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The origins of the Campus for Peace

The UOC's Campus for Peace was founded in the aftermath of the Gulf War. The President, Gabriel Ferraté, charged me with creating a strategic unit similar to what other universities had, such as UB Solidària, Autònoma Solidària and UPF Cooperació. He appointed me to be the delegate of this new organisation, which was to be called the "Campus for Peace, Solidarity, Cooperation, Human Rights, Sustainability and Literacy".

Over more than ten years, we have developed and maintained training programmes within these spheres of operation, often in close partnership with NGOs such as the Red Cross, Amnesty International, Engineers without Borders, the Catalan Cooperation Agency and others. We provide the educational technology, teaching quality, management and virtual platform, while the NGOs provide the contents and academic leadership.

We have also hosted conferences and workshops, published digital books and proceedings, created two websites and promoted research. Furthermore, we are members of international networks like the Association for Conflict Resolution and CUEMYC in the field of conflictology, and DARE in the field of human rights, and we work as environmental consultants for the UN and for university development cooperation networks in Spain and across Europe.

Our training programmes have been linked to research centres and institutions such as UNITAR; to universities such as Georgetown, the University of Nice and René Descartes University; and to NGOs such as the Catalan Movement for Peace, Disarmament and Freedom and SETEM.

The vision of the Campus for Peace, the School of Cooperation and CREC has become an original initiative which is convinced (just like the first two presidents of the UOC) that universities have an ethical duty towards society. This conviction spurs us to offer our scientific and technological knowledge as a solution to social and humanitarian problems and to promote human rights, sustainability and peace.

Eduard Vinyamata

Director of the Campus for Peace / School of Cooperation / CREC-IN3

Visit our websites



campusperlapau.uoc.edu

This is the peace portal, where you will find information on courses offered by the School of Cooperation, news and articles, interviews with experts, audiovisual resources and links, digital publications such as the magazine *EcoUniversitat*, the KIOSC, the Ecobotiga solidària (charitable eco-shop) and much more!



resoluciodeconflictos.com

This is a website published in Catalan for professionals in conflict resolution and transformation. It contains a wide range of training materials, news and a conflictology forum.



journal-of-conflictology.uoc.edu

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2012-2013 Master's, graduate programmes and specialisations

The School of Cooperation in figures

In academic year 2012-2013, a total of 55 programmes were launched: 8 Master's, 13 graduate programmes, 20 specialisations and 13 UOC-specific courses and courses organised with other entities.

Conflictology

Master's

- Conflictology. Speciality in Armed Conflicts and Crisis Management
- Conflictology. Speciality in Family and Education Mediation
- Conflictology

Graduate diplomas

- Family Mediation
- Resolution of Societal and Political Conflicts
- Resolution of Armed Conflicts and Crisis Management
- Management of Educational Conflicts
- Armed Conflicts and Crisis Management
- Societal and Business Conflicts

Specialisations

- Educational Conflicts
- Armed Conflicts and Crisis Management
- Family and Personal Conflicts
- Societal and Political Conflicts
- Workplace and Commercial Conflicts

Module

- Introduction to Conflictology

Humanitarian Action (UOC-Red Cross)

Master's

- International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Action

Graduate diplomas

- International Development Cooperation
- Humanitarian Action

Specialisations

- Expert in Development Project Management
- Expert in Humanitarian Action
- Expert in International Development Cooperation Projects
- Expert in Humanitarian Intervention

Management of Non Profit Entities (UOC-Red Cross)

Master's

- Direction and Management of Non Profit Entities

Graduate diplomas

- Management and Administration of Non Profit Entities
- Direction and Planning of Non Profit Entities

Specialisations

- Strategic Direction of Non Profit Entities
- Economic and Financial Management of Non Profit Entities
- HR Management of Non Profit Entities
- Planning and Quality Systems of Non Profit Entities

Dependency (UOC-Red Cross)

Master's

- Online Management and Resources for Dependent Persons
- Management of Resources and Services for Dependent Persons

Specialisations

- Expert in Resource Management and Quality
- Expert in Resources for Non-Professional Caregivers

International Humanitarian Law (UOC-Red Cross)

Master's

- International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Justice

Graduate programmes

- International Humanitarian Law
- International Criminal Justice

Specialisations

- Legal Protection of Victims of Armed Conflicts
- International Criminal Law
- International Criminal Court

Sustainability (UOC-Gaia Education)

Graduate diplomas

- Design for Sustainability
- The Economic and Social Dimension of Sustainable Design

Specialisation

- Ecodesign and Systematic Thinking

Single degree for the Master's in Conflictology

The Master's in Conflictology became a single degree (instead of two) in academic year 2013-2014. The School of Cooperation adapted the programme to the new guidelines of the International Graduate Institute (IIP) so that the design and structure of the programme is more viable and useful for students.

Conflictology at the UN

The agreement signed between UNITAR and the School of Cooperation in 2013 will enable around 60 United Nations workers to take the Master's in Conflictology so they can receive training in conflict resolution while they are not on a peace mission. unitar.org

Online conflict resolution in Ireland

Universal Learning System and the Ex-prisoners Assistance Committee of Northern Ireland has joined forces with the UOC to provide online training in conflict transformation and peaceful conflict management for former prisoners of the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

expac.ie / ulsystems.com

Summer course at the School of Cooperation

During July, a summer course was held for the first time at the UOC's Virtual Summer University. Xavier Pastor, a lecturer of the School, taught a course on the Principles of Conflictology: Learning to Resolve Conflicts, a virtual programme that aims to share the basics of conflict management and transformation.

Graduate degree in Human Security

In partnership with the Institute of Public Security of Catalonia, the UOC launched the graduate programme in Human Security, targeted at police and military action. It seeks to replace the use of force with scientific and technological knowledge of conflicts and violence.

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MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The UOC as a benchmark in social consciousness

Founded with the mission of being a socially conscious university, the Campus for Peace has travelled down a long, productive pathway to get where it is today. The institution has worked with more than 20 organisations, NGOs and state and international bodies; it has offered up to 90 specialised educational programmes; around 15,000 students have gone through its classrooms; it has spearheaded research and scholarly publications; it has actively participated in many actions on behalf of peace, human rights, cooperation and sustainability; and it has earned a name for itself internationally in the field of conflictology.

During this period, the Campus for Peace has also worked with a vast array of national and international organisations. It has contributed to peace processes through agreements to offer its Conflictology programme to former IRA prisoners and UN workers. It has activated a conflict reduction programme in classrooms in Mexico. It has promoted charitable actions like the digital training of university professors in Haiti. It has defended human rights by joining campaigns against child malnutrition, such as UNICEF's. It has supported the sustainability of the planet by offering training in agro-ecology and publishing a digital book on energy sustainability. It has promoted the values of sports with the UNESCO-FFCB-UOC Chair Master's degree. It has encouraged the use of ICTs in the field of development cooperation thanks to its agreement with the Catalan Development Cooperation Agency and SETEM. It has developed research programmes in conflictology as part of the UOC's Centre for Research and Studies on Conflictology (CREC-IN3). And it has hosted the 5th International Conflictology Congress.

Campus for Peace is a member of the following international networks:

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- International Society of Conflictology (SIC)
- Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP)
- International Task Force on Teachers for EFA
- International Peace Bureau (IPB)
- Mediate.com
- Association Sport and Citizenship
- Peace and Collaborative Development Network (PCDN)
- CICODE
- Observatori CUD
- Universities Conference for the Study of Mediation and Conflict (CUEMYC)
- International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA)
- Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe (DARE)
- ISSA-AISS
- Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR)



TRAINING – SPECIALISED COURSES

UNESCO-FFCB-UOC Master's: Sports to Help Others

With a total of 22 students enrolled, on the 6th of November 2012 the Spanish and English versions of the Master's in Sports as a Tool for Social Coexistence and Conflict Resolution was launched as part of the UNESCO-FFCB-UOC Chair. Renowned experts and professional athletes shared their experiences conveying sports values among groups at the risk of social exclusion and fostering equality and peaceful coexistence through the practice of sports.

In the introductory virtual seminars, the participants included the rally pilot and 1999 Spanish champion Isidre Esteve, the synchronised Olympic swimmer Ona Carbonell, the skeleton pilot Ander Mirambell, the Swiss sprinter Cédric Nabe, the karate coach Danny Hakim and the director of FC Barcelona's Masia, a training site for future footballers, Carles Folguera. The speakers presented the projects that they are promoting to improve the living conditions of groups of young people, women and children in a situation of social vulnerability.

2012-2013 Campus for Peace in-house courses with other entities

Training of Trainers	Social Media Manager for Social Transformation
Decentralised Operations	Distribution and Promotion of Ecological Products
Disarmament for Development (Eng.)	UNESCO-FFCB-UOC Chair Master's (Span.)
Design for Sustainability	UNESCO-FFCB-UOC Chair Master's (Eng.)
Preventing and Protecting against Sexual Exploitation of Children	Educational Conflict
Consultant Training	Action for Peace

Course to instil the culture of peace in Mexico

The Campus for Peace provided training in conflict resolution to around 40 Mexican executives, educators and mediators in a blended international specialisation course. The project was made possible by a partnership between the university and Mexico's Secretary of Education.

Communication 2.0 for Social Change

The rising need for social movements, NGOs and third-sector organisations to trigger social change using 2.0 communication strategies led the Campus for Peace and SETEM Catalunya to launch the online course called Social Media Manager for Social Transformation. The success of the virtual programme, which enrolled 28 students, means that a second edition is being planned for 2013-2014. setem.org

Distribution and Promotion of Ecological Food

In late November 2012, the Campus for Peace offered a 10-credit online training programme to teach the ins and outs of the distribution and promotion of products from ecological and local farming.

Action for Peace with MPDL

From April to June 2013, the Movement for Peace-MPDL, in conjunction with the Campus for Peace, conducted the new Action for Peace: Strategies and Sound Educational Practices training programme to provide educators with tools for the peaceful, nonviolent transformation of conflicts in educational communities.

mpdl.org



ACTIVITIES

5th International Conflictology Congress

For the fifth time, the Campus for Peace organised the International Conflictology Congress held in Barcelona on the 26th and 28th of December 2012. This event has become a key meeting point for experts, analysts, professionals and researchers in conflict resolution and peace.

Unlike other years, the workshops were planned as a venue of debate and project gestation and were designed to examine different aspects of conflictology in a more practical, real-life way. The programme, which is open to many different disciplines (from peace education to neuroscience and psychology), included three sessions focused on sports and peaceful coexistence, conflicts in organisations and human security.

More than 200 people from all over the world converged on the auditorium in CosmoCaixa to listen to the talk featuring journalist Miquel Calçada on the chronic conflicts in Haiti, Albania, Israel-Palestine and Algeria; the lecture by Lluís Font, the director of Educational Policy in the Generalitat de Catalunya's Department of Education; the speech by Rafael Grasa, President of the Catalan International Institute for Peace (ICIP); and the lecture by Christoph Spreng from Initiatives of Change International on social dialogue, among others.

congresconflictologia.uoc.edu



Conflict resolution workshop series

The School of Cooperation launched the Everyday Conflict Resolution Tools workshop series to resounding success. Throughout June of 2013, the three sessions together attracted 210 people at Barcelona's Excellence bookshop. *Gossos* (a Catalan music band) member and music therapist Natxo Tarrés, game expert Oriol Ripoll and coach Sílvia Pallerola presented strategies for solving everyday problems. The series continues in the autumn of 2013.

Launch of new publications

In April, May and July of 2013, the Campus for Peace sponsored a series of events to launch its latest publications: *Seguridad humana* (Human Security), a multi-author book published by Tirant lo Blanch; *Justícia ciutadana. Per una nova justícia catalana* (Citizen Justice: Towards a New Catalan Justice), a digital publication put out by EdiUOC and presented by the Catalan Minister of Justice Germà Gordó and magistrate Santiago Vidal at the Ateneu Barcelonès; and the digital book *Energia i medi Ambient. Gestió, tecnologia i conflictes en un món que s'escalfa* (Energy and Environment: Management, Technology and Conflicts in a Warming World).

[#UOCjusticia](https://twitter.com/UOCjusticia) / editorialuoc.cat

Campaigns joined

During academic year 2012-2013, the Campus for Peace joined UNICEF's Cumpledías programme to raise awareness of child malnutrition on the planet. It also supported the 2013 Mogena Challenge, a state judo tournament whose proceeds go to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. cumpledias.com
facebook.com/DesafioMogena2013



PROJECTS

International cooperation educational programmes

With the goal of sharing experiences, expertise and skills, the Catalan Development Cooperation Agency (ACCD) and the UOC signed a partnership agreement with the purpose of improving access to knowledge for the entities or institutions that work with Catalan actors involved in international cooperation.

At the signing of the agreement, the director of Development Cooperation of the Generalitat de Catalunya, Carles Llorens, stressed that access to education “is crucial so that individuals and society as a whole can develop and pull themselves out of poverty”. In turn, the rector of the UOC, Josep A. Planell, underscored the university’s commitment to international cooperation as a means of helping to strengthen the public educational structures in developing countries, promoting structural changes that lead them forward and ensuring them a more promising future.

The agreement includes promoting the use of information technologies in the sphere of higher and continuing education; organising courses, seminars, round tables and workshops to promote training and research; improving official and continuing education and developing studies and research on cooperation issues; encouraging exchanges of experiences and knowledge; and collaborating on training and technical assistance in the field of development cooperation, humanitarian action and education for development.

www20.gencat.cat/portal/site/cooperaciocatalana

Josep A. Planell and Carles Llorens during the signing of the cooperation agreement

Agreement with the ACUP

The Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP) and the Campus for Peace signed a partnership agreement to conduct a charitable train-the-trainers programme in Haiti, run in academic year 2012-2013. acup.cat

Charitable donations

In academic year 2012-2013, 5,961 UOC students made monetary contributions as they enrolled for courses. These funds enabled the Campus for Peace to conduct several charitable training projects.

Volunteers for peace

After ten years as the coordinator of volunteers, Julià Vilar left the Campus for Peace to enjoy a well-earned break. Neus Flores has taken over the reins of the cyber-volunteer plan already in place.

[facebook.com / campusxpau.uoc](https://www.facebook.com/campusxpau.uoc)

Students in internships

Thanks to an agreement with the Pedraforca Studies Centre, the Campus for Peace welcomed four administrative interns during the first half of April 2013. The purpose of the internships was to help them to polish off their education and professional training.

centropedraforca.com

Publications and research

New collection of digital books

The Campus for Peace and EdiUOC released a collection of digital books in the ePub format called "Quaderns de l'Escola de Cooperació" (Proceedings of the School of Cooperation). Its purpose is to divulge the latest trends and studies on human rights, conflictology, the environment and sustainability, social and charitable economics, the values of sports, cooperation and citizenship and other relevant topics.

The first titles in the collection are *Justícia ciutadana* (Citizen Justice), a book coordinated by Elisabet Ferran; *Energy and Environment: Management, Technology and Conflicts in a Warming World*, published in Spanish and English and coordinated by Guadalupe Barajas; *Conflictes i mediació mercantile* (Conflicts and Mercantile Mediation) coordinated by Elisabet Guitart; and *Els oficis dels conflictolegs* (The Jobs of Conflictologists) coordinated by Xavier Pastor. editorialuoc.cat

The Journal of Conflictology in ISOC and CARHUS Plus+

The digital publication *Journal of Conflictology* was added to the ISOC bibliographic database as well as the CARHUS Plus+ classification. From October 2012 until June 2013, eight issues were released which have received 5,823 visits with 4,191 users and 584 subscribers. journal-of-conflictology.uoc.edu

Sharing the best end-of-course project

The School of Cooperation recognised the best end-of-course project from the Master's in Management of Non Profit Entities which it offers in conjunction with the Red Cross by publishing it on the Campus for Peace portal. Natxo Moralejo is the author of *Nuevos usos de las herramientas 2.0 para una mejor comunicación de las entidades no lucrativas* (New Uses of 2.0 Tools for Better Communication in Non Profit Entities).

Videos of the top students

The School of Cooperation compiled a video showcasing the experiences of the top students in academic year 2012-2013. Santiago Sánchez and Jordi Montserrat explained how studying at the UOC has enriched their professional careers. tinyurl.com/nd5bx8s

The number of visitors to the website rises

In 2011, the Campus for Peace premiered new sections on its website featuring more dynamic contents and more interviews. One year after the changes, the portal has garnered a rising number of users, a figure which has risen 47%.

CREC-IN3: Sports and conflict resolution

The Centre for Research and Studies in Conflictology (CREC-IN3) opened up a call for participation in its search for candidates to be members of the research group focusing on the field of sports and conflict resolution. tinyurl.com/peuekyg

Books by the Campus for Peace

Derechos humanos, nuevas realidades; El largo camino hacia la paz: Procesos e iniciativas de paz en Colombia y en Ecuador (Human Rights, New Realities; The Long Path Towards Peace: Peace Processes and Initiatives in Colombia and Ecuador, published by EdiUOC and AECID); *Vivir y convivir en paz* (Living and Living Together in Peace, Editorial Graó); *Seguridad humana* (Human Security) and *Pandillas y maras* (Gangs and Mobs, both published by Editorial Tirant lo Blanch); and the "Quaderns de l'Escola de Cooperació" (Proceedings of the School of Cooperation) collection (EdiUOC).