

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

### International Crisis and Conflict Management and Resolution

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**Course Description:** The course will explore historical background of crisis and conflict management, analyse drivers and the nature of current international and internal conflicts, and scrutinize methods and procedures on conflict management. A research project and supporting specialized reading will be required.

#### Course Objectives:

1. Examine historical background of conflict resolution.
2. Understand and analyze conflict drivers, threat assessment for global security, nature of the conflicts.
3. Learn methods, procedures, structures, regimes for conflict resolution in the international system.
4. Facilitate knowledge about UN experiences on conflict resolution and UN, NATO, and EU led peace support operations.

#### Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Interpret historical development of conflict resolution.
2. Develop cause-result relations of conflicts.
3. Assess and analyze nature and structure of current and potential conflicts in system, state and identity level of analysis.
4. Build knowledge on conflict management, mediation and resolution tactics, techniques, procedures, structures and regimes.
5. Build knowledge on UN conflict resolution experiences and UN, NATO, and EU led peace support operations.
6. Analyze selected conflicts and develop alternative conflict resolution models.

**Required Course Materials:** n/a

#### Sources Recommended:

Handouts will be distributed by the instructor. Basic documents are as follows:

1. Barash, David P. (2009). *Peace and conflict studies*, Thousand Oaks : Sage Publications.
2. Crocker, Chester A. (2007). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press.
3. Sandole Dennis J. D., Byrne Sean, Sandole-Staroste Ingrid and Senehi Jessica (2009). *Handbook of conflict analysis and resolution*, London, New York: Routledge.
4. Kanet, Roger E. (1998). *Resolving regional conflicts*, Urbana : University of Illinois Press.

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### Course Requirements:

1. Students are expected to attend the classes regularly. Course Attendance Policy is as follows:
  - a. 1-3 absences may be taken without penalty (grace period.)
  - b. 4-6 absences result in the loss of one letter grade.
  - c. 7 or more absences result in failing the course.
2. There is zero tolerance to cheating and plagiarism. These acts will be punished by dismissal from the course and will reported to the university administration.
3. Students are required to read the assigned articles before the class, be prepared to discuss the subject and prepare maximum 200 words (1 sheet of paper) comment on the item.
4. Home works and requirements will be issued on the webpage (merkezstrateji.com) so students are to check the before the class.
5. One projects will be prepared by 3 to 5 member group, NLT week # 14. (Each paper should be typed and double-spaced. Follow the APA guidelines for your paper, including title page, referring to and quoting from published works, and reference list.)
6. Two examinations will be held (week # 8, 16).

### Course Grading:

**Examinations:** There will be two exams (week # 8, 16). Exam # 1 = 20 %, Exam # 2 = 30 %

**Preparation and the performance in the class:** One page preparations = 15 %, contribution to discussions = 10 %.

**Project:** Case study by 3 to 5 member group = 25 %

### GRADING SYSTEM

The final course grade will be based on the sum of the actual points received (no curve) for each of the components (exams, preparation and the performance, project) and will be given as follows:

93 – 100 A	73 – 76 C
90 – 92 A-	70 – 72 C-
87 – 89 B+	67 – 69 D+
83 – 86 B	60 – 66 D
80 – 82 B-	0 – 59 F
77 – 79 C+	

### 1<sup>st</sup> Week: Introduction to Conflict Resolution.

- Historical background.
- Understanding the nature of violence, conflict, and war.
- Understanding the nature of mitigation, mediation, and conflict resolution.

#### Readings

- Sean Byrne and Jessica Senehi. (2009). "Conflict analysis and resolution as a multidiscipline", in Sandole Dennis J. D., Byrne Sean, Sandole-Staroste Ingrid and Senehi Jessica. *Handbook of Conflict Analysis and Resolution*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 3-16.
- Peter Wallensteen (2002). *Understanding Conflict Resolution War, Peace And The Global System*. SAGE Publications
- *Key developments on the Responsibility to Protect* at the United Nation from 2005-2014

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week: National Security.**

- Definition of national security.
- Characteristics of national security.
- Theoretical development of national security.
- Complex structure of national security.
- Threats and Interests.
- National security politics and strategy.
- National security capacity.

Readings

*Suggested reading:*

- Mangold Peter. (1990). *National Security and International Relations*. New York: Routledge, 1-15.
- *Compulsory reading:*
- Varlık Ali Bilgin. (2012). "Ulusal Güvenlik" in Ümit Özdağ (ed.) *21. Yüzyılda Prens*. (will be published) (will be distributed).

**3<sup>rd</sup> Week: Global Security Challenges.**

- Globalization.
- Global trends.
- Multiple futures.

Readings

*Suggested readings:*

- National Intelligence Cell. (2008). *Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World*. Washington DC. <http://www.dni.gov/index.php/about/organization/national-intelligence-council-global-trends>
- Kirshner Jonathan. (2006). *Globalization and National Security*. New York, London: Routledge, Chapter 1.

*Compulsory reading:*

- NATO (2009). *Multiple Futures Project: Navigation Towards 2030*. Norfolk: ACT. <http://www.act.nato.int/subpages/nato-multiple-futures-project-documents>
- Varlık Ali Bilgin. (2012). *Globalization, Terrorism and the State. Defence Against Terrorism*. (will be published) (will be distributed).

**4<sup>th</sup> Week: Understanding Conflict.**

- Defining war.
- The nature and functions of conflict.
- Terrorism, insurgency.

Readings

*Suggested reading:*

- Wright Quincy (1983). *A Study of War Volume II*. Illinois: The University of Chicago Press., pp. 685-700. <https://archive.org/stream/studyofwarvol11001580mbp#page/n27/mode/2up>
- Waltz Kenneth N. (1959). *Man, the State and War: A Theoretical Analysis*. New York: Colombia University Press, pp. 1-79.
- Cohen Saul Bernard (2003). *Geopolitics of the World System*. U.S.A.: Rowmann&Little field Publishers, pp. 1-29.
- Clausewitz Von Carl (2008). "War as an Instrument of Policy", in Jack Snyder and Karen A. Mingst, *Essential Readings in World Politics*, New York, London: W.W. Norton&Company, 334-337.
- Abrams Max (2008). "Why Terrorism Doesn't Work". in Jack Snyder and Karen A. Mingst, *Essential Readings in World Politics*, New York, London: W.W. Norton&Company, 338-417.

*Compulsory reading:*

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- Barash, David P. (2009). *Peace and conflict studies*, Thousand Oaks : Sage Publications. Chapter 2
- Varlık Ali Bilgin. (2013). Savaşı Tanımlamak: Terminolojik bir Yaklaşım *Eurasscience Journals/Avrasya Terim Dergisi*, 1 (2): 114 - 129 (will be distributed).

### 5<sup>th</sup> Week: Contemporary Interstate and Intrastate Instabilities Causing International Conflicts.

- Contemporary wars: Iraq War (2003-2011), Afghanistan War (2001-present), *Georgia-Abkhazia, Azerbaijan-Armenia (Nagorny Karabakh), Cyprus, Arab-Israel, Pakistan-India (Bangladesh), Peru-Ecuador.*
- Ethnic and religious conflicts and civil wars: *Northern Ireland, Lebanon civil war, Algeria (GIA), Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and Ruanda (Hutu-Tutsi), Iraq, Syria, Libya, Sri Lanka (LTTE).*
- Insurgencies: *Latin American Socialist movements, Israel-Palestinians, Afghanistan (Taliban), Russian Federation (Chechnya).*
- Terrorism: *ISIS, Colombia (FARC), Afghanistan (Al Qaeda), Turkey (PKK), Spain (ETA), South Asia and the Pacific Rim.*

#### Readings

##### *Suggested reading:*

- Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research. (2011). *Conflict Barometer 2011: Disputes, non-violent crises, violent crises, limited wars, wars.*  
[http://www.frieden-sichern.de/fileadmin/user\\_upload/frieden\\_sichern/Dokumente/ConflictBarometer\\_2011.pdf](http://www.frieden-sichern.de/fileadmin/user_upload/frieden_sichern/Dokumente/ConflictBarometer_2011.pdf)
- (E)Tuğg.Dr. Bingöl Oktay, Dr. Varlık Ali Bilgin (08 Ekim 2014). IŞİD'e Karşı ABD ve Koalisyon Hava Harekâtının Değerlendirilmesi. *Merkez Strateji Enstitüsü Rapor-003.*
- (E)Tuğg.Dr. Bingöl Oktay, Dr. Varlık Ali Bilgin (02 Ekim 2014). IŞİD'e Karşı Harekâtın (4 Aylık) Ara Dönem Değerlendirmesi. *Merkez Strateji Enstitüsü Rapor-005.*

##### *Compulsory reading:*

- Yaçinkaya Haldun. (2008). *Savaş: Uluslararası İlişkilerde Güç Kullanımı*. Ankara: İmge, 266-302.

##### *Compulsory reading:*

- (E)Tuğg.Dr. Bingöl Oktay, Dr. Varlık Ali Bilgin (02 Ekim 2014). IŞİD Raporu. *Merkez Strateji Enstitüsü Rapor-002.*
- (E)Tuğg.Dr. Bingöl Oktay, Dr. Varlık Ali Bilgin (22 Aralık 2014). Suriye İç Savaşı'nda Askerî Durum. *Merkez Strateji Enstitüsü Rapor-006.*

### 6<sup>th</sup> Week: Understanding Peace.

- Defining peace.
- Negative and positive peace

#### Readings

##### *Suggested reading:*

- Barash, David P. (2009). *Peace and conflict studies*, Thousand Oaks : Sage Publications. Chapter 1.

##### *Compulsory readings:*

Byrne Sean and Senehi Jessica. (2011). "Conflict analysis and resolution as a multidiscipline", in Sandole, Dennis J. D. (eds.) *Handbook of conflict analysis and resolution*, London, New York: Routledge. 1-16

### 7<sup>th</sup> Week: Use of Force in Conflict Management.

- Sanctions.
- Coercive diplomacy.
- Limits of force in conflict management.

#### Readings

##### *Suggested reading:*

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- Oudraat Chantal de Jonge (2007). "Economic Sanctions and International Peace and Security", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 335-354.

### *Compulsory readings:*

- Cortright David and Lopez George A. (2008). "The Sanctions Era: Themes and Trends in UN Security Council Sanctions since 1990" in Lowe, Roberts, Welsh and Zaum (eds.) *The United Nations Security Council and War*. Oxford University Press, 205-225.
- Art Robert J. and Cronin Patric M. (2007). "Coercive Diplomacy", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 299-318.
- Urquhart Bruce W. (2007). "Limits on the use of force", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 265-276.
- Bruce W Jentleson (2000). "Preventive Diplomacy: A Conceptual and Analytical Framework" in Jentleson Bruce W. (Ed.) *Opportunities Missed, Opportunities Sized: Preventive Diplomacy in the Post-Cold War World*, New York: Rowman&Littlefield Publishers, 3-20.
- Alexander L George and Jane Holl (2000) "The Warning –Response Problem and Missed Opportunities in Preventive Diplomacy" in Jentleson Bruce W. (Ed.) *Opportunities Missed, Opportunities Sized: Preventive Diplomacy in the Post-Cold War World*, New York: Rowman&Littlefield Publishers, 21-38.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Week: Exam # 1

### 9<sup>th</sup> Week: Use of Force in Conflict Management. (Cont.)

- Peace support operations.
- Humanitarian intervention.

#### Readings

##### *Suggested reading:*

- Jentleson Bruce W. (2007). "Yet Again: Humanitarian Intervention and the Challenges of Never Again", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 227-298.

##### *Compulsory readings:*

- Bellamy Alex J. and Williams Paul. (2005). "Introduction: Thinking Anew about Peace Operations", in Bellamy Alex J. and Williams Paul (eds.) *Peace Operations and Global Order*, London, New York: Routledge, 1-17.
- Zaum Dominik. (2008). "The Security Council, The General Assembly, and War: The Uniting for Peace Resolution" in Lowe, Roberts, Welsh and Zaum (eds.) *The United Security Council and War*. Oxford University Press, 154-174.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Week: Use of Statecraft, Diplomacy and Soft Power in Conflict Management.

- Statecraft and power in conflict management.
- Soft power in conflict management.
- International mediation in conflict management.

#### Readings

##### *Suggested reading:*

- Nye Joseph S.Jr. (2004). *Soft Power: The Means to success in the World*. New York: Public Affairs. Chapter 1.
- Barash, David P. (2009). *Peace and conflict studies*, Thousand Oaks : Sage Publications. Chapter 11.
- Fisher Ronald J. (2011). "Interactive Conflict Resolution", in Sandole, Dennis J. D. (eds.) *Handbook of conflict analysis and resolution*, London, New York: Routledge. 328-338

##### *Compulsory readings:*

- Crocker Chester A. (2007). "The Place of Grand Strategy, Statecraft, and Power in Conflict Management", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict*

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*management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 355-368.

- Zartman William A. and Tuval Saadia (2007). "International Mediation", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 437-454.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Week: Use of Statecraft, Diplomacy and Soft Power in Conflict Management. (Cont.)**

- Contemporary conflict management approaches.
- Monofficial actors in conflict management.
- Limits of statecraft, diplomacy and soft power in conflict management.

#### Readings

##### *Compulsory readings:*

- Aall Pamela. (2007). "The Power of Nonofficial Actors in Conflict Management", Statecraft, and Power in Conflict Management", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 477-496.
- Kriesberg Louis (2007). "Contemporary Conflict Resolution Applications", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 455-476.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Week: USE of Institutions and Regimes in Conflict Management.**

- The United Nations.
- Regional organizations.

#### Readings

##### *Suggested reading:*

- Buzan Barry, Wæver Ole. (2003). *Regions and Powers: The Structure of International Security*. Cambridge University Press. 40-43.
- Karns Margret P. and Mingst Karen A. (2004). *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. London: Lynne Reiner. 145-153.

##### *Compulsory readings:*

- Mingst Caren A. and Karns Margaret P. (2007). "The United Nations and Conflict Management: Relevant or Irrelevant", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 497-520.
- Diehl Paul F. (2007). "New Roles for Regional Organizations", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 535-552.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Week: Use of Institutions and Regimes in Conflict Management. (Cont.)**

- NGOs
- International Law
- Limits of institutions and regimes in conflict management

#### Readings

##### *Suggested reading:*

- Karns Margret P. and Mingst Karen A. (2004). *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. London: Lynne Reiner. 213-223.
- Donnelly Jack. (1995). "The past, the present and the future prospects", Milton Esman and Shibley Telhami (eds.) *International Organizations and Ethnic Conflict*. London: Cornell University Press. 48-71
- Gallant Michelle. (2011). "Law and legal process in resolving international conflicts", in Sandole, Dennis J. D. (eds.) *Handbook of conflict analysis and resolution*, London, New York: Routledge. 378-406.
- *Compulsory readings:*

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- Chigas Diana (2007). "Capacities and limits of NGOs as Conflict Management", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 533-582.
- Barash, David P. (2009). *Peace and conflict studies*, Thousand Oaks : Sage Publications. Chapter 15.

### 14<sup>th</sup> Week:

- Use of good governance in conflict management.
- Uses of democracy, prosperity, stability, security and national reconciliation in conflict management.
- Limits of governance in conflict management.
- *Presentations.*

#### Readings

##### *Suggested reading:*

- Barash, David P. (2009). *Peace and conflict studies*, Thousand Oaks : Sage Publications. Chapter 20.
- *Compulsory readings:*
- Ottoway Marina (2007). "Is Democracy the Answer?", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 603-618.
- Marten Kimberly (2007). "Is Stability the Answer?", in Crocker Chester A. (ed.). *Leashing the dogs of war: conflict management in a divided world*, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. 619-636.

### 15<sup>th</sup> Week: Nonviolence.

- Ghandi.
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Nonviolence in theory.
- *Presentations.*

#### Readings

##### *Suggested reading:*

- Barash, David P. (2009). *Peace and conflict studies*, Thousand Oaks : Sage Publications. Chapter 22.

##### *Compulsory reading:*

- Barash, David P. (2009). *Peace and conflict studies*, Thousand Oaks : Sage Publications. Chapter 21.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Week Final exam.