Form for the description of PoSIG-courses (Syllabus)

Course Title	International Conflict Management		
Course Number			
Module	Module 4 - International Relations		
Type of Courses	Seminar		
ECTS credits	6		
Number of teaching hours	30		
Lecturers	Prof. Sead Turčalo, Ph. D.		
Assistant lecturers			
Department	Faculty of Political Science, Department of Political Science UNSA		
Curricula	euroPS	Peace and Security Studies	
mandatory/elective	elective	**Mandatory**	
Entry level criteria	-		
Recommended for semester	3		

Course description	This International Conflict Management course offers an in-depth exploration of the nature, origins, and management of international conflicts. Students will study various theoretical frameworks, including realism, liberalism, constructivism, and critical theories, to analyze conflicts from multiple perspectives. The course highlights the root causes of conflicts such as ethnic tensions, resource scarcity, territorial disputes, and ideological differences. A key focus is on the role of international law and organizations, notably the United Nations, in conflict resolution. The course examines the effectiveness of international peacekeeping and humanitarian interventions, alongside the challenges they face. Diplomacy and negotiation form a crucial part of the lecture content, emphasizing strategies and tactics used in peace agreements. The economic and social impacts of conflicts are scrutinized to understand their effects on development and human security. Additionally, students will engage with case studies, applying theoretical knowledge to analyze historical and contemporary conflicts. This practical approach is designed to enhance understanding of conflict management in diverse contexts. Finally, the course addresses emerging challenges in the field, such as the impact of globalization, the rise of non-state actors, and the changing nature of warfare in the modern era. This course equips students with a comprehensive understanding of international conflict dynamics and prepares them for roles in international relations, diplomacy, and peacekeeping.

Intended learning outcomes	After the successful completion of classes, students will develop the following knowledge, skills, and competencies: ● Students will develop a comprehensive understanding of conflict theories: They will gain an in-depth knowledge of various theoretical frameworks that explain the nature and dynamics of international conflicts. ● Students will analyze root causes of conflicts: They will understand and critically evaluate the complex root causes of international conflicts, including political, economic, social, and cultural factors. ● Students will examine the role of international law and organizations: They will analyze the impact and effectiveness of international law and organizations like the UN in conflict resolution and peacekeeping efforts. ● Students will apply diplomatic and negotiation skills: They will learn and apply the principles and strategies of diplomacy and negotiation in the context of international conflict resolution. ● Students will assess the economic and social impacts of conflicts: They will evaluate how conflicts affect countries and regions economically and socially, and understand the challenges of post-conflict reconstruction and development. ● Students will conduct case study analysis: They will apply theoretical knowledge to real-world situations through the analysis of case studies, enhancing practical understanding of conflict management. ● Students will understand the role of non-state actors: They will examine the influence and impact of non-state actors in international conflicts, including terrorist groups, multinational corporations, and NGOs. ● Students will explore emerging challenges in conflict management: They will identify and analyze new challenges in international conflict management, such as cyber warfare, transnational terrorism, and the impact of global climate change on security. ● Students will develop critical thinking and analytical skills: They will enhance critical thinking and analytical skills necessary for the assessment and resolution of complex international conflicts. ● Students will prepare for professional roles in conflict management: They will be equipped with the knowledge and skills required for careers in international relations, diplomacy, and conflict resolution.
Contribution of this course to the learning outcomes of the module (or program)	
Expected prerequisite knowledge	Fundamental Texts in International Relations and Conflict Studies and International Conflict Management and Resolution

Activity	Percentage
Research paper	30%
Case study analysis	30 %
Oral presentation	20%
Active class participation	20%
Total	**100 %**

Assessment methods

Specific requirements	Students will maintain a work journal: They will be required to keep a detailed work journal that encompasses the preparation of their research and the preparation and analysis of case studies. This will help them develop the ability to track and reflect on their own progress, as well as enhance their research and analytical skills.
Pre-Conditions for examination	/

Teaching methods

Assignment / Activity	Teaching activity	Workload	Assessment activity	Assessment criteria	Percentage of final grade
Lectures	Ex cathedra	30	Class attendance and participation	List of class attendance (at least 80%); engagement, active participation	20%
Research paper	Independent research, writing	40	Submission of comprehensive research paper	Depth of research, analysis, argumentation. Writing quality	30%
Case study analysis	Group analysis, discussion	30	Presentation and submission of case study analysis	quality of analysis, presentation skills, teamwork	30%
Oral presentation	Presentation preparation, public speaking	20	Oral presentation on a selected topic	Clarity, depth of content, presentation skills	20%
Total		**120 h[1]**			**100 %**

Course content	1. Introduction to International Conflict Management 2. Theoretical Frameworks in Conflict Analysis 3. Root Causes of International Conflicts 4. International Law and Conflict Management 5. Role of International Organizations in Conflict Management 6. Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping 7. Diplomacy and Negotiation in Conflict Management 8. Humanitarian Intervention 9. Case Studies in International Conflict Management 10. Non-State Actors and Conflict Dynamics 11. Emerging Challenges in International Conflict Management

List of contents/topics	*Topic*	*Required reading*

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[1] based on [EXCT-CP * 25], here 6 are assumed

	1. Introduction to International Conflict Management	• Ramsbotham, Oliver, Tom Woodhouse, and Hugh Miall. *Contemporary Conflict Resolution*. (2016). Polity Press. Pp.3-38. • Butcher, Charity and Maia Carter Hallward. *Understanding International Conflict Management*. (2020). Routledge. Pp. 1-11.
	2. Theoretical Frameworks in Conflict Analysis	• *Contemporary Conflict Resolution"* by Oliver Ramsbotham, Tom Woodhouse, and Hugh Miall, chapter 3 and 4 • *The Conflict Resolution Toolbox: Models and Maps for Analyzing, Diagnosing, and Resolving Conflict"* by Gary T. Furlong, chapter 2 and 3
	3. Root Causes of International Conflicts	• Sobek, David. *The Causes of War*. Polity Press, 2009. Chapter 1 and 2 • Lebow, Richard Ned. *Why Nations Fight: Past and Future Motives for War*. Cambridge University Press, 2010. Chapter 4 and 5
	4. International Law and Conflict Management	• Schmitt, Michael, and Jelena Pejic, editors. *International Law and Armed Conflict: Exploring the Faultlines*. Brill Nijhoff, 2007. Chapter 1 and 2 • Rajkovic, Nikolas M., Aalberts, Tanja, and Gammeltoft-Hansen, Thomas, editors. *The Power of Legality: Practices of International Law and their Politics*. Cambridge University Press, 2016., chapter 3 and 4

	5. *Role of International Organizations in Conflict Management*	● Schechter, Michael G. International Organizations and Internal Conflict. Cambridge University Press, 1995. Chapter 5 and 6 ● Autesserre, Séverine. Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention. Cambridge University Press, 2014., Introduction and Chapter 1
	6. *Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping*	7. Diehl, Paul F., and Balas, Alexandru. Peace Operations. Polity Press, 2014. Chapter 1 and 2 8. Ramsbotham, Oliver, Woodhouse, Tom, and Miall, Hugh. Contemporary Conflict Resolution. Polity Press, 4th edition, 2016. Chapter 7 and 8
	7. *Diplomacy and Negotiation in Conflict Management*	● Berridge, G. R. Diplomacy: Theory and Practice. Palgrave Macmillan, 5th edition, 2015., Chapter 3 and 4 ● Zartman, I. William. Negotiating Peace: War Termination as a Bargaining Process. Princeton University Press, 1985. Introduction and Chapter 1
	8. *Humanitarian Intervention*	● Holzgrefe, J. L., and Keohane, Robert O., editors. Humanitarian Intervention: Ethical, Legal and Political Dilemmas. Cambridge University Press, 2003. Chapter 1 and 2 ● Evans, Gareth. The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity Crimes Once and for All. Brookings Institution Press, 2008. Chapter 3 and 4

	9. Case Studies in International Conflict Management	● Hampson, Fen Osler. Making Peace: The Contribution of International Institutions. United Nations University Press, 1996. Chapter 5 and 6 ● Mayer, Bernard. The Dynamics of Conflict Resolution: A Practitioner's Guide. Jossey-Bass, 2000. Chapter 7 and 8
	10. Non-State Actors and Conflict Dynamics	● Josselin, Daphné, and Wallace, William, editors. Non-State Actors in World Politics. Palgrave, 2001. Introduction and Chapter 1 ● Themnér, Lotta, and Wallensteen, Peter. Armed Groups in Civil Conflict: How Weapon Choice Influences the Dynamics of Violence. Oxford University Press, 2014., Chapter 3 and 4
	11. Emerging Challenges in International Conflict Management	● Kaldor, Mary. New and Old Wars: Organised Violence in a Global Era. Polity Press, 3rd edition, 2012., Chapter 1 and 2 ● Austin, Greg. Cyber War and Peace: An Information Age Narrative. Georgetown University Press, 2016., Chapter 5 and 6

Mandatory literature	- Ramsbotham, Oliver, Tom Woodhouse, and Hugh Miall. Contemporary Conflict Resolution. (2016). Polity Press. Chapter 1, 3, 4 - Butcher, Charity and Maia Carter Hallward. Understanding International Conflict Management. (2020). Routledge. Pp. 1-11. - Sobek, David. The Causes of War. Polity Press, 2009. Chapter 1 and 2_ - Lebow, Richard Ned. Why Nations Fight: Past and Future Motives for War. Cambridge University Press, 2010. Chapter 4 and 5_ - Schmitt, Michael, and Jelena Pejic, editors. International Law and Armed Conflict: Exploring the Faultlines. Brill Nijhoff, 2007. Chapter 1 and 2 - Rajkovic, Nikolas M., Aalberts, Tanja, and Gammeltoft-Hansen, Thomas, editors. The Power of Legality: Practices of International Law and their Politics. Cambridge University Press, 2016., chapter 3 and 4 - Schechter, Michael G. International Organizations and Internal Conflict. Cambridge University Press, 1995. Chapter 5 and 6 - Autesserre, Séverine. Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention. Cambridge University Press, 2014., Introduction and Chapter 1 - Diehl, Paul F., and Balas, Alexandru. Peace Operations. Polity Press, 2014. Chapter 1 and 2 - Ramsbotham, Oliver, Woodhouse, Tom, and Miall, Hugh. Contemporary Conflict Resolution. Polity Press, 4th edition, 2016. Chapter 7 and 8 - Berridge, G. R. Diplomacy: Theory and Practice. Palgrave Macmillan, 5th edition, 2015., Chapter 3 and 4 - Zartman, I. William. Negotiating Peace: War Termination as a Bargaining Process. Princeton University Press, 1985. Introduction and Chapter 1 - Holzgrefe, J. L., and Keohane, Robert O., editors. Humanitarian Intervention: Ethical, Legal and Political Dilemmas. Cambridge University Press, 2003. Chapter 1 and 2 - Evans, Gareth. The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity Crimes Once and for All. Brookings Institution Press, 2008. Chapter 3 and 4 - Hampson, Fen Osler. Making Peace: The Contribution of International Institutions. United Nations University Press, 1996. Chapter 5 and 6 - Mayer, Bernard. The Dynamics of Conflict Resolution: A Practitioner's Guide. Jossey-Bass, 2000. Chapter 7 and 8 - Josselin, Daphné, and Wallace, William, editors. Non-State Actors in World Politics. Palgrave, 2001. Introduction and Chapter 1 - Themnér, Lotta, and Wallensteen, Peter. Armed Groups in Civil Conflict: How Weapon Choice Influences the Dynamics of Violence. Oxford University Press, 2014., Chapter 3 and 4 - Kaldor, Mary. New and Old Wars: Organised Violence in a Global Era. Polity Press, 3rd edition, 2012., Chapter 1 and 2 - Austin, Greg. Cyber War and Peace: An Information Age Narrative. Georgetown University Press, 2016., Chapter 5 and 6

Optional literature	Wallensteen, Peter. Understanding Conflict Resolution.(2019). Sage Publications. Shaw, Malcolm N. International Law. (2021). Cambridge University Press. Weiss, Thomas G., and Ramesh Thakur. Global Governance and the UN: An Unfinished Journey. (2010) Indiana University Press. Collier, Paul. The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It. (2008) Oxford University Press. Kriesberg, Louis, and Bruce W. Dayton. Constructive Conflicts: From Escalation to Resolution.(2016). Rowman & Littlefield. Sisk, Timothy D. Statebuilding: Consolidating Peace after Civil War.(2103) Polity Press.
Scheduled dates	TBA
Additional Information (supplementary issues, related topics, additional learning opportunities associated with the course)	