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ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code IREL-405	Course Title Case Studies in Conflict Analysis	ECTS Credits 6
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall/Spring	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Elective	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st – 3 rd	Lecturer(s) Dr Giorgos Kentas
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

In this course the student will be given the opportunity to work in the field on a case study of current significance to contemporary International Relations. Case studies will be drawn from the areas and regions of special interest on the part of the lecturers involved with the program.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Argue and present an analysis and evaluation of particular cases of domestic and international conflict.
2. Illustrate independent research skills on certain cases of domestic and international conflict.
3. Report on and illustrate in-depth understanding of at least 3 cases.
4. Illustrate knowledge of cases of conflict from the wider global perspective.
5. Appraise the role of international mediation in conflict resolution.
6. Assess and appraise the impact of geo-historical contexts on the evolution of particular conflicts.
7. Illustrate a deep understanding of the various dimensions of conflict (political, social, economic, humanistic, environmental, etc) and their impact on the evolution, stagnation and resolution of particular conflicts.

Course Contents:

1. Images of Conflict/Theories of War
2. Bridging theory and reality
3. Perspective and methodological devices on cases of conflict
4. The Origins of WWI and WWII
5. The origins of the Cold War
6. The crisis in Kosovo 1999-2009
7. The Cyprus Conflict 1960-1974
8. The intervention of Russia in Georgia in 2008
9. The Gulf War 1991
10. The Iraq War 2003
11. The US “war on terror” 2001-
12. The Blockade of Berlin
13. The Cuban Missile Crisis
14. Israel and the bomb
15. Iran and N. Korea in the pursuit of nuclear technology

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussion, Presentation and Assignments

Assessment Methods:

Participation, Review Essay, Project and Final Exam

Required Readings:

Calvocoressi, Peter (2001), *World Politics 1945-2000*. New York: Pearson
Ray, James Lee (1990), *Global Politics*. (Seventh Edition) New York: Houghton Mifflin Company
Smith, Joseph (1998), *The Cold War*. [second edition] Oxford: Blackwell

(Students are provided with a package of readings on the cases to be discussed in class)

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Al-Samarrai, Bashir (1995), “Economic Sanction Against Iraq: Do they Contribute to a Just Settlement?” in Cortright, David and George Lopez (ed.), *Economic Sanctions. Panacea or Peacebuilding in a Post-Cold War World?* pp. 133-139.
Berker, James et al (2006), *The Iraq Study Group Report*. New York: Vintage Books.
Demetriou, Olga (2004), “EU and the Cyprus Conflict. Review of the Literature.” *Working Paper in EU Border Conflict Studies*, Intercollege.
Diez, Thomas (1999), “Why the EU Can Nonetheless Be Good for Cyprus.” *JEMIE* 2, pp. 1-18.
Dougherty, James and Robert Pfaltzgraff (2001), Jr., *Contending Theories of International Relations*. (fifth edition) New York: Longman 2001 (Chapters 5-7).
Hangerty, Devin (1995), “Nuclear Deterrence in South Asia: The 1990 Indo-Pakistan Crisis.” *International Security*, 20:3, pp. 79-115.
Herz, John (1950), “Idealist Institutionalism and the Security Dilemma.” *World Politics* 2:2, pp. 157-180.
Hoffmann, Stanley (1984), “The Problem of Intervention,” in Bull, Hedley (ed.), *Intervention in World Politics*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, pp. 7-28.
Hughes, Jeffrey, “The Origins of World War II in Europe: British Deterrence Failure and German Expansionism.” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18:4, pp. 851-891.

- Jervis, Robert (1978), "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma". *World Politics* 30: 2, pp. 167-214.
- Jervis, Robert (2001), "Was the Cold War a Security Dilemma". *Journal of Cold War Studies* 3:1, pp. 36-60.
- Jervis, Robert (2002), "Theories of War" *The American Political Science Review* 96:1, pp. 1-14.
- Kaliber, Alper (2005), "Securing the Ground Through Securitized 'Foreign' Policy: The Cyprus Case." *Security Dialogue* 36:3, pp. 319-337.
- Luttwark, Edward (1999), "Give War a Chance." *Foreign Affairs* 78:4, pp. 36-44.
- MacCoubrey, Hilaire (1999), "Kosovo, NATO and International Law." *International Relations* 14:5, pp. 29-46.
- Mearsheimer, John (1983), *Conventional Deterrence*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press (Introduction and Ch. 2).
- Morgan, Patrick (1997), *Deterrence*. London: Sage (Introduction and Chapters 1-2).
- Patterson, Jack (1995), "The Political and Moral Appropriateness of Sanctions," in Cortright, David and George Lopez (ed.), *Economic Sanctions. Panacea or Peacebuilding in a Post-Cold War World?* pp. 89-96.
- Posen, Barry (2000), "The War for Kosovo." *International Security* 24:4, pp. 39-84.
- Posen, Barry (2000), "The War for Kosovo." *International Security* 24:4, pp. 39-84.
- Reuther, David (1995), "UN Sanctions Against Iraq," in Cortright, David and George Lopez (ed.), *Economic Sanctions. Panacea or Peacebuilding in a Post-Cold War World?* pp. 121-132.
- Roe, Paul (2000), "Former Yugoslavia: The Security Dilemma that Never Was?" *European Journal of International Relations* 6, pp. 373-393.
- Sandole, Dennis (1993), "Paradigm, Theories, and Metaphors in Conflict and Conflict Resolution: Coherence or Confusion?" in Sandole, Dennis and Hugo van der Merwe, *Conflict Resolution Theory and Practice*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 3-24.
- Schwarz, Urs (1970), *Confrontation and Intervention in the Modern World*. New York: Oceana Publications (Ch. V).
- Waltz, Kenneth (1959), *Man the State and War*. New York: Columbia University Press (Introduction, pp. 1-15).
- Waltz, Kenneth (1959), *Man the State and War*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Waltz, Kenneth (1988), "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory." *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18:4, pp. 615-628.
- Woodhouse, Tom and Oliver Ramsbotham (1998), "Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Intervention in Post-Cold War Conflict," in Woodhouse, Tom, Robert Bruce and Malcolm Dando (ed.), *Peacekeeping and Peacemaking*. London: Macmillan, pp. 39-73.