, Switzerland
- 8th International Summer Academy: 11 - 20 August, 2017 in Zug, Switzerland
- 7th International Summer Academy: 20 - 29 August, 2017 in Zug, Switzerland
- 2nd International Winter Academy: 17 - 26 February, 2017 in Zug, Switzerland
- 6th International Summer Academy: 19 - 29 August, 2016 in Zug, Switzerland
- 5th International Summer Academy: 9 - 19 August, 2016 in Zug, Switzerland
- 1st International Winter Academy: 15 - 25 February, 2016 in Zug, Switzerland
- 4th International Summer Academy: 17 - 27 August, 2015 in Zug, Switzerland
- 3rd International Summer Academy: 07 - 17 August, 2015 in Zug, Switzerland
- 2nd International Summer Academy: 17 - 27 August, 2014 in Zug, Switzerland
- 1st International Summer Academy: 01 - 11 September 2013 in Vienna, Austria

Event Place & Accommodation

Ganjali Hotel Plaza

Address: Azerbaijan, Baku city, Uzeyir Hajibayov street, 100, AZ1000

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We are looking forward to seeing you in our Baku Summer Program 2026

IPD Training Programs: Theory - Practice - Research - Exchange - Networking - Contribute

We bring together Academic Institutions, State, Private and Public Sectors

