

2440606 Conflict Resolution MAIDS 2009-10
(3 Credits)

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Course Description, Objectives and Purpose

The aim of this course is to enable students to better understand the courses and the complexity of conflicts. It will also expose the students to major conflict resolutions and conditions need to be taken into considerations. The objectives are as follows:

1. To provide a comprehensive framework for conflict analysis.
2. To explore approaches to and frameworks of peaceful conflict resolution.
3. To investigate the role and relationship of development and conflicts.

Key fields:

- understanding conflicts in an increasingly globalised society, focusing particularly on intra-state conflict between the state and the people in state formation and development processes;
- analysis of conflicts as an important step to resolutions, including evaluation of roots causes, dynamics, impacts and consequences of conflicts;
- the relationship between development and conflicts with an emphasis on the role of globalisation in shaping the nature of conflicts and resolutions;
- observation of the use of violence in conflict processes and exploration of various possibilities of peaceful conflict resolution including problem solving, mediation, negotiation, and mechanisms in democratic decision-making process.

The course uses interactive teaching methods and extended case studies. It deals with real world context as well as theory, aiming to equip students with practical skills and understanding whilst also promoting a critical approach. Case studies and theory are relevant to current challenges in Southeast Asia, whilst also appreciating problems elsewhere.

Assessment

1. class participation 10%
2. class reflection (Part I, Part II, and Part III) 15%
3. group work on conflict mapping 25% and presentation 10%
4. individual essay presentation 10%
5. individual essay 30%

Grading : A= 80+, B+=75+, B= 70+, C+=65+

The structure of the course

The course is composed of three parts, the nature of conflicts and conflict analysis, conflict approaches and resolution, and post conflict peace building.

Part I: Understanding conflicts and conflict analysis - Yukiko Nishikawa

This part covers will provide an introduction to development and conflicts by understanding the roots causes of conflicts, relationship between violence and conflicts. Nature, types and characteristics of conflicts will be discussed to understand its cycles and dynamics. Conflict mapping will be used as a tool for initial analysis.

Part II: Conflict resolutions - Yukiko Nishikawa, Adam Burke, guest lecturers

This part is to cover an overview of process of conflict management and resolution including 'prevention', 'management', and 'provention'. Concepts of different approaches and mechanisms to deal with conflicts will be introduced such as 'problem solving', 'mediation', and 'negotiation'. Conditions, precautions, advantages and disadvantages of approaches will be analyzed beyond the how-to-do question.

Part II will then move on to consider development processes and their relationships with conflict, before looking at how this is considered in practice. It will consider specific issues of negotiation and facilitating dialogue. Some examples of natural resources management model will then be investigated.

Part III Post conflict peace building - Adam Burke

This part will highlight situations after conflict settlement. Attention will be given to the role of development and humanitarian assistance in reconciliation and rehabilitation. Peace building processes will be examined through cases in Southeast and South Asia. Difficulties after conflict settlement are highlighted including issues of justice, human rights, truth and reconciliation, rehabilitation and reintegration. Democracy, and rule of law are also raised in the process toward conflict transformation. Emphasis is placed on drawing links between theory and real world practice.

Main readings

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Kressel, Kenneth "Mediation"

Kriesberg, L. (2003), *Constructive Conflicts: From Escalation to Resolution*, Lanham:Rowman & Littlefield. (Chapter 6: Escalating Conflict) (Chapter 6/10: Transforming Conflicts)

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Tilly, Charles (2003), *The Politics of Collective Violence*, Cambridge. Or Tilly, Charles (2000), "Introduction: Violence Viewed and Reviewed", *Social Theory*, Fall, Vol.67, No.3. See other papers too at www.socres.org/vol67/issue673.htm

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Wehr, Paul. (1979), *Conflict Regulation*, Colorado: Westview Press. (Chapter 1: Conflict Analysis) & (Chapter 2: Conflict Regulation: Models and Techniques)

Weitzman, Eben A. and Weirzman, Patricia Flynn, "Problem Solving and Decision Making in Conflict Resolution"

Conflict data and information sources

Beyond Intractability <http://www.beyondintractability.org> Cambodia Genocide Program: Many links to resources on violence, post-conflict transition and justice in Cambodia.
<http://www.yale.edu/cgp/resources.html>

Center for International Development and Conflict Management, *Minority at Risk Project*,
<http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/inscr/mar/>

Centre for International Development and Conflict Management: www.cidcm.umd.edu/
Conciliation Resources: <http://www.c-r.org/>

Conflict-Sensitive Approaches to Development, Humanitarian Assistance and Peacebuilding: A Resource Pack: www.conflictsensitivity.org

CRISE, Queen Elizabeth House, U of Oxford. <http://www.crise.ox.ac.uk/pubs.shtml>.
East-West Center Policy Studies Series: wide range of material on Southeast and South Asian conflict. Available online. Scroll down to Policy Studies Series at
<http://www.eastwestcenter.org/publications/search-for-publications/browse-all-series/>

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Human Security Gateway: a research and information database regrouping electronic and bibliographic resources on human security. <http://www.humansecuritygateway.info/>

Hunt Alternatives: peacebuilding resources:
http://www.huntalternatives.org/pages/87_inclusive_security_toolkit.cfm

International Alert: <http://www.international-alert.org/>

International Center for Transitional Justice: <http://www.ictj.org/>

International Crisis Group. http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?action=logon&ref_id=-1
Human Security Center. www.humansecuritycentre.org/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

International Peace Academy (IPA): <http://www.ipacademy.org/>

Reliefweb: <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/>

Rodik, Petra; Penzar, Drazen, Srblijinovic, Armano. (2003) 'An overview of databases on conflicts and political crises' *Interdisciplinary Description of Complex System*, 1(1-2)(2003)9-21

Small Arms survey – range of links: <http://www.smallarmssurvey.org>

United Nations on conflict, peace and development: <http://www.un.org/esa/peacebuilding/>

World Bank (www.worldbank.org) has resources from its conflict prevention and reconstruction unit and from its research on the economics of crime, violence and conflict. See also World Bank funded research on conflict and development in Indonesia: <http://www.conflictanddevelopment.org>

Conflict Resolution Course Weekly Schedule

Session	Date/time	Topic	Reading	Lecturer
PART I Conflict Analysis				
1	29 September 1 – 4 pm	Introduction: conflicts and development	Main reading 1 & 2	Yukiko Nishikawa
2	5 October 1 – 4 pm	Conflict Analysis I: dynamics and the root causes	Main reading 5	Yukiko Nishikawa
3	12 October 1 – 4 pm	Conflict Analysis II: conflict mapping	To be confirmed	Yukiko Nishikawa Class reflection (Part I) deadline on 18 October
PART II Conflict Prevention and Resolution				
4	19 October 1 – 4 pm	Principles and approaches	Main reading 3	Yukiko Nishikawa
5	26 October 1 – 4 pm	Conflict resolution and development - addressing root causes?		Adam Burke
6	2 November 1 – 4 pm	Third-party interventions and practice		Adam Burke
7	9 November 1 – 4 pm	Negotiation and facilitation		Jost Wagner ?
8	16 November	Trans-boundary resources management (Mekong case study)		Dr. Vitoon Viriyasakultorn Class reflection (Part II) deadline on xx Nov.
PART III Post-conflict peace building				
9	23 November	Reconciliation overview inc. Sri Lanka case study		Adam Burke
10	30 November	Peace processes – Aceh case study		Adam Burke
11	9 December	Justice and Reintegration		Adam Burke
12	14 December	Peace, Planning and Politics in Pakistan		Adam Burke Class reflection (Part III) deadline on 20 December
PRESENTATIONS				
13	4 January 1- 4 pm	conflict mapping group presentation		
14	11 January 1 - 4 pm	1. Essay topic presentation 2. Conflict mapping and assessment group presentation		
		Submission of papers and essay		

