

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN

Graduate School of International Relations

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Course	Course code ADC5440	Course Title: International Conflict Resolution	
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Class Schedule Day / Time	TBA		

Course Description:

This course seeks to provide a theoretical and empirical overview of conflict resolution measures taken by states, international organizations, and non-state actors. Accordingly, students are expected to be familiar with historical and current ongoing armed conflicts, to understand various principles and methods of conflict resolution, and to exercise theoretical tools for the analysis of diverse cases of conflict resolution processes.

The course begins with the study of the concepts and definitions of conflicts and conflict resolution models. The main part of the course surrounds case studies of newly devised conflict resolution measures with special focus on the roles of peacemaking, peacebuilding, state-building, and reconciliation. Among the empirical cases in the course for in-depth study are the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Rwanda, and other ongoing current conflicts and violence. These empirical topics are not exhaustive. Students are strongly encouraged to introduce any related topics and cases into class discussion.

Learning Objectives: To understand the nature and dynamism of conflicts. To acquire analytical skills of conflict resolution mechanisms.

Career Relevance: It helps for careers in international organizations, governments, non-governmental organizations, politics, and/or in academia.

Course Context or Rationalization:

The burgeoning of post-Cold War conflicts put the traditional conflict resolution measures, mostly with focus on interstate-based conflict termination, under scrutiny; the new elements of human rights, ideology, democratization, development, and transitional justice are thought as required for ultimate conflict resolution and then for a sustainable peace. This course will take into consideration all these elements for examining the effectiveness of diverse conflict

resolution mechanisms.	
<p>Delivery Methods: lecture, class discussion and students' presentations</p> <p>Course evaluation: Active class participation, mid-term exam, group/individual presentation, and the final paper</p>	
Prerequisite: interest in international and regional affairs.	
Textbook(s)	<p><i>Understanding Conflict Resolution</i>, 4th ed. 2015, Peter Wallensteen SAGE Publications</p> <p>Other books and articles for further reading will be announced in class.</p>
Class Outline	<p>Week1 & 2 Peace Research and Conflict Resolution as IR field; What is Conflict Resolution?; The Resolution of Conflicts between States</p> <p>Week 3. The Resolution of Conflicts in Civil Wars and in State Formation Conflicts</p> <p>Week 4. The United Nations in Conflict Resolution (collective security, peacekeeping, sanctions, peace enforcement)</p> <p>Week 5 International communities in conflict resolution (early warning, prevention, negotiation, mediation, structural change) ; justice toward a sustainable peace</p> <p>Week 6 Mid-Term Exam</p> <p>Week 7 Israel and Palestine</p> <p>Week 8 Brief lecture on Rwanda and student presentation</p> <p>Week 9 Brief lecture on current affairs (TBA) and student presentation</p> <p>Week 10 Student presentation.</p>
Others (if any)	