



Sokhumi State University

Syllabus

Name of the Course	Political Conflict Management and regulation
Course Code	POLS M207
Course Status	For the students of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Master program in Political Science, Compulsory course. The first semester.
ECTS – Number of Credits	<p>6 ECTS - 150 hours.</p> <p>50 contact hours, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ lecture -30 hours; ➤ working group/seminar -15 hours; ➤ midterm exam – 2 hours; ➤ final exam - 3 hours. <p>100 hours of individual work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Information and material processing- 50 hours; ➤ Homework assignments - 25 hours; ➤ Preparation for a Midterm exam- 10 hours; ➤ Preparation for a Final exam - 15 hours.
Course Format	Lecture/seminar: 2+1 per week (15 weeks);
Lecturer	<p>Elguja Kavtaradze – Associate Professor at the Faculty of Social and political Sciences, Department of Political Sciences.</p> <p>Mobile: 577 17 07 33</p> <p>Email: ekavtaradze9@gmail.com</p>
Course Objective	<p>This is a core course intended to lay the foundations for studying different kinds and levels of political conflicts. In this course we will survey different approaches, and will also compare, contrast and relate them to each other in an attempt to arrive at an integrative understanding of the issues at hand. The course examines the ways conflict may be confronted, silenced, transformed, or resolved. Throughout the course, we will use examples from actual cases of political conflicts in various regions of the world.</p> <p>This course should:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide students with knowledge of the methodological grounds for conflict resolution; • Identify and explain the various topics within the field of political conflict management and how they relate to one another; • students understand the negative and positive aspects of the conflict; • Students gain knowledge of the conflict as a special form of relationship
Course Prerequisites	N/A
Course Content	See Attachment N1
Required Reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Malashkhia Sh. Conflict Anatomy. Tb. 2007 2. Jorbenadze R. Regulations of Political Conflicts. Tb. 2001 3. Kavtaradze E. - Political science., Tb. 2005 4. Lewicki, Roy J., David M. Saunders, John W. Minton. <i>Essentials of Negotiation</i>. 2nd ed. Irwin, 2000. 5. Moore, Christopher W. <i>The Mediation Process</i>. 2nd ed. Jossey-Bass, 1996. 6. Ted Robert Gurr. Handbook of political conflict: theory and research. Free Press 1980 7. Dennis Pirages. Managing political conflict. Preger, 1976 8. Eduard A. Ziegenhagen. The Regulation of Political Conflict. Praeger, 1986.
Supplementary Reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matsaberidze M, - conflict resolution issues. # 1, 2, 3. Tb., 2001. 2. Nodia.G,- The conflict in Abkhazia. Understanding the causes 3. Work conflicts, "Skills USA Strategies". By Simon Fisher, Jawed Litsneni, Steve Williams, Ibrahim Abdi, Richard Smith, Sue Williams. Tb., 2005 4. S.Huntington. <i>The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order</i>. 1996 5. TRANSCEND TRANSFORM. AN INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT WORK by Johan Galtung. 2004. 6. PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES RESEARCH by Robin Cooper and Laura Finley. 2014. 7. HANDBOOK OF POLITICAL CONFLICT Theory and Research by Ted Robert Curr. 1980. 8. CONFLICT ASSESSMENT& PEACEBUILDING PLANNING by Lisa Schirch. 2013. 9. ETHNIC CONFLICT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY by Michael E. Brown. 1993. 10. THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN CONTEMPORARY CONFLICTS by Carol – TeodorPeterfi. 2016 11. The Little Book Of CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION by John Paul Lederach. 2003.

Course Outcomes	<p>Knowledge and understanding After completing the course students will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of major concepts, theories, and key issues of political conflicts • Knowledge of the dynamics of conflict management and peculiarities; <p>Applying knowledge Students acquire the practical actions of political conflict management skills; They develop the ability to make rational decisions in specific situations</p> <p>Making judgments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict between causal analysis and conclusions; • Identify and evaluate the nature and types of conflict; • Conflict and aggressive behavior to the difference; <p>Communication skills Effective oral and written communication skills;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The business relationship with the process of self-presentation skills; • to the information of the wider public and oral and written presentation skills. <p>Learning skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student is able to plan his learning process; assess achievement of scheduled tasks and educate himself independently using available studying materials. <p>Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student adheres to the high ethic and moral standards in management of political conflict
Teaching Format	<p>Teaching methodologies include interactive sessions and participative involvement of the students in in-class discussions. Sessions will include an introduction to the main topics, that are explored through the analysis and discussion of recommended readings, bringing out different approaches and allowing extensive discussion of theories and practice.</p>
Grading and Evaluation	<p>Grading is based on 100 point scale. Positive assessment includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (A) - Excellent - Minimal 91% and more; • (B) - Very Good - Maximal 81-90%; • (C) -Good - Maximal 71-80%; • (D) - Fair - Maximal 61-70%; • (E) - Satisfactory - Maximal 51-60%; <p>Negative assessment includes:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (FX) - Failure – maximal points from 41-50%, student can take make-up exam once; • (F) - Failure – maximal points from 40% and less, student must take course again. <p>Grade Components:</p> <p><i>Class participation & activity – 30 %</i></p> <p><i>Midterm Exam - 30%</i></p> <p><i>Final Exam – 40%</i></p> <p>Total - 100%</p> <p>activities (seminars / working groups, practical sessions, argumentative paper, presentation, essay and teacher and Other activity determined by) 0 - 30 points;</p> <p>Writing term examination form (VIII Sunday) 0 - 30 points;</p> <p>Final exam - written form (XVII - XIX Sunday) 0 - 40 points</p> <p>Final exam is given to students who midterm and final exam scores of maximum accumulates 51 points</p> <p>Total: 0-100 points.</p>
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Attachment N1

Course Schedule

Week	Session Hours	Lectures/ Discussion (Participation) Boards/presentation
I	Lecture (2 Hours)	Theoretical basis of conflict study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition and classification of political conflicts • Evolution of Scientific understanding of conflicts
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
II	Lecture (2 Hours)	Analyse of Political conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the conflict analysis; • Different technologies of Analysis conflict situations; • Stages of the conflict; • Conflict Cartography
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
III	Lecture (2 Hours)	The key issues of political conflicts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power; • Culture; • Gender; • Rights;
	Working Group (1 Hour)	

IV	Lecture (2 Hours)	Different Strategies of conflict regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision of the future; • Developing and sharing ideas to resolve the conflict; • Assistance and conflict.
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
V	Lecture (2 Hours)	Classification of political conflicts. Types of political conflicts
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
VI	Lecture (2 Hours)	Working out conflict results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The post-war reconstruction: the material and social aspects of the combination; • Psychological rehabilitation of the past to deal with the heavy memories • Rehabilitation of social relations.
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
VII	Lecture (2 Hours)	Conflict and behavioral strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition. • Cooperation. • Compromise. • Diversion. • Adaptation.
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
VIII	Midterm Exam (2 Hours)	
IX	Lecture (2 Hours)	The role of the individual in social and political crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification of the crisis; • The condition of the crisis; • Personality Crisis consciousness overcome
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
X	Lecture (2 Hours)	The ways of conflict resolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functions and phases of Negotiation • Technologies and styles of negotiation
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XI	Lecture (2 Hours)	Conflict managment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediation, arbitration process, facilitation
	Working Group (1 Hour)	

XII	Lecture (2 Hours)	Negotiations and Conflict Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiation Styles, Strategies • Diagrams of competition • Avoidance, • Accommodation, • Collaboration, • Compromise.
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XIII	Lecture (2 Hours)	Conciliation and Mediation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing a Plan for Mediation • Building Trust and Cooperation • Mediation Process
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XIV	Lecture (2 Hours)	The role of public diplomacy in the Georgian-Abkhazian and Georgian-Ossetian conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role and importance of public diplomacy in conflict resolution; • Georgians, Abkhazians and Ossetians - centuries-old coexistence and brief history of the conflict; • Separatism in Georgia (Abkhazia, South Ossetia)
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XV	Lecture (2 Hours)	Refugee Crisis Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugee Situations • Abuse of Refugees • Dilemmas in Refugee Policies
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XVI	Lecture (2 Hours)	Conclusions
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XVII	Final Exam (3 Hours)	
XVIII - XIX	Supplementary Examination	