



# UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA

## ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

<b>Course Code</b> IREL-304	<b>Course Title</b> Conflict Analysis	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Department</b> European Studies and International Relations	<b>Semester</b> Fall/Spring	<b>Prerequisites</b> None
<b>Type of Course</b> Elective	<b>Field</b> International Relations	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Course</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	<b>Year of Study</b> 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Dr Giorgos Kentas
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> face-to-face	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> 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 behaviour 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. Argue and present an analysis and evaluation of various conflict theories.
2. Assess and critically analyze definitions of conflict and diverse views of its resolution.
3. Appraise and assess 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. Analyze and critically reflect upon appropriate responses to conflict at interpersonal, intergroup, industrial, communal, and international levels.

**Course Contents:**

1. Conflict vs. Order in world politics: Theories and approaches
2. Is there an enduring logic of conflict?
3. From the History of Thucydides: “The Melian dialogue” and “The Funeral Oration of Pericles”
4. Some basic narrative about the concept of conflict in world politics: anarchy, balance of power, containment, security dilemma, arms control, defensive and offensive postures, status quo vs. revisionist states, etc.
5. Various forms of conflict in world politics: war, revolution, sectarian violence, ethnic conflict, terrorism, organized crime, etc
6. The international system and levels of analysis
7. The origins of “great wars”
8. Self-defense, alliances and collective security regimes
9. International Intervention
10. International Mediation
11. World order: “Old” and “new” world order?

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, Discussion, Presentation and Assignments

**Assessment Methods:**

Participation, Review Essay, Project and Final Exam

**Required Textbooks/Reading:**

Nye, Joseph (2007), *Understanding International Conflict*. 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. New York: Pearson

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- Carr, Edward, Hallett ([1939] 1962), *The Twenty Years' of Crisis. 1919-1939. An Introduction to the Study of International Relations*. Revised edition of November 1945. New York: St Marlin's Press.
- Checkel, Jeffrey (1998), “The Constructivist Turn in International Relations Theory”. *World Politics* 50:2, pp. 324-348.
- Clausewitz, Carl Von (2007), *On War*. Translated by Michael Howard and Peter Paret. Oxford: Oxford World's Classics.
- Doyle, Michael (1997), *Ways of War and Peace*. New York: W. W. Norton.
- Doyle, Michael (1986), “Liberalism and World Politics.” *American Political Science Review* 80:4, pp. 1151-1169.
- Gilpin, Robert (1988), “The Theory of Hegemonic War.” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18:4, pp. 591-613.
- Herz, John (1950), “Idealist Institutionalism and the Security Dilemma.” *World Politics* 2:2, pp. 157-180.
- Hobbes (1991), *Leviathan*. Edited by Richard Tuck. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Hobson, J. A. (1999), “The Economic Taproot of Imperialism” in Viotti, P. and Kauppi, M., *International Relations Theory: Realism, Pluralism, Globalism, and Beyond*. New York: Allyn and Bacon, pp. 365-368.
- Jervis, Robert (1978), “Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma”. *World Politics* 30: 2, pp. 167-214.
- Machiavelli, Niccolo (2003), *The Prince*. Translated by Daniel Donno. New York: Bantam Classics.

Marx, Karl (1998), *The Communist Manifesto*. Oxford: Oxford World's Classics.

Mearsheimer, John (2001), *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*. New York: W. W. New York & Company.

Mearsheimer, John (2005), "E.H. Carr vs. Idealism: The Battle Rages On." *International Relations* 19:2, pp. 139-152.

Mitzen, Jennifer (2006), "Ontological Security in World Politics: State Identity and the Security Dilemma." *European Journal of International Relations* 12:3, pp. 341-370.

Morgenthau, Hans ([1948] 1985), *Politics Among Nations*. Sixth edition. Revised by Kenneth Thomson. New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc. (Chapter 1).

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.

Thucydides (1910), *The Peloponnesian War*. Translated by J. M. Dent. New York: E. P. Dutton.

Tzu, Sun (2003), *The Art of War*. Translated by Lionel Giles. Philadelphia: Westview Press.

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.