



INTERNAL CONFLICTS

Academic Year 2023/2024

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1st Semester 9 hrs

3 ECTS

Aim

The aim of this Course is to discuss the issues of peace and security in today's and foreseeable geopolitical contexts.

Our approach will be from the "State in", to analyze the present types of internal conflicts and to discuss the conceptual tools to promote its management and resolution.

Requirements that students are expected to meet.

Before each Session, students are expected to visit the Moodle Page of this discipline where the Professor will post for each Session:

- The Learning Objectives to be achieved
- The texts that Students should read or scan.

It is expected a regular attendance and a committed class and blog participation. Students will be tasked to present a written, individual essay.

Evaluation Method

Individual evaluation will result from the combination of Class and Blog participation (30%) and one written essay, due on January 4, 2024 (70%)

The Essay should have 2000 words (without footnotes and references); be written with Times New Roman 12; 1,15 spaces; and be submitted through the Moodle system.

Goals

To analyze the Geopolitical trends shaping national and international environments; To characterize the typology and dynamics of the XXI century domestic conflicts; To study and discuss Conflict Resolution theories and the tools to prevent violence and promote peace.

Seminar Outline by Session

Session 1 – Introduction.

- Geopolitical Trends and Instability Mechanisms
- Approach to the study of Internal Conflicts
- Types of Internal Conflicts

Session 2 – Ideological/System Conflicts

- Cooperation and Conflict at state level
- Insurgency Strategies
- From Terrorism to Unrestricted Warfare

Session 3 – Identity and Ethnic Conflicts

- What is an Ethnic Group?
- The ethnic mobilization process
- How to respond to ethnic conflicts



Session 4 - Societal Violence

- Societies under transition
- The case of Urban areas
- State Fragility and domestic violence

Session 5 - Conflict Resolution: Containing Violent Conflicts.

- Models and Theories of Conflict Resolution
- Preventing and Containing Violent Conflicts.

Session 6 - Conflict Resolution: Ending Violent Conflicts.

- Ending Violent Conflicts
- Conflict Transformation and Post War Reconstruction.

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Session 7- Geopolitical Trends

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Session 11 - Containing Violent Conflicts

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Session 12 - Ending Violent Conflicts

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