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# **CIVIL RESISTANCE AND THE DYNAMICS OF NONVIOLENT CONFLICT**

**An Advanced Course for Professionals  
Offered Jointly by USIP and the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict**

**October 19th - December 9th • Tue/Thu, 6pm - 8pm**

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The world is witnessing a surge in people powered movements in places such as Iran, the Niger Delta, Honduras, and the West Bank. As a result, the foreign policy community is carefully following the courageous acts of civil disobedience utilized by people fighting against various forms of repression. But do we fully realize the strategic thinking and the methods of nonviolent action that civilian-based movements employ to combat injustice? Civil resistance and the dynamics of nonviolent conflict have been instrumental in political transitions from authoritarian or oppressive rule for many decades. Organized civic pressure has been used to fight colonialism and foreign occupation, advance women's and minority rights, and improve transparency and good governance. This course is designed to provide an in-depth and multi-disciplinary perspective on civilian-based movements and campaigns that defend and obtain basic rights and justice around the world—from Egypt to Burma, from Zimbabwe to West Papua. The course will examine such questions as: What is civil resistance? What determines the success or failure of a civil resistance movement? How can professionals in the field better understand and analyze what elements are at work when civilians use nonviolent tactics? How and when should external agents – governments, NGOs, media, business – act or not act when civil resistance is gaining momentum? How can the dynamics and history of civil resistance better inform the fields of conflict management, development, diplomacy, and peacemaking?

- Interactive course: focuses on simulations and case studies
- Experience opportunities to share lessons across sectors
- Hear insight from expert scholars and practitioners

**COST:** \$195. Participants not based in Washington, DC are responsible for their own accommodations and travel, including visas.

**CREDIT:** Participants will receive certificate upon completion of course.

**TO APPLY:** visit <http://www.usip.org/education-training/courses/civil-resistance-and-power-politics>

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