

## **“Give the past a better future”**

An Expert Conference about

**Reconciliation and Civic Education**

in

**Butare, Rwanda**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

#### **1. Theme and content of the conference**

Rwanda and Germany share one thing: In both countries unimaginable atrocities have taken place, both countries experienced a fundamental breakdown of civilization and are challenged by the difficulties of dealing with the shadow of genocide determining the further history of the country and the identity of its citizens in the long term.

Convinced that a comparative view in looking at this subject may open up new perspectives, in this conference specialists in theory and practice of political education are brought together for the first time. Based on the call for a "Never again!" in Germany as well as in Rwanda, this conference aims to create foundations and conditions for a culture of peace that includes education and reconciliation in order to allow a democratic coexistence.

This broad question about the relationship between political education and consolidation of a culture of democracy and peace can include various individual questions: What contribution was made by individual institutions in reconciling and rebuilding a shattered society? What are the conditions to succeed in interventional dialogue about trauma? What forms of memory culture also shape the political identity? What is the relationship between remembering and active political figures?

#### **2. Participations and Contributions**

The conference gathers contributions from different perspectives and professions. Therefore, we would appreciate a short description of each input (abstract) brought into the conference. The description of the topic should be limited to a maximum of five pages and should be submitted before end of September 2014 to the following e-mail address:

[cecup@cph-nuernberg.de](mailto:cecup@cph-nuernberg.de)

The contributions will be compiled in autumn 2014 and the results will then be combined into a first schedule.

A documentation of the contributions and the exchange during the conference is planned; in written form as well as via a documentary film.

### **3. Activities and organisation**

The conference is planned to take place in Kigali and Butare from 20 to 22 February 2015. Both - German and Rwandan - participants will be accompanied during their following domestic trips and visits to the project from 23 to 28 February 2015. The group of participants will be chosen by experts; the focus lies on the exchange in a manageable group. Therefore, the number of participants is limited to around 15 people, equally divided into Europeans and Africans.

### **4. Organizers**

The conference is organized by the Academy CPH, the Academy for Youth and Adult Education of the Archdiocese of Bamberg and the Jesuit Order in Nuremberg. The Academy works closely together with CECUP association. After performing the first conference in Rwanda a continuation is planned.

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