



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Restorative Justice & Equitable  
Peacebuilding: Best Practices, Key Lessons,  
& Opportunities (across cultures,  
communities, countries, and continents).

**The 32nd Annual International Conference**  
**APRIL 11-13, 2024**  
**SACRAMENTO, CA, USA**

**ORGANIZED & HOSTED BY:**

**The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution  
(CAPCR) California State University of Sacramento**

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**ABSTRACT DEADLINE**  
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The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) at California State University, Sacramento invites individual paper and panel proposals as well as poster sessions, for its 32<sup>nd</sup> annual conference. The 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary theme — ***Restorative Justice & Equitable Peacebuilding: Best Practices, Key Lessons & Opportunities*** — aims to examine, analyze and/or evaluate the development and status of the various restorative justice practices and programs, both formal and informal institutions, across cultures, communities, countries and continents via the justice system, community, education, civil society, vulnerable populations, and post-conflict societies. The 2024 conference theme comes on the heels of the previous one in 2023 on the related theme of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), and intended to attract interest of/from scholars as well as academics/researchers practitioners, policy makers, justice and allied professionals, community leaders, educational institutions, and civil society organizations, among others.

Given the growing concerns across the globe over crime and violence or conflicts (including violent extremism) there is need to examine the role, status and impact of restorative justice and community-based systems for responding to both interpersonal and collective harm -- to repair or reduce the victim/survivor harm, promote accountability and rehabilitation of the offender or responsible party, and build equitable peace and security in the community as well as applicable spaces for prevention and intervention.

The conference presentations and exchanges will attempt to identify the place or status and effectiveness of restorative justice practices, community social control processes, and key, common challenges as well as promising initiatives or best practices. It will also create opportunities for international & regional networking in peace building practices and research. Identifying/addressing current void or gaps will provide opportunity for self-assessment, reflection and innovation among advocates, practitioners and scholars, donors, and policymakers. The conference will also facilitate the development of common standards of ethics for training and practice as well as articulate key evaluation benchmarks for quality assurance. We invite and welcome proposals that are both culture/community specific and cross-cultural or comparative, including Africa/ns and other continents and peoples.

We welcome presentations, papers and panels featuring **Case Studies**, conceptual approaches and frameworks, comparative studies, gendered, and practitioner reflections. We are especially interested in papers/panels that address one or more aspects of the conference theme, both broadly and specifically.

The conference closing peace awards will be held on the evening of April 13, 2024, and be part of a fundraising effort for the CAPCR's Africa Peace Fellows Initiative—for building the next generation of peace leaders.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:**

The conference planning committee welcomes individual paper presentations and panel proposals, provided a panel does not exceed 4 presenters, each panel. For individual papers, no more than 3 authors/ presenters will be accepted for each paper proposal. Each person is limited to only 2 presentations, as individual or co-presenter, in the conference.

Please include the title, your name, current position, institution/organization, mailing address, email, best telephone number with your 150-word abstract in publishable quality email to [capcr@csus.edu](mailto:capcr@csus.edu). For additional information visit us at: <https://www.csus.edu/center/african-peace-conflict-resolution/>.

We expect the full conference paper by March 1, 2024, for the conference presentation!

Proposals and presentations in English are preferred, but we will be able to accommodate French, Portuguese, and Spanish speakers.

**REGISTRATION:**

When you are notified of your proposal acceptance via email, the conference organizers will provide you with information about registration payment, hotel, transportation, and other related information.

Participants are responsible for paying the conference *nonrefundable* early bird registration fee of \$140.00 USD (per person), payable upon the acceptance of your proposal and as a condition of the inclusion in the conference preliminary program in February 2024. The registration price will increase by \$15 USD (\$155) after February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Participants will be responsible for their travel costs (flight and lodging) and related conference costs, unless otherwise notified by the conference chair or CAPCR leadership.

**PUBLICATION:**

Our hope is to publish an edited volume of the conference papers with Cambridge Scholars Publishing (under discussion). Upon selection of your full paper for publication, we will provide you with relevant additional information about the manuscript publication, including publisher, format, deadlines, and related instructions.