



# FLETCHER SUMMER INSTITUTE

## FOR THE ADVANCED STUDY OF NONVIOLENT CONFLICT



THE FLETCHER SCHOOL  
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**JUNE 21 – 26, 2009 ★ THE FLETCHER SCHOOL ★ MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

### **THE ONLY EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE ADVANCED, INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF NONVIOLENT CONFLICT, TAUGHT BY LEADING SCHOLARS AND PRACTITIONERS OF STRATEGIC NONVIOLENT ACTION AND AUTHORITIES FROM RELATED FIELDS.**

Around the world, in places as diverse as Egypt, Vietnam, Burma and Western Sahara, nonviolent movements and campaigns are enabling people to resist oppression and injustice without the use or threat of violence. Such civilian-based struggle involves the use of diverse nonviolent tactics including strikes, sit-ins, boycotts, protests and other disruptive actions. In recent years, newly creative tactics using digital technology, street theatre, humor, and cultural action have been used to undermine authoritarian control. These diverse methods build collective skills while expanding citizen representation. Ultimately, nonviolent action that is strategically planned and implemented raises the cost of repression and makes governments and other power-holders accountable to the people.

Civil resistance also generates popular participation and traditional, grass roots engagement. It embodies the idea of “local ownership” of society and spurs ordinary people to join forces for a better and just future. Bottom-up nonviolent civic movements have driven a vast majority of the transitions from authoritarianism over the past 35 years. Whether the causes involve a struggle for democracy, for indigenous rights, ending corruption, or social justice, the goals of a nonviolent movement are achieved through the cumulative, persistent action of “people power.”

As cases of nonviolent conflict rise globally, it is ever more incumbent for NGOs, journalists, scholars, and policy makers to understand how this form of struggle works, the strategies that make it effective, and the skills involved in its execution. The Institute will address these and other critical questions:

- **What are the most important strategic considerations in nonviolent civil resistance?**
- **What roles do media, communications and new technology play in nonviolent struggles?**
- **How do the actions of external actors impact indigenous nonviolent movements?**

Historical and contemporary cases of civilian-based struggles will be examined, including issues-based movements as well as popular struggles against foreign occupations and authoritarian governments.

As the oldest exclusively graduate school of international affairs in the United States, The Fletcher School continues to meet the demands of a changing world. As both a professional and academic institution, Fletcher develops the vital link between theory and practice in international relations. The Fletcher School is pleased to offer a certificate in the Advanced Study of Nonviolent Conflict that draws upon its multi-disciplinary approach to global affairs.

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

Members of local and international NGOs, journalists, staff members of international institutions, think-tanks and research groups, and interested policy analysts and advisors.

### **FEES**

Participants or their sponsoring organizations will be expected to cover their own travel expenses to and from Boston.

Registration fees are as follows:

#### **\$500**

Corporations, government, media

#### **\$350**

Non profit int'l orgs, foundations

#### **\$200**

Non profit local or community-based organizations

### **INQUIRIES & APPLICATIONS**

Please direct inquiries for more information about the curriculum and faculty to **Althea Middleton-Dezner**, Assistant Director, Programs and Research, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, [icnc@nonviolent-conflict.org](mailto:icnc@nonviolent-conflict.org)

Only a limited number of applicants will be invited to participate in the Summer Institute. Applicants should send a copy of their CV, along with completing the attached application form, no later than **March 27, 2009**, to **Althea Middleton-Dezner**, [icnc@nonviolent-conflict.org](mailto:icnc@nonviolent-conflict.org)

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## GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname (if any): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mailing address (preferably not a PO Box) for pre-conference materials:  
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3. Telephone number where we can easily reach you: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Email Address (for conference correspondence): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Country(ies) where you currently live and work: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Languages Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Current affiliation/organization: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Emergency contact and telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Anything else we should know about you (allergies, diet, medical condition, special needs):

**VISA, TRAVEL, AND FUNDING INFORMATION**

11. Do you require a visa to enter the United States? If yes, please provide us with an estimate of how long it will take to acquire a visa, how much the visa will cost, and whether or not you will be able to cover this cost.

12. Will you need to receive a partial fee subsidy in order to attend the Fletcher Summer Institute for the Advanced Study of Nonviolent Conflict?

13. Will you need a travel subsidy in order to attend FSI? If so, please explain why and estimate how much (in US Dollars) your round-trip travel to Boston will cost.

14. Will you seek funding support from your organization or another institution to attend this course?  
Please explain.

15. Tell us about your current professional position and your organization (Very brief, no more than 5 sentences)

16. What draws you to this subject and motivates you to learn more?

17. Have you ever been a part of a nonviolent campaign or movement? Please explain.

**APPLICANT (AND SPOUSE'S) EXPECTED INCOME** (Please list your current total income for 2009)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Gross Income

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Spouses' Gross Income

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's (and Spouse's) Other Income

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Living Expenses

**EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS**

Please provide any additional statement that might be pertinent to this financial assistance application.