



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2022/2023

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 54 hours

COURSE TITLE

Violence in War and Peace

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Political Science

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

COURSE SUMMARY

The first week will act as an overview and general introduction to the subject and key concepts. Groups will discuss their thoughts around central issues of war and violence and identify questions and topics they would like to explore through the course. The last week of the course will act as a concluding discussion, summarising the key lessons and opening up for further group discussion reflecting on the topics covered.

Introduction

Week 1: Studying Violence: Group Discussions

Part 1: Approaches to Understanding Violence

Week 2: Apocalypse Now? Anarchy and Civil Wars

Week 3: The Order of War: Rational Actors and Violence

Week 4: Hearts and Minds of Violence: Emotions, Psychology, and Gender

Part 2: Responses to Violence

Week 5: Post war Justice and Reconciliation

Week 6: Reintegrating Ex-combatants

Part 3: The Future of Violence

Week 7: Urbanisation and the Crime-Conflict Nexus

Week 8: Nature's Revenge? Climate Change and Conflict

Conclusion

Week 9: Course Recap and Group Discussions

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course will explore the major explanations provided by social science research for the causes of violence in both situations of conflict and so-called situations other than war, including criminal violence in urban environments, as well as scholarship on the impacts of violence. It will begin with a critical overview of contributions to the study of recent civil wars, exploring three broad root-approaches to understanding violence that intersect multiple disciplines: violence as a result of anarchy; violence as a result of strategic calculation; and violence as a result of individual and group psychology. It will provide particular focus to exploring the causes and dynamics of extreme violence, and consider the literature on the challenges atrocities present to building post-war settlements and peace. The course will then consider how megatrends in the contemporary world, such as climate change, migration and urbanization, are shaping violence and insecurity in peacetime contexts.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The Visiting Professor should be affiliated with a distinguished university of global reputation. He/she should have a robust scientific background in Peace and Conflict Studies, and should manifest an appreciation for inter-disciplinary research. He/she should have previous experience of international teaching at Master's level, as well as a substantial background in field research, demonstrating the ability to equip UniTO students with the capacity to critically assess the complex interweaving of social dynamics typical of violent conflict.

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