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Course objective:

The primary objective of the course is to introduce the students an extensive literature on the causes of war and post-war peace building efforts. Survey of theoretical approaches to problems of conflict, together with concepts such as stability, change and order, techniques of conflict management and possible means of conflict resolution will be amongst the major topics covered.

Textbooks:

Peter Wallensteen, *Understanding Conflict Resolution: War, Peace and the Global System*, SAGE Publications, London, 2002.

Oliver Ramsbotham, Tom Woodhouse, Hugh Miall, *Contemporary Conflict Resolution*, Polity Press, Cambridge&Malden, 2014 (3rd Ed).

Grading:

Participation (Weekly Reports)	10 %
Presentation	20 %
Term Paper	70 %

Course Requirements:

- 1) Students are expected to come to class on time, attend class regularly, read assigned materials before the date indicated in the syllabus, and participate in class discussions and write their weekly reports in the class.

Weekly Reports (10% of grade):

During the last 6 weeks, there will be group presentations. in the aftermath of the presentations on case studies, it is demanded from each student -except from the presenters- to write about the details of the cases in the chat room of DEU Online Platform. The details are “sides of the conflict”, ”internal and international actors”; “general information about the history and current situation of the conflict”; and lastly “conflict resolution mechanisms and efforts”.

- 2) Students, in groups of 2 or 3, will conduct one of the given case studies in the syllabus that reflects the theoretical and empirical knowledge in the field.

Group Presentations:

It is demanded from the students to present their papers on the basis of the following criteria:

- Groups should identify the sides of the conflict, and also internal and international actors (NGOs, states, IOs, MNCs, individuals, tribes/clans, social groups, terrorist organizations)
- should study the history and current situation of the conflict
- should research on conflict resolution mechanisms and efforts
- are free to add more resources (articles, books, reliable documentaries and videos, news from media) to understand and explain the conflicts in their presentations.

Groups will present their findings with their own words. By taking into consideration the feedbacks offered by the peers and the instructor during the presentation, groups will submit their term projects. Term projects will be prepared in word format. They have to encompass the characteristics of a research paper such as title, research question, hypothesis, methods, introduction, discussion parts under various titles, conclusion and references; in APA format, Times New Roman, 12 points, 1,5 space, Justified, 20-25 pages including Bibliography.

- 2) There is no tolerance to plagiarism. In case of plagiarism, you will get a very low grade or more likely a Zero. If you need to learn more about plagiarism, see Harvard Guide to Using Sources,
<http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k70847&pageid=icb.page342054>

WEEK 1: Introduction to ICR.

Defining the rules of the class; course materials

List of Conflicts will be disseminated to the groups for presentation.

For presentations and term papers, the students can determine on different cases in place of the given ones in the syllabus.

WEEK 2: Wallensteen, Approaching Conflict Resolution, pp. 33-59

WEEK 3: Wallensteen, UN and Conflict Resolution, pp. 231-255.

WEEK 4:

Wallensteen, International Communities and Conflict Prevention, pp. 263-279.

Ramsbotham et al., The Adoption of Conflict Prevention by International Organizations, pp. 138-143.

WEEK 5: Ramsbotham et al, Containing violent conflict: Peacekeeping, Chapter 6, pp.147-170.

WEEK 6: Ramsbotham et al., Ending violent conflict: **Peacemaking**, Chapter 7, pp. 171-197

WEEK 7:

Ramsbotham et al., Peacebuilding, Chapter 9, pp. 226-245.

Ramsbotham et al., Reconciliation, Chapter 10, pp. 246-261.

WEEK 8:

Presentation on Cyprus Conflict

Suggested Materials:

Maria Hadjipavlou, "The Cyprus Conflict: Root Causes and Implications for Peacebuilding", **Journal of Peace Research**, Vol.44, No.3, 2007, pp. 349-365.

George Kyris, "Europeanisation and Conflict Resolution: The Case of Cyprus", **IBEI Working Papers**, 2013/39, pp. 3-12.

Presentation on Somalian Conflict

Suggested Materials:

Abdi Mohamed Kusow, "The Genesis of the Somali Civil War: A New Perspective", **Northeast African Studies**, New Series, Vol.1, No.1, 1994. pp. 31-46.

Somalia: Protection and Conflict Resolution Mechanisms, **Landinfo**, 30 September 2011, pp. 1-11.

Christiane E. Philip, "Somalia-A Very Special Case", *Max Planck Yearbook of United Nations Law*, Vol.9, 2005, pp. 517-554.

WEEK 9:

Presentation on Bosnian Conflict

Suggested Materials:

Marcus Cox, "Strategic Approaches to International Intervention in Bosnia and Herzegovina", **CASINJ**, October 1998, pp. 3-41.

Hasan Korkut, Muhiddin Mulalic, "Implications of Dayton Peace Agreement on Current Political Issues in Bosnia-Herzegovina", **SDU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Journal of Social Sciences**, Special Issue on Balkans, 2012, pp. 107-116.

Presentation on Rwanda Conflict

Suggested Material:

Anastase Shyaka, "The Rwandan Conflict. Origin, Development, Exit Strategies", **NURC**, 2004, pp. 5-42.

WEEK 10:

Presentation on Arab-Israeli Conflict

Suggested Materials:

Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov, "The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Learning Conflict Resolution", **Journal of Peace Research**, Vol. 31, no. 1, 1994, pp. 75-92.

Peter Lintl (ed.), "Actors in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict", **SWP Research Paper 3**, June 2018.

Presentation on Libya conflict

Suggested Materials:

Muzaffer Ercan Yilmaz, "Peacebuilding in Libya", **International Journal on World Peace**, Vol. 29, No. 1, 2012, pp. 45-57.

Jonathan M. Winer, "Origins of the Libyan Conflict and Options for its Resolution", **Middle East Institute Policy Paper 2019-4**, 2019, pp. 1-24.

WEEK 11:

Presentation on Northern Ireland Conflict

Suggested Materials:

Peter Hain, "Peacemaking in Northern Ireland: A model for conflict resolution?", Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2008.

Robert Perry, "Revising Irish History: The Northern Ireland conflict and the war of ideas", **Journal of European Studies**, 40(4), pp. 329-354.

Presentation on South African conflict

Suggested Materials:

Juha Auvinen and Timo Kivimaki, "Conflict transformation in South Africa", **Politikon: South African Journal of Political Studies**, 28:1, 2010, pp. 65-79.

WEEK 12:

Presentation on Yemen Conflict

Suggested Materials:

İrem Aşkar Karakır, “Ongoing Conflict in Yemen: A Proxy War?” **TESAM Akademi Dergisi**, 2018, 5(2), pp. 121-149.

Shoqi Maktary and Katie Smith, “Pathways for Peace and Stability in Yemen”, Search for Common Ground, 2017, pp. 6-35.

Presentation on Sudan Conflict

Suggested Materials:

Marina Ottaway and Mai El-Sadany, “Sudan: From Conflict to Conflict”, **The Carnegie Papers**, May 2012, pp. 1-23.

Mairi John Blackings, “Why Peace Fails: The Case of South Sudan’s Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan”, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2018, pp. 6-24.