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Conflict Resolution in the Middle East - Syllabus

Module Code: ODC 553 / MES 507
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NAME OF THE MODULE:

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PLAN OF THE MODULE:

Week 1: Introduction: Conflict, War and Peace

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Week 13: International Organisations and Peacemaking

Week 14: The Modern Age of Conflict Resolution?

READING LIST

Essential Reading

- Ramsbotham, O., Miall, H., & Woodhouse, T. (2011). *Contemporary Conflict Resolution*. Cambridge: Polity.
- Wallensteen, P. (2012). *Understanding Conflict Resolution*. London: Sage Publications.

Supplementary Reading

- Fisher, R. J. (1997). *Interactive Conflict Resolution*. New York: Syracuse University Press.
- Kadiođlu, İ. A. (2020). *Peace Processes in Northern Ireland and Turkey: Rethinking Conflict Resolution*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

WEEKLY READING LIST

Week 1: Introduction: Conflict, War and Peace

This lecture will explain the content of the module, student reading and written requirements. The terms conflict, war and peace will be discussed.

Week 2: The Origins of Conflict Resolution

[Students should read the first source. The second book is the additional source.]

- Ramsbotham, O., Miall, H., & Woodhouse, T. (2011). *Contemporary Conflict Resolution*. Cambridge: Polity [Chapter 1].
- Fisher, R. J. (1997). *Interactive Conflict Resolution*. New York: Syracuse University Press [Chapter 1].

Week 3: Conflict Resolution Theory

- Kadioğlu, İ. A. (2021). *Peace Processes in Northern Ireland and Turkey: Rethinking Conflict Resolution*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press [Chapter 2: Understanding and Rethinking 'Conflict Resolution': A Conceptual and Theoretical Framework].

Week 4: Actors, Agents and Organisations

- Lederach, J. P. (1997). *Building Peace: Sustainable Reconciliation in Divided Societies*. Washington: United States Institute of Peace Press, 1997 [Chapter 4: Lenses for the Big Picture].

Week 5: Conflict Types and Peacemaking

- Wallensteen, P. (2012). *Understanding Conflict Resolution*. London: Sage Publications [Chapter 4: Analysing Conflict Resolution].

Week 6: Resolving Symmetric Conflicts

- Zartman, I. W., & Touval, S. (1985). International Mediation: Conflict Resolution and Power Politics. *Journal of Social Issues*, 41(2), 27-45.

Week 7: Resolving Asymmetric Conflicts

- Kadioğlu, İ. A. (2021). *Peace Processes in Northern Ireland and Turkey: Rethinking Conflict Resolution*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press [Chapter 4: Backchannel Communications, and Chapter 6: Official Negotiations].

Week 8: Conflict Resolution and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

[Students should read the first article. The remaining articles are supplementary sources.]

- Kelman, H. C. (2007). The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process and Its Vicissitudes: Insights from Attitude Theory. *American Psychologist*, 62(4), 287.
- Barak, O. (2005). The Failure of the Israeli–Palestinian Peace Process, 1993–2000. *Journal of Peace Research*, 42(6), 719-736.
- Slater, J. (2001). What Went Wrong? The Collapse of the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process. *Political Science Quarterly*, 116(2), 171-199.

Week 9: The Syrian Civil War and International Negotiations

- Kadioğlu, İ. A. (2020). International Peace Efforts in the Syrian Civil War: The “Inevitable” Failure? *Turkish Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*. 7(1), 13-44

Week 10: The Arab Uprisings and Conflict Resolution

- Akpınar, P. (2015). Mediation as a foreign policy tool in the Arab Spring: Turkey, Qatar and Iran. *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, 17(3), 252-268.

Week 11: The Kurdish Conflict and Its Resolution

- Kadioğlu, İ. A. (2019). The Oslo Talks: Revealing the Turkish Government’s Secret Negotiations with the PKK. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*. 42(10), 915-933.

Week 12: The Yemeni Civil War and Mediation

[Students should read the first article. The remaining articles are supplementary sources.]

- Feirerstein, G. M. (2002). Yemen: Ending the War, Building a Sustainable Peace. *Middle East Institute*, 1-11.
- Sharp, J. M., & Brudnick, I. A. (2015). *Yemen: Civil War and Regional Intervention*. CRS Report.

- Palik, J., & Rustad, S. A. (2019). *Mediation in the Yemeni Civil War*. Peace Research Institute Oslo.

Week 13: International Organisations and Peacemaking

- Szczepaniak, T. R. (1995). *The United Nations, Iran, and Iraq: How Peacemaking Changed*. Indiana: Indiana University Press.

Week 14: The Modern Age of Conflict Resolution?

This lecture will outline the evolution of conflict resolution since World War I. It will summarise the theory and cases that are discussed in the previous lectures. It aims to answer the discuss whether there is a great transformation in conflict resolution theory.