**Conflict Prevention and Analysis: Topics of transformation**

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**Course Description**

This course introduces a comprehensive set of tools used in the practice of conflict prevention in social, economic, political and security sectors. Students will gain theoretical and practical knowledge on how to design prevention models focused on human security and development across a variety of contemporary case studies.

**Requirements**

**Group Presentations (60%):** There will be five group presentations throughout the semester. Groups will present a concise analysis of the conflicts and suggest courses of action the social, economic and political risks. You need to choose a model that meets the needs of the conflict best.

**Attendance (20%):** you need to attend the class and join the discussions. 10% attendance, 10%participation.

**Final Paper (20%):** Final papers will have a particular conflict prevention focus investigating a conflict of your choice. Individual papers are 15-page, double space plus bibliography. Group papers have an additional 5 pages/person. The cap for group papers is 4 people.

**Course Schedule**

**Week 1:Introduction**

Personal Introductions, Overview of the Syllabus, Introduction of the Analytical Models

**Week 2: Responsibility to Protect- A Normative Framework**

**Readings:**

Zartman, William, (2015) Intro, Ch1-2-3

Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict. Final Report, xvii- xlvi.

http://www.ccpdc.org

Kaldor, M.(2013). In Defence of New Wars.

Responsibility to Protect

<http://responsibilitytoprotect.org/ICISS%20Report.pdf>

Collier, Paul and Hoeffler, Anke. ìGreed and Grievance in Civil War, World Bank paper, (2001) Available on World bank web site <http://www.worldbank.org/research/conflict/papers/greedandgrievance.htm>

**Week 3: Democracy as a tool for Conflict Prevention**

**Readings:**
IDEA, (2006) Democracy, Conflict and Human Security *Policy Summary: Key Findings and Recommendations*

http://www.idea.int/publications/dchs/upload/Inlaga.pdf

Elklit, J, and A Reynolds. 2002. “The Impact of Election Administration on the Legitimacy of Emerging Democracies.” Commonwealth & Comparative Politics 40 (2): 86–119.

Enterline, A, and M Greig. 2005. “Beacons of Hope? The Impact of Imposed Democracy on Regional

Peace, Democracy, and Prosperity.” The Journal of Politics 67 (4): 1075–98

**Week 4: Case of Sub-Saharan Africa (Group Presentations 1)**

**Readings:**

Security Council Statement Stresses Conflict Prevention in Africa Must Address Root Causes — Poverty, Poor Governance, Political Exclusion 15 APRIL 2013 SC/10970

<http://www.un.org/press/en/2013/sc10970.doc.htm>

**Week 5: Human Rights and Conflict Prevention: an uneasy relationship**

Véronique Dudouet and Beatrix Schmelzle (eds.) (2010). Berghof Foundation Human Rights and Conflict Transformation: The Challenges of Just Peace

http://www.berghof-foundation.org/fileadmin/redaktion/Publications/Handbook/Dialogues/dialogue9\_humanrights\_complete.pdf

**Week 6: Case of Libya (Group presentations 2)**

Humanitarian Intervention, R2P and the case of Libya; Keynote Address Presented to International Relations Society Annual Conference, March 2011
By: Jillian M. Siskind, President, CLAIHR

<http://claihr.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/RTP-and-Libya-Munk-Keynote.pdf>

Quick to the Rescue: Humanitarian Intervention in Libya

<http://www.e-ir.info/2015/11/09/quick-to-the-rescue-humanitarian-intervention-in-libya/>

Boeke, S. and J. de Roy van Zuijdewijn. “Transitioning from military interventions to long-term counter-terrorism policy: The case of Libya (2011–2016)”, Leiden University – Institute of Security and Global Affairs (2016).

**Week 7: Resilient Communities and Conflict Prevention**

Kelman, Ilan. 2006. Acting on Disaster Diplomacy. *Journal of International Affairs* 59(2): 215-240.

Dinar, Shlomi. 2011. Conflict and Cooperation along International Rivers: Scarcity, Bargaining Strategies, and Negotiation. In *Beyond Resource Wars: Scarcity, Environmental Degradation, and International Cooperation*, ed. Shlomi Dinar, pages 165-201. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Pacific Institute. 2014. The World’s Water: Information on the World’s Freshwater Resources, Water Conflict (this is an excellent database of water conflicts – browse a bit, click on the map, locate your region and check for water conflicts) http://worldwater.org/water-conflict/ 5

Kent, Randolph, “The United Nations’ Humanitarian Pillar: Refocusing the UN’s Disaster and Emergency Roles and Responsibilities,” Disasters, 28(2), 2004.

ODI (2013). When disasters and conflicts collide :Improving links between disaster resilience and conflict prevention

<https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/8228.pdf>

Mass Atrocities, Risk and Resilience: Rethinking Preventionedited by Stephen McLoughlin

**Week 8: Resilience- Aceh-Myanmar and Haiti (Group Presentations 3)**

<https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/8693.pdf>

**Week 9: Refugees and Conflict Prevention**

Myron Weiner, “The Clash of Norms: Dilemmas in Refugee Policies,” Journal of Refugee Studies, Vol. 11 (1998)

Gil Loescher and James Milner, Protracted Refugee Situations. Adelphi Paper 375

Howard Adelman, “The Use and Abuse of Refugees in Zaire,” in Stephen John Stedman and Fred Tanner, eds. Refugee Manipulation: War, Politics, and the Abuse of Human Suffering (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution, 2003).

Sendai Framework for Risk Reduction

<http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/43291>

Global Report on Internal Displacement

<http://www.internal-displacement.org/globalreport2016/>

GRID Database

http://www.internal-displacement.org/database

**Week 10: Case Study--Syrian Refugee Crisis (Group Presentations 4)**

Helpdesk Research Report: Preventing conflict between refugees and host communities (2012)

http://www.gsdrc.org/docs/open/hdq845.pdf

Syrian Refugee documentary

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=146GFGj-lzs

**Week 11: Environment and Conflict Prevention**

Siri Aas Rustad,Päivi Lujala, and Philippe Le Billon (2012) ‘Building or Spoiling Peace? Lessons from the Management of High-value Natural Resources’. In Siri Aas Rustad,Päivi Lujala, and Philippe Le Billon(eds) High-value Natural Resources and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding. Abingdon: Earthscan, pp.571-621.

Jon Unruh and Rhodri C. Williams (2013) ‘Lessons Learned in Land Tenure and Natural Resources Management in Post-conflict Societies’. In Jon Unruh and Rhodri C. Williams (eds) Land and Post-conflict peacebuilding. Abingdon: Earthscan, pp. 535-576.

Daniel M. Franksa, Rachel Davis, Anthony J. Bebbingtond, Saleem H. Alia, Deanna Kempa, and Martin Scurrah (2014) ‘Conflict translates Environmental and Social Risk into Business Costs’. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences111: 21, 7576–7581

Renner, Michael. 2006. Introduction to the Concepts of Environmental Security and Environmental Conflict. *Inventory of Environment and Security Policies and Practices*, Instıtute for Environmental Security I-C: 1-16.

Payne, Rodger A. 1998. The Limits and Promise of Environmental Conflict Prevention: The Case of the GEF. *Journal of Peace Research* 35(3): 363-380.

UN. 2014. International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict 6 November <http://www.un.org/en/events/environmentconflictday/>

Environmental Peacebuilding Platform http://www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org/

See Policy Brief 8: Natural Resource Programming in Post-Conflict Situations http://www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org/publications/policy-briefs/policy-brief-8/

Environment and Security Initiative - http://www.envsec.org/index.php?lang=en – browse to understand how it works and where it is applied.

Koubi, Vally et al. 2014. Do Natural Resources Matter for Interstate and Intrastate Armed Conflict? *Journal of Peace Research* 51(2): 227-243.

Jaeger, Joel. 2014. Will Climate Change Lead to Conflict or Cooperation? Inter Press Service News, August 4, http://www.ipsnews.net/2014/08/will-climate-change-lead-to-conflict-or-cooperation/

Enough Project. 2014. Conflict Minerals (case of Congo)

<http://www.enoughproject.org/conflicts/eastern_congo/conflict-minerals>

UNEP 2009. From Conflict to Peacebuilding: The Role of Natural Resources and the Environment. http://postconflict.unep.ch/publications/pcdmb\_policy\_01.pdf (important to study p. 30 Figure 1 for the first class, please read the full report and cases whenever you have time)

**Week 12: Case Study- Philippines (Group Presentations 5)**

Land Disputes In Conflict Affected Areas Of Mindanao: Report Of The Joint World Bank – International Organization For Migration Scoping Mission

<https://www.iom.int/files/live/sites/iom/files/What-We-Do/docs/Land-Disputes-in-Conflict-Affected-Areas-of-Mindanao.pdf>

Local Solutions to Land Conflict in Mindanao: Policy Lessons From Catholic Relief Services’ Applying The 3 Bs (Binding, Bonding, Bridging) To Land Conflict Project

<http://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/tools-research/local-solutions-to-land-conflict-in-mindanao.pdf>

**Week 13: Business and Peace**

UN Global Compact

OECD DAC Guidelines
… Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Conflict Prevention Project. The Role of Foreign Assistance in Conflict Prevention, Conference Report (January 2001), Sections I-IV. Available at <http://wwics.si.edu/cp/janrptoc.htm>

Guy Ben- Porat, ‘Between Power and Hegemony: Business Communities in Peace Processes’, Review of International Studies,31(2), 2005: pp. 325–348.

Craig Charney, ‘Civil Society, Political Violence, and Democratic Transitions: Business and the Peace Process in South Africa, 1990–1994’, Comparative Studies in Society and History41(1), 1999, pp. 182–206.

Angelika Rettberg (2004), Business-Led Peacebuilding in Colombia: Fad or Future of a Country in Crisis?, Crisis States Programme Working Paper 58, London: London School of Economics.

What role for business in building peace?

\*Mary Anderson (2008) False Promise and Premises? The Challenge for Peace Building for Cooperations’. In Oliver F. Williams (ed) Peace Through Commerce. Responsible Corporate Citizenship and the Ideals of the United Nations Global Compact. Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, pp.119-132.

Salil Tripathi and Canan Gündüz (2008). A Role for the Private Sector in Peace Processes? Examples and Implications for Third-party Mediation. Geneva: Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue.

Achim Wennmann (2010) ‘Peace Processes, Business, and New Futures After War’. In Mats Berdal and Achim Wennmann, eds. Ending Wars, Consolidating Peace: Economic Dimensions. London: Routledge, pp.15-31.

Brian Ganson and Achim Wennmann. Confronting Risk, Mobilizing Action: A Framework for Conflict Prevention in the Context of Large-scale Business Investments, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Berlin, 2012.

Lisa J. Laplante and Suzanna A. Spears, ‘Out of the Conflict Zone: The Case for Community Consent Processes in the Extractive Sector’, in Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal, Vol. 1, 2008, pp.69-116.

Schmeidl, Susanne and Eugenia Piza-Lopez. “Gender and Conflict Early Warning: A

Framework for Action.” International Alert, June 2002.

IPI. (2016). Conference: Reframing Prevention, Investing in Peace: Moving from Rhetoric to Action

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ofnfz6HlIm4&feature=youtu.be

**Week 14: Social Media as Conflict Prevention**

Joseph Bock. The Technology of Nonviolence: Social Media & Violence Prevention. MIT Press, Cambridge & London: 2012.

Patrick Meier. Digital Humanitarians: How BIG DATA Is Changing the Face of Humanitarian Response. CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL: 2015.

Sheldon Himelfarb, S. (2012). USIP. Social Media and Conflict Prevention

<http://www.usip.org/publications/social-media-and-conflict-prevention>

Zenko, M. (2013) .CFR. Ask the Experts: Social Media and Conflict Prevention.

<http://blogs.cfr.org/zenko/2013/01/23/ask-the-experts-social-media-and-conflict-prevention/>

Rohwerder, B. (2015). GSDRC Helpdesk Research Report. Social media and conflict management in post-conflict and fragile contexts

<http://www.gsdrc.org/docs/open/hdq1184.pdf>

Bratic, V. and Schirch, L. (2007). Why and When to Use the Media for Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding . Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict. Issue 6.

<https://www.sfcg.org/articles/media_for_conflict_prevention.pdf>

Why Technology Is the Future of Conflict Prevention

https://www.engagespark.com/blog/technology-future-conflict-prevention/

**Recommended readings:**

**On Tools**

Skidelsky, Lord Robert and Mortimer, Edward, Economic Sanctions as a Means to International Health. In Preventive Diplomacy, edited by Cahill, 144-161

Cortwright, David and Lopez, George. Carrots, Sticks, and Cooperation: Economic Tools of Statecraft. In Cases and Strategies, edited by Rubin, 113-134.

Human Rights Watch, Explanatory Memorandum Regarding the Comprehensive Embargo on Iraq Humanitarian Circumstances in Iraq (2000), Available at http://www.hrw.org/press/2000/01/iraq-memo.htm

**On Actors**

Wedgewood, Ruth. Regional and Subregional Organizations in International Conflict Management. In Managing Global Chaos, edited by Crocker, Hampson, and All, .275-286.

Graeger, Nina. Security Organizations in Europe ‚Lessons Learned from the European Experience, http://www.accord.org.za/publications/papers/99-7.htm (1999)

Muyangwa, Monde and Vogt, Margaret A. An Assessment of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, and Resolution 1993-2000. International Peace Academy, 2000. Available on web site of International Peace Academy http://www.ipacademy.org/Publications/Publications.htm (2000)

Annan, Kofi. Preventing Armed Conflict, Report of the Secretary General, 2001. http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/reports/2001/574e.pdf

Boutros-Ghali, Boutros.î Reflections on the Role of the UN and its Secretary General.î In Preventive Diplomacy, edited by Cahill, 189-204.

Cater, Charles K. and Wernester, Karin. From Reaction to Prevention: Opportunities for the UN System in the New Millennium. International Peace Academy (2000). www.ipacademy.org/Publications/Publications.htm

Anderson, Mary B. Humanitarian NGOs in Conflict Intervention. In Managing Global Chaos, edited by Crocker, Hampson, and All, 343-354.

Aall, Pamela. Nongovernmental organizations and Peacemaking. In Managing Global Chaos, edited by Crocker, Hampson, and All, 433-443.