

Post Cold War Conflict Resolution

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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

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

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.