

# SYLLABUS

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CONFLICT RESOLUTION (2021-2022 SUMMER)

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## Course Objective:

Conflict resolution is an interdisciplinary field of study that allows students and practitioners to examine and formulate effective approaches to deep disagreements. Scholars in the field link their work to the study of development, human rights and humanitarian affairs, security policy, psychology and social psychology. The course of study integrates elements of these and other approaches into a framework that allows students to sharpen their understanding of root causes, conflict dynamics, and opportunities for conflict transformation in general and in organizations.

## Course requirements:

**There will be a mid-term and a final exam.** Besides, students are expected to fulfill the responsibilities (project) below that are to be incorporated into the calculation for the ultimate grade. Naturally, the quality of content, form and style of the papers shall be appreciated while grading.

## Student Responsibilities:

- a) Instructor is very firm on the submission of the proposal, research paper deadlines. Transgression would influence final grade.
- b) **Summary papers:** The course is based on the reading and discussion of the texts and topics determined by the instructor through the perspectives offered in academic resources again instructed, handed in or advised for students to use. Students have to prepare and summon summaries of the articles of the week.
- c) **One-page proposal (around 500 words)** outlining the topic of your research paper and the major theoretical or substantive issues you will examine in the research paper. This will allow the professor to measure the progress and development, as well as provide feedback and support, on the work being produced in the independent study. Students must submit their research proposal to the professor **in the beginning of the 3. week.**
- d) **At least 4.000 word long research paper** touching on the themes and topics of the course. This is an original piece of research that should incorporate sources outside of the materials which are directly covered. Students are expected to work with the professor to produce a quality piece of academic work. Students must submit final form of their research paper to the professor **in the final exam week**, yet they have to begin to share their content by presenting in the class **since the week following the mid-term exam** (the onset of presentations may change as depended on the number of enrolled students)

## Grading:

Mid-term Exam	20%
Summary Papers	20%
Proposal	10%

Research Paper-Presentation 30%  
 Final Exam 20%

**Resources**

Basic Reading Material :

Ho-Won Jeong (2008) Understanding Conflict and Conflict Analysis, Sage.

Ho-Won Jeong (2010) Conflict Management and Resolution: An Introduction, Routledge.

**COURSE OUTLINE/SCHEDULE (Weekly)**

<b>Week</b>		<b>Preliminary Preparation</b>	<b>Methodology and Implementation /Resource</b>
<b>1</b>	Introduction: Understanding conflict		Jeong, 2008, pp. 1-19; Miall, chapter 1
	Analysing Conflict	Reading-Summary paper	Jeong, 2008, pp. 20-40; Miall, chapters 1
<b>2</b>	Sources of Conflict	Reading-Summary Paper	Jeong, 2008, pp.41-63; Forgas, et.al., pp. 1-17; Sandole, pp. 22-39.
	Conflict Situation and Behavior	Reading-Summary Paper	Jeong, 2008, pp.64-88; Shimko, pp. 115-139;
<b>3</b>	Process of Conflict	Reading-Summary Paper Youtube footages <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaIZ10H2yNE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaIZ10H2yNE</a>	Jeong, 2008, pp.89-116; Brockner and Rubin, pp. 1-32.
	Process of Conflict (Escalation)	Reading-Summary Paper	Jeong, 2010, pp. 1-16; Zartman and Faure, pp. 1-15; 165-183.
<b>4</b>	Preventing Violent Conflicts	Reading-Summary Paper	Miall, chapter 3. Jentleson, and Varynen pp. 26-69 (in Carment and Schnabel)
<b>MID-TERM EXAM</b>			
<b>5</b>	Conflict Transformation	Reading-Summary paper	Jeong, 2010, pp.35-56; Miall 2001.
	Dimensions of Conflict Management 1	Reading-Summary paper /Seminar	Jeong, 2010, pp.59-128.
<b>6</b>	Dimensions of Conflict Management 2	Reading-Summary paper /Seminar	Jeong, 2010, pp.59-128.
	Negotiation	Reading-Summary paper /Seminar	Zartman, 13-31.
<b>7</b>	Mediation/Facilitation	Reading-Summary paper /Seminar	UN Guidance for Mediation; Zartman, 155-173.

	Reconciliation	Reading-Summary paper / <b>Seminar</b>	Bar-Simon Tov, 11-38; 11-124; 177-198.
8	Reconciliation	Reading-Summary paper / <b>Seminar</b>	Bar-Simon Tov, 11-38; 111-124; 177-198.
	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	<b>Submission of Term Papers</b>	

**Supplementary Material:**

All the academic material are to be shared throughout the period on the dropbox folder created for the course.

ON NATURE OF CONFLICT: Hugh Miall, Oliver Ramsbotham, Tom Woodhouse, Contemporary Conflict Resolution, Blackwell, 2005, chapters 1 and 3. ,

AGRESSION: Joseph Forgas, et.al., The psychology of Social Conflict and Aggression, Psychology Press, 2011, pp. 1-17.

SOCIO-PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT: Herbert C. Kelman, Herbert C. Kelman:A Pioneer in the Social Psychology of Conflict Analysis and Resolution Springer, 2016, pp. 47-83.

CONFLICT PREVENTION: David Carment and Albrecht Schnabel, "Conflict Prevention"; Raima Varynen, "Challenges to preventing action:The cases of Kosovo and Macedonia", in David Carment and Albrecht Schnabel, Conflict Prevention: Path to Peace or Great Illusion, UN University Press, 2003; pp. 11-25; 47-69.

ON WAR AND HUMAN NATURE: Keith Shimko, International Relations Perspectives and Controversies, Woodsworth 2010, pp. 115-139.

NEEDS THEORY: Denis J. D. Sandole, "Extending the reach of basic human needs", in Kevin Avruch and Christopher Mitchell, Conflict Resolution and Human Needs, Routledge, 2015, pp.22-39.

ESCALATION AND DE-ESCALATION: William I Zartman and Guy Olivier Faure, Escalation and Negotiation, Cambridge, 2005, pp. 1-15; 165-183.

RECONCILIATION, Yaacov Bar-Simon Tov (ed), From Conflict Resolution to Reconciliation, Oxford Press, 2004, pp. 11-38; 111-124; 177-198.

CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION: Hugh Miall, Berghoff Stiftung Press.

ENTRAPMENT: KJoel Brockner and Jeffrey Z. Rubin, Entrapment in Escalating Conflicts, Springer-Verlag, 1985, pp. 1-32; 193-222.

MEDIATION: UN Guidance for Effective Mediation, UN University Press leaflet; William Zartman, Negotiation and Conflict Management, pp. 155-173.