The first on-line education program in the advanced, interdisciplinary study of nonviolent conflict resolution, popular struggle, organizing, advocacy strategies and International Law applied to the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), taught by leading scholars and practitioners of strategic nonviolent action and authorities of International Law. The Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) helps organizations and practitioners working in nonviolent conflict activities to improve the quality, effectiveness and sustainable impact of their programs.

**WHO SHOULD APPLY**

The CAS has been developed to involve 50 civil society organizers. It is designed for people active in ongoing campaigns involved in social justice in the West-Bank, Gaza or Palestine ‘48; leaders of popular struggle movements, grassroots organizers, middle to senior level policy and decision makers; political representatives, national and international civil society development, Human Rights and Peacebuilding organizations.

**ORGANIZED BY**

The Certificate is organized by The Popular Struggle Coordination Committee, a leading Palestinian grassroots organization, NOVACT- International Institute for Nonviolent Action, that encourages civilian-based nonviolent strategies to defend human rights and justice worldwide in cooperation with the University of Barcelona and the University of Al-Quds.

**METHODOLOGY**

The Certificate of Advanced Studies is an on-line program based on:

- Significative learning: everything will be done based on real examples
- Theory and practice: learning by discussing and practising
- Individual and Collective thinking: space to our personal and collective reflections
- Dialogical learning: learning is for personal and social transformation, not just adaptation

**CONTENTS**

Module 1. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK: from where we come to where we go. My story my principles

Module 2. OUR CAMPAIGNS: people, power and change

Module 3. ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE: structuring our team and relations

Module 4. COMMUNICATION: our messages, our audiences, our tools

Module 5. BUILDING UP THE STRATEGY: from what we have to what we need to get what we want

Module 6. MOBILIZING FOR ACTION: action that mobilize, dilemma actions

Module 7. EVALUATION AND CELEBRATION: our impacts and the relevance of visualizing them

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Each participant will come with a **concrete campaign he/she is currently working on**
- As the lectures and materials are mainly going to be in English, participants are required to have a **good level of English**
- Participants are required to have access to a **good Internet connection**
- The course requires **10 hours dedication per week**. They are also required to develop a project/campaign with a dedication of a minimum of 125 hours

**CALENDAR**

Starts: **10 February 2014**
Ends: **31 May**
Project delivery: **21 June**

11 credits ECTS (275 hours of study)
Registration and more detailed information:
http://novact.org/certificate/

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