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| Course Code IREL-540 | Course Title Conflict Analysis | ECTS Credits 7.5 |
| Department European Studies and International Relations | Semester Fall, Spring | Prerequisites None |
| Type of Course Major | Field International Relations | Language of Instruction English |
| Level of Course 2 nd Cycle | Year of Study 1 st | Lecturer(s) Dr Giorgos Kentas |
| Mode of Delivery face-to-face | Work Placement N/A | Co-requisites None |

Objectives of the Course:

This course will introduce students to the field of conflict analysis and resolution. It will examine definitions of conflict and diverse views of its resolution. It also explores thinking about human behavior and social systems as they relate to the origins of conflict and to the role of conflict in violent and peaceful social change. Appropriate responses to conflict at interpersonal, intergroup, industrial, communal, and international levels are also considered.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Analyze and evaluate various aspects of domestic and international conflict.
2. Examine definitions of conflict and diverse views of its resolution.
3. Evaluate thinking about human behavior and social systems as they relate to the origins of conflict and to the role of conflict in violent and peaceful social change.
4. Judge responses to conflict at interpersonal, intergroup, industrial, communal, and international levels.
5. Critically analyze research within the field of study.

Course Contents:

1. Fundamental conceptions of domestic and international conflict
2. Micro and macro analysis of conflict
3. Classic and contemporary methods of conflict analysis
4. Levels of analysis of, and perspectives to, conflict
5. Thucydides' theory of Hegemonic War
6. Two theories of War: Sun Tzu and C. V. Clausewitz
7. Marxists and Neo-Marxist Views of Conflict
8. The Struggle for Global Wealth
9. Realist, Neorealist and Neoclassical Realist perspectives on conflict analysis and conflict resolution
10. The Security Dilemma and the Paradox of Insecurity
11. Pluralist, Liberal and Neoliberal Institutional views of conflict analysis and conflict resolution
12. Constructivist views of conflict analysis and conflict resolution
13. Critical Security Studies and their ramifications on conflict analysis and conflict resolution
14. International and domestic conflict in the post-Cold War era
15. Asymmetrical dimension of conflict in the 21st century

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussion, Presentation and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Participation, Review Essay, Project and Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

- Booth, Ken and Wheeler, Nicholas (2008), *The Security Dilemma: Fear, Cooperation and Trust in World Politics*. New York: Palgrave.
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- Mearsheimer, John (2001), *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*. New York: W. W. New York & Company.

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Sørensen, Georg (2006), "Liberalism of Restraint and Liberalism of Imposition: Liberal Values and World Order in the New Millennium." *International Relations* 20:3, pp. 251-272.

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Wallerstein, Immanuel (1999), "Patterns and Perspective of the Capitalis World Economy," in Viotti, P. and Kauppi, M., *International Relations Theory: Realism, Pluralism, Globalism, and Beyond*. New York: Allyn and Bacon, pp. 369-376.

Waltz, Kenneth (1959), *Man the State and War*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Aydinli, Ersel (2008) "Before *Jihadists* There Were Anarchists: A Failed Case of Transnational Violence," *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 31(10): 903-923.

Blair, Bruce, Garry Brewer (1977) "The Terrorist Threat to World Nuclear Programs," *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 21(3): 379-403.

Buzan, Barry (2004) *From International to World Society. English School Theory and the Social Structure of Globalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

(2006) "An English School Perspective on 'What Kind of World Order?'," *Millennium*, *Cooperation and Conflict* 41:4, pp. 364-369.

Carlsnaes, Walter (1992) "The Agency-Structure Problem in Foreign Policy Analysis," *International Studies Quarterly* 36(3): 245-270.

(1993) "On Analyzing the Dynamics of Foreign Policy Change: A Critique and Reconceptualization," *Cooperation and Conflict* 28(1): 5-30.

Carlsnaes, Walter, Thomas Risse, Beth Simmons, eds. (2002) *Handbook of International Relations*. London: Sage Daxecker, Ursula (2007) "Perilous Politics? An Assessment of the Democratization-Conflict Linkage," *European Journal of International Relations* 13(4): 527-553.

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Van Evera, Stephen (1990/91) "Primed for Peace: Europe After the Cold War," *International Security* 15(3): 7-57.
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