



Do you want to:

Learn more about people power?

Understand the interplay between strategies, tactics and mobilization for effective nonviolent struggle?

Interact with experts on the subject?

Then you should apply for the

Academic and Civil Society Seminar on “Power and Dynamics of Civil Resistance”

Organized by:

The International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (Washington, DC) and
The Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney

February 20 -22, 2012, 9-5:40 p.m. / University of Sydney, rooms to be announced

The practice of civil resistance, or strategic nonviolent action, has been used with increasing frequency and success around the world for the past century. The recent popular nonviolent uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East are the latest cases to demonstrate the power of civil resistance in peoples struggles for freedom. Nevertheless, widespread media coverage of the “Arab Spring” has underscored the numerous misconceptions of the phenomenon held by academia, policy institutions, and journalists who described the uprisings.

“Power and Dynamics of Civil Resistance” is a three-day intensive course designed to provide an in-depth and multi-disciplinary perspective on civilian-based movements and campaigns that defend and obtain basic rights, accountability, and justice. From Egypt to Burma, from Zimbabwe to West Papua, we will look at issues in civil resistance including; movement formation; strategic planning and mobilization; dilemma actions and backfire; security force divisions; media and communication tools; civil resistance and democratization; third party actors; and historical and contemporary cases of civil resistance around the world, such as anti-corruption campaigns and the Occupy movement.

The seminar will be led by the academic advisors and staff of the **International Center on Nonviolent Conflict** (ICNC). ICNC (www.nonviolent-conflict.org) is an independent, non-profit, educational foundation that develops and disseminates knowledge on popular nonviolent movements and the elements that make them successful or unsuccessful. Every year ICNC organizes a large number of seminars and other events at various academic institutions around the world. Past events and partners in 2011 included the Fletcher Summer Institute at Tufts University, the Project on Civil Resistance at Oxford University, the Council of Europe Summer University, and other multi-day seminars at the University of Amsterdam, Hong Kong University, and Central European University.

Application process: Interested applicants should send their curriculum vitae and write a one-page motivation letter explaining: why they are interested in the seminar; how it will build on or enhance their current academic or work-related projects; and how they think the seminar content will be relevant to their previous and future professional pursuits. Applicants must also draft a statement affirming their intent to attend all three days of the seminar.

Please send applications by Friday, February 10th to Jake Fitzpatrick at ICNC:
jfitzpatrick@nonviolent-conflict.org

Practical information:

- **When:** February 20 - 22, 2012.
- **Where:** University of Sydney, rooms to be announced
- **Requirements:** As space is limited to 35 participants and each module builds upon previous ones, attendance is strongly encouraged for all three days. In preparation for the seminar, a modest amount of advance reading will be necessary. Applicants should indicate their commitment to allocating time away from work or study in order to participate.
- **For whom:** Academics, graduate students, civil society representatives, policy analysts, and media professionals
- **Cost:** There is no course fee but participants are responsible for their own beverages and food.

For questions about the seminar and application process, please contact: jfitzpatrick@nonviolent-conflict.org.

For local questions, such as the venue and timing, please contact: arts.cpacs@usyd.edu.au or call: 9351-7686.