Post Cold War Conflict Resolution
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Course Number: 702.3753
Class Time: Tuesday 10:00-14:00
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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 biweekly progress reports
- Submission of a final academic paper

Final Grade:
A. 30% - Class attendance, participation in the weekly discussion on the reading material and submission of biweekly progress reports related to the chosen subject (theory and a relevant case study). The reports includes: a brief literature review of a conflict; creation of a chronology and a timeframe for analysis and putting it in the proper global and regional context; identification of relevant actors that should be analyzed in order to study the conflict; A critical assessment of two major studies on a chosen case study that relate to at least one topic in the syllabus while formulating an original research question. All progress reports include periodical presentation in the class.

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**


  **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


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


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


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


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


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


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

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

