



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

“Reparative Justice & Peacemaking”



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

**33rd Annual Africa & Diaspora International
Conference April 24 -25, 2025**

Deadline for Proposal Submission: ~~September 30, 2024~~

~~EXTENDED: November 1, 2024~~

RE-EXTENDED: January 15, 2025

The 33rd Annual International Conference will be held on April 24 - 25, 2025, in Sacramento, California. The conference theme is: Reparative Justice & Peacemaking. CAPCR invites individual paper and panel proposals as well as poster sessions, for its 33rd annual conference, 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 past, persistent, and/or recent efforts or actions for reparations for slavery across countries, communities and continents, including Africa, USA and the Caribbean. Examples include stirring debates about *The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks* (2000) by Randall Robinson, the American Descendants of Slavery (ADOS) movement, state of California's creation of a Reparations Study Taskforce, the African Union's 2023 Accra Reparations Proclamations, The Caribbean Reparations Commission-for reparatory justice, and the recent African Union-Caribbean Community (CARICOM) push for a UN Special Tribunal on slavery, to establish a new international tribunal to seek reparations for transatlantic slavery, among others.

The 2025 conference theme aims to examine the various objectives, strategies, status and outcomes of the reparation movements, open new areas of discussion or debates for thoughts and action as well as recommendations for coalitions and collaborations for peacemaking and unity.

The call for proposals extends beyond the United States or Africa to examine these discussions as local, national, regional and global movement for reparations and/or peacemaking extensively. Proposals that include emphasizing and/or acknowledging the harm caused by the conflicts, measures for accepting responsibility or accountability, and efforts required for making amends and promoting peace, through the lens of reparative justice are highly recommended, including but not limited to Apology, restitution or compensation, prosecution, truth telling, disclosure, documentation, legislation, programs, policies, dialogues, and community organizing, etc; these could relate to governments at any level, businesses, justice agencies, educational institutions, and/or international organizations.





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The conference presentations and exchanges will create opportunities for local, national, international, & regional networking in various forms of peacemaking practices and research. Thus, identifying and addressing current voids or gaps in harm reduction will provide opportunity for self-assessment, reflection and innovation among advocates, practitioners and scholars, donors, and policymakers, etc. We welcome proposals that are both country, culturally & community specific or cuts across cultures, especially Pan African, and across continents and peoples.

Acceptable presentations, papers and panels featuring; Case studies, conceptual approaches and frameworks, gender -based studies, field experiences and practitioner reflections are welcome. 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 papers/panels/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 peace awards dinner which will be held on the evening of April 26, 2025, in support of the creation of an endowment for the Africa Peace Fellows—to build the next generation of peace leaders.

ABSTRACT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: Due January 15, 2025

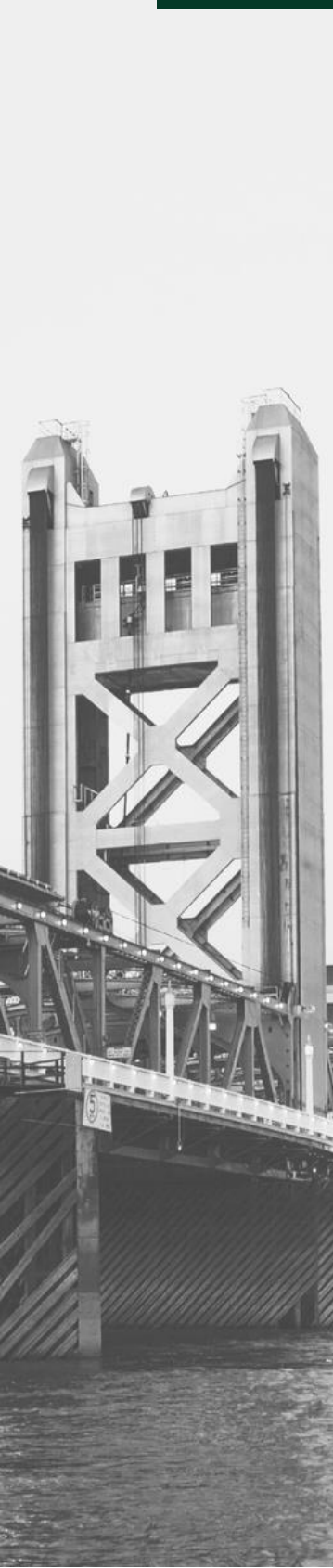
The conference planning committee welcomes individual submissions and co-authorship that does not exceed 4 presenters for each panel. Each person is limited to only 2 presentations, as individual or co-presenter, in the conference, and not more than 2 presenters for a paper or student poster.

Submit your abstract in 400-500 words, stating a clear title, introduction of the topic or subject, identification of critical issues and rationale, your thesis or focus of paper, research methodology, and conclusion.

Please include your title, your names (including the co-presenter), current position, institution/organization affiliation(s), email address(es), best telephone number(s)

Submit your abstract as an attachment via email to capcr@csus.edu on or before January 15, 2025.

For additional information visit us at: <https://www.csus.edu/center/african-peace-conflict-resolution>. We expect the full conference paper/presentations by March 1, 2025. Proposals and presentations in English are preferred, but we will be able to accommodate French, Portuguese, and Spanish speakers.





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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 presenter), payable upon the acceptance of your proposal and as a condition of the inclusion in the conference preliminary program by February 2025. The registration price will increase by \$15 USD (\$160) after February 1st, 2025. 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

Our hope is to publish an edited volume of essays 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.

You may also follow up on conference updates via:

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

For more information, email: capcr@csus.edu.

CONFERENCE PLANNING TEAM

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