



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

*"Beyond Punishment: Contemporary Developments in Peacekeeping,
Restorative Justice, and Community Healing"*



The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR)

California State University, Sacramento

2027 Annual International Conference

The 35th Annual Africa & Diaspora International Conference:

Beyond Punishment: Contemporary Developments in Peacekeeping, Restorative Justice, and
Community Healing

In Collaboration with CSU-Sacramento Project Rebound

Proposed Date: April 22-23, 2027

Conference Location: California State University, Sacramento

Special Event: Celebration of the 35th Conference Anniversary!

We invite individual paper and panel proposals as well as poster sessions from scholars as well as academics/researcher practitioners, policy makers, justice and allied professionals, community leaders, educational institutions, and civil society organizations, among others. This conference comes on the heels of the 2026 conference on related to further examinations of emerging or recurring social responses to violence or crime, particularly Africa/diaspora. In an era marked by social divisions, systemic inequities, violence, and growing demands for justice reform, restorative justice offers a unique framework for addressing harm, promoting accountability, and fostering healing.

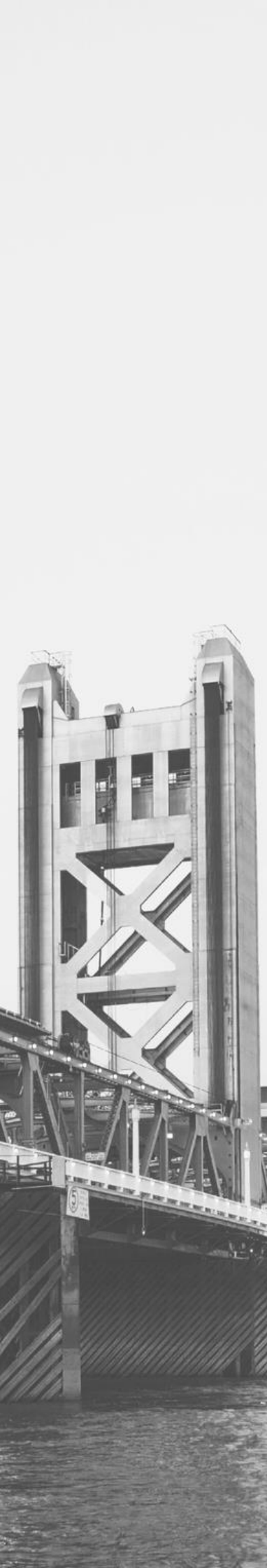
The proposal calls for identification of the best practices, evidence informed responses or systems for prevention or mitigation of violence, promotion of nonviolent approaches and pedagogies, and new knowledge creation or expansion in peace restorative justice, peacekeeping and community healing. The call for proposals extends beyond the United States or Africa to examine these discussions at local, national, regional and global movements with comparative lessons.

Suggested Topics:

- Restorative justice theory and practice
- Community-based conflict resolution and reconciliation
- Restorative approaches in criminal justice systems
- Victim-offender mediation and dialogue
- Peacemaking circles and indigenous justice traditions
- Transitional justice and post-conflict reconstruction
- Youth justice and restorative practices in schools
- Restorative responses to gender-based violence
- Healing-centered engagement and trauma-informed practices
- Restorative leadership and organizational transformation
- Race, equity, and social justice through restorative frameworks
- Faith-based and cultural approaches to restoration and healing
- Technology, innovation, and restorative justice initiatives
- Restorative justice in higher education and community colleges
- Public policy, governance, and restorative justice reforms

The conference presentations and exchanges will create opportunities for local, national, international, & regional networking in various forms of the conference theme and related topics. Identifying and addressing current voids or gaps in policy or research will provide opportunities for self-assessment, reflection and innovation among advocates, practitioners and scholars, donors, and policymakers. We also strongly encourage graduate student submissions for single papers or a panel.





Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit abstracts for participation in one of two poster sessions. We are especially interested in posters that address one or more aspects of the conference theme, both broadly and specifically. A certificate of presentation/participation will be provided to the conference presenters.

The conference ends with the annual Africa Peace Awards dinner which will be held on the evening of April 24, 2027, celebration of the Awards 35th Anniversary. For details on the proposal requirement, see the proposal submission guidelines below!

We hope you will consider submitting your proposal to this important conference

Deadline for Proposal Submission is October 1, 2026.

ABSTRACT 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, as individual or co-presenter, in the conference, and not more than 2 presenters for a paper or student poster.

Submit your 250-word abstract 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. Also include your topic, your name and the co-presenter(s), current position, institution/organization affiliation(s), email address(es), and best telephone number(s) (See example on page 3).

Submit your abstract in publishable quality and email it to capcr@csus.edu on or before October 1, 2026.

We expect the full conference paper or presentation slides by April 10, 2027. Proposals and presentations should be in English (preferable), 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 with 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 presenter), payable upon the acceptance of your proposal and as a condition of the inclusion in the conference preliminary program by February 2027. The registration price will increase by \$15 USD (\$160) by March 1st, 2027. 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:

Selected conference final papers will be considered for publication in an edited conference volume or special issue associated with CAPCR. 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.

For more details, please follow up with the conference updates via CAPCR website at:

<https://www.csus.edu/center/african-peace-conflict-resolution/>.

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