

Beyond Bridges: Israel-Palestine (Summer 2023)

Combining Critical Comparative Studies and Travel

In partnership with the University of San Francisco, the Center for Transformative Education is relaunching Beyond Bridges: Israel-Palestine, our groundbreaking summer conflict transformation program designed for students of all backgrounds to explore questions central to international studies, comparative analysis, identity formation, narrative construction, politics, religion, and more.



Beyond Bridges: Israel-Palestine is a summer program that takes university students to the Middle East on a journey of comparative conflict analysis and transformation, combining rigorous academics and practical hands-on training with the intent to explore questions at the core of all conflicts.

Through this process, **Beyond Bridges: Israel-Palestine** aims to create spaces for both personal and collective growth, helping students gain new understandings of the role they play in international conflicts and how this relates to their many political identities. Moving past the stage of practical peace agreements or beyond "building bridges," we challenge participants to look at long-term solutions to end inter-communal conflict.

Dates: May 22 to June 6, 2023

Language: Taught in English

Cost: Program fee* + r/t flight + 4 academic credits**

* Details about the total cost of the program can be found in the "Information Packet" posted under "BBIP-S23," located on the CTE website (www.centerfortransformativeeducation.org).

** USF will solidify the summer 2023 per credit cost by December 31, 2022.

Questions? Contact us via omkrollzeldin@usfca.edu

This program is unique in several ways:

Comparative Approach. We utilize the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as an entry point into re-examining and de-exceptionalizing conflicts around the world, such as the conflicts in the Balkans and Northern Ireland.

Study Group. We consider each participant to embody particular social identities. As such, we not only engage with Palestinian and Israeli sites, speakers and presentations, and academic texts, but also have students study themselves and their political positionality.

Experiential Education. We travel in Israel and Palestine, exploring this region with local scholars, religious and political leaders, and activists. This gives participants insights and opportunities one cannot get from books alone.



Center for Transformative Education

The Center for Transformative Education (CTE) is an educational initiative offering empowering programs to help transform societies into their potential. Utilizing the expertise our educators have gained in the fields of experiential education, conflict transformation, and traditional teaching settings, and rooted in formal academic training and certifications, CTE's program goals are to educate participants about Identity Formation, Marginalized Groups, and Social In/Justice in order to empower participants to mobilize communities to practice just alternatives to the status quo.

For more information go to <http://www.centerfortransformativeeducation.org>



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