
Conflict Resolution since the Cold War

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Class Time: Wednesday 12:00-15:00

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Course Description:

Currently there are more than a quarter million troops, civilian policemen and civilian personnel serving in dozens of peace missions worldwide. The course analyzes their efforts for conflict resolution in the post-Cold War period. It reviews the complexity of this practice involving a combined international civil and military operations which aims to reduce the causes of conflict among belligerents, may they be inter-state or intra-state actors through achievements of diverse spectrum of goals.

Course Requirements:

- Weekly Reading Assignments
- Class Participation
- Submission of written assignments (summaries of class readings)
- Submission of a final academic paper

Final Grade:

- A. 30% - Class attendance, participation in the weekly discussion on the reading material and submission of written summaries of class readings that will be assigned by the instructor.
- B. 70% - Submission of a final academic paper (approximately 5,000 words) including a theoretical question, original analysis of a conflict and a proof or a combination of theoretical and empirical evidence.

Course Outline and Reading List

- **Weeks 1-4 - World (dis)Order and conflict resolution**

Part 1-20th Century conflicts

Howard, Michael, *The Invention of Peace: Reflections on War and International Order* (London: Profile Books, 2001), pp. 61-113.

United Nations, *Charter of the United Nations* 1945, in:
www.un.org/en/documents/charter/index.shtml (relevant chapters)

Ghali, Mona. 'United Nations Emergency Force I'. In: Durch, W. J. (Ed.), *The Evolution of UN Peacekeeping: Case Studies and Comparative Analysis* (Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1993), pp. 104-130

Part 2-Post Cold War

Kertcher, Chen, 'From Cold War to a system of peacekeeping operations: The discussions on peacekeeping operations in the UN during the 1980s up to 1992', *Journal of Contemporary History*, 47:3 (July 2012), 611-637. doi: 10.1177/0022009412441653

Boutros-Ghali, Boutros, *An Agenda for Peace*, A/47/277-S/24111, June 17, 1992

Kühn, Florian P., 'The Peace Prefix: Ambiguities of the Word 'Peace'', *International Peacekeeping*, 19:4 (2012), 396-409.

Weiss, Thomas G., *Humanitarian Intervention: Ideas in Action*, 2nd ed. (London: Polity Press, 2012), pp. 97-132.

- **Weeks 5-6 - Explaining International Organizations incentives for supporting interventions**

Diehl, Paul F. and Balas, Alexandru, *Peace Operations*, 2nd ed. (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2014), pp. 81-140.

Bellamy, Alex J. and Williams, Paul D., 'Explaining the National Politics of Peacekeeping Contributions', in: A. J. Bellamy and P.D. Williams (eds), *Providing Peacekeepers: The Politics, Challenges and Future of United Nations Peacekeeping Contributions* (Oxford: Oxford University press, 2013).

- **Weeks 7-8 - Mediation and Intervention**

Crocker, Chester, *Peacemaking and Mediation: Dynamics of a Changing Field: Coping with Crisis* (New York: International Peace Academy, March 2007).

Stedman, Stephen John, 'Negotiation and Mediation in Internal Conflict', in: Michael E. Brown (ed.), *The International Dimensions of Internal Conflict* (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1996), pp. 341-376

- **Weeks 9-10 - Elections and Government**

Dobbins, James et.al., *The Beginner's Guide to Nation-Building* (Santa Monica, CA: Rand Corporation, 2007), pp. 135-160, 189-212

Lyons, Terrence, 'The Role of Postsettlement Elections', in: Stephen John Stedman, Donald Rothchild, Cousens, Elizabeth M. (eds.), *Ending Civil Wars: The Implementation of Peace Agreements* (Boulder, Col.: Lynne Rienner, 2002), pp. 215-235.

- **Weeks 11-12 - Security: Military and Police**

Findlay, Trevor, *The Use of Force in UN Peace Operations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002), pp. 3-19, 374-389.

Koops, Joachim, *UN SHIRBRIG and EU Battlegroups* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, June 2007).

Smith, Joshua G. et.al, *Enhancing United Nations Capacity to Support Post-Conflict Policing and Rule of Law* (Washington: The Henry L. Stimson Center, 2010), pp. 5- 32.

Link: [http://www.stimson.org/images/uploads/research-pdfs/Enhancing United Nations Capacity 2010 revision.pdf](http://www.stimson.org/images/uploads/research-pdfs/Enhancing_United_Nations_Capacity_2010_revision.pdf)

Spearin, Christopher, 'UN Peacekeeping and the International Private Military and Security Industry' *International Peacekeeping*, 18:2 (April 2011), 196-209.

Link: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13533312.2010.546099>

- **Weeks 13-14 - Humanitarian and Economic**

Barnett, Michae, Kim, Hunjoon, O'Donnell, Madalene and Sitea, Laura, 'Peacebuilding: What is in a Name?', *Global Governance*, 13 (2007), 35-58.

Collier, Paul, 'Postconflict Economic Policy', in: Charles T. Call (ed.) *Building States to Build Peace* (Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner, 2008), 103-118

Polman, Linda, *The Crisis Caravan: What's Wrong with Humanitarian Aid?* (NY: Metropolitan Books, 2010), chapters 1 and 9.