



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Beyond Crime and Punishment: Violence Prevention

and Peace Education

**The 34th Annual Africa & Diaspora
International Conference**

APRIL 23 – APRIL 25, 2026

SACRAMENTO, CA, USA

Special Event: Celebration of CAPCR 30th Anniversary!

ORGANIZED & HOSTED BY:

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

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Re: CAPCR Conference 2026 –CFP

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

October 30, 2025.



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The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) at California State University, Sacramento, invites submissions for individual papers, panel proposals, and poster sessions for its 34th Annual Conference. We welcome contributions from scholars, academic and practitioner-researchers, policymakers, justice professionals, community leaders, educational institutions, civil society organizations, and others working in related fields.

This year's theme, ***Beyond Crime and Punishment: Violence Prevention and Peace Education***, responds to the global rise in violence, punitive policies, and security threats—including violent extremism, gun violence, human trafficking, drug abuse, and gang-related crime. These challenges are especially pressing in Africa and its diaspora communities. With Africa's supermajority youth population, there is an urgent need to direct energy and innovation toward nonviolent action, peacebuilding, and social justice. This conference will explore the intersection of violence, criminal justice, good governance, youth development, and peace education, seeking to identify best practices and evidence-based strategies for violence prevention and nonviolent change.

We invite proposals that address local, national, regional, and global perspectives, including but not limited to:

- Violence prevention programs, systems, and strategies
- Countering violent extremism
- Gun violence, drug abuse, and gang intervention
- Prison education and offender rehabilitation
- Community/restorative justice and peacemaking circles
- Youth violence and juvenile justice
- School-based peace education
- Policies, legislation, and judicial innovations
- Technology and harm reduction in peacebuilding
- Survivor support and healing practices

The conference fosters opportunities for networking and collaborative learning across regions and sectors. We encourage submissions that are country-specific, culturally rooted, or cross-cultural in focus.

Graduate students are especially encouraged to submit individual papers or panels. **Undergraduate students** may submit abstracts for consideration in one of two dedicated poster sessions. We are particularly interested in posters that align with the conference theme in broad or specific ways. All presenters will receive a certificate of participation.

The conference will conclude with the **Peace Awards Dinner** on the evening of **April 25, 2026**—celebrating CAPCR's 30th Anniversary and supporting the endowment for the **Africa Peace Fellows**, an initiative to cultivate the next generation of peace leaders.

We look forward to your participation in this important gathering.

ABSTRACT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

The conference planning committee welcomes individual submissions and co-authorship that does not exceed 4 presenters for each panel. Each person is limited to only 2 presentations- whether as an individual or co-presenter. For individual papers and student posters, a maximum of 2 presenters is allowed per submission.

ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS: 400-500 words in publishable quality, stating clearly the following; i) a title, ii) introduction of the topic or subject, iii) explanation of the critical issues and rationale of your research, iv) your thesis statement or focus of the paper, v) research methodology, and vi) conclusion. Please submit the proposal in essay format.

SUBMISSION: Please include- your topic, your name and the co-presenter(s), current position, institution/organization affiliation(s), email address(es), and best telephone number(s) and send-in along with your 400-500 word abstract, to the email capcr@csus.edu on or before the **Abstract Submission deadline, October 30, 2025.**

We expect the **full conference paper** or presentation slides by **April 10, 2026.**

Proposals and presentations should be in English (preferably), but we will be able to accommodate French, Portuguese, and Spanish speakers. All presentations will be in person!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

When you are notified of your proposal acceptance, you will be provided information about how to register for the conference, hotel information, and other related instructions. Participants are responsible for paying the conference nonrefundable **registration fee** of \$145.00 USD (per non Sac State presenter/participants), payable upon the acceptance of your proposal and as a condition of the inclusion in the conference preliminary program by **February 2026.** The registration price will increase by \$15 USD (\$160) by March 1st, 2026. Participants will be responsible for their travel costs (flight and lodging) and related conference costs, unless otherwise notified by the conference planning committee or CAPCR leadership.

PUBLICATION:

We plan to publish a volume of the conference papers, as a special edition in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the CAPCR. Upon selection of your full paper for publication, we will provide you with relevant additional information about the manuscript publication, including the publisher, format, deadlines, and related instructions.

For more details, please follow up with the conference updates via CAPCR website at: <https://www.csus.edu/center/african-peace-conflict-resolution/> OR email capcr@csus.edu.

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