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SOFIA UNIVERSITY “ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI”

FACULTY: Faculty of Philosophy

Discipline: *(code and name)*

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BA Program in Political Science

SYLLABUS

Discipline:

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CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Lecturer: Assistant Professor *Denitza Ivanova Hinkova, PhD*

Workload	Educational Form	Horarium/ Hours of attendance
Auditorium workload	Lectures	30
	Seminars	30
	Practical exercises	
Total Workload		60
Non-auditorium workload	Synopsis	
	Report/Presentation	60
	Academic essay	
	Research term paper	
	Academic Trip	
	Individual research work in libraries and academic resources	30
	Term paper	
Total non-auditorium workload		120
TOTAL WORKLOAD		150
ECTS Credits auditorium workload		3
ECTS Credits non-auditorium workload		2
TOTAL ECTS		5

№	Formation of final assessment¹	% of final assessment
1.	Workshops	20%
2.	Participation in discussions	10%
3.		
4.	Visits	
5.	Portfolio	10%
6.	Tests	
7.	Case analysis	30%
8.	Mid term exam	
9.	Term Paper	
10.		
11.		
12.	Exam	30%

Annotation of the discipline:

The course on *Conflict Resolution* explores the theoretical framework of conflict management, transformation and resolution in an international perspective. The course identifies a range of conflict resolution approaches, but focuses mainly on practical aspects of negotiation, mediation and conflict prevention through the lenses of different cases. The course is mainly dedicated to the transformation of violent and ethno-political conflicts, as well as post-conflict reconstruction methods and settlement practices.

The main objective of the course is to discuss with the students the most important aspects of conflicts nowadays - the outburst of terrorism, some recent and ongoing conflicts in the world, the role of the international organizations for protecting peace and preventing conflicts. The proposed course aims to provide the students with analytical information and practical experience about conflict analysis, conflicts management and negotiations on the most important conflicts of the 21st century.

Preliminary requirements:

Introduction to Political Science or Political Theory

Expected results:

Overall assessment:

The students will be expected to participate actively in seminar discussions after the lectures. Optional presentation on a selected conflict, a text from the reading list or a case study on a certain topic from the course lectures. Each student may deliver a 10-15 min. presentation and thus be given the chance to elaborate on a certain problem and express his/her own ideas.

The exam consists of two parts:

1. Practical conflict resolution (a simulation game of a certain conflict). The students are divided into several groups (up to 4-5 in each group) and they resolve a given hypothetical conflict. Afterwards each one of them has to write about the stages of the resolution process, the results of the conflict settlement, his/her participation in the game and an overall evaluation of the game.
2. Written examination - conflict case study analysis.

This course is entirely based on interactive methods (team-work, case analysis, simulations, discussion of video and audio materials, negotiation games) and the application of information technologies and facilities in educational process.

¹ Depending on the discipline's specific requirements the lecturer, might be add or delete some educational forms.

Syllabus

№	Lecture topics:	Horarium/ Academic hours
1	Introduction. Definitions of conflict. International conflicts and conflict zones – outline of some of the major international conflicts in the last decades. Discussion	2
2	Conflict management and conflict resolution, settlement and arrangement: Theoretical framework./ International organizations in the field of conflict managements and security (UN, NATO, OSCE, EU). Discussion on the real role of the international institutions on the global chessboard.	2
3	The conflict in the liberal-realistic debate. Peace-keeping missions and initiatives. Discussion	2
4.	Negotiations. Second Track / Citizens diplomacy – presentation and discussion	2
5.	Conflict mediation. Judicial (legal) conflict settlement.	2
6.	The War in Iraq. The opposition between USA and Europe. The current situation in Iraq – peacekeeping forces. Discussion	2
7.	Alternative settlement of disputes. The conflict in East Timor The conflict in Cyprus (presentation and discussions with students)	2
8.	Conflict prevention. The conflict in Former Yugoslavia The conflict in South Tyrol. Discussion	2
9.	Cultural determination and conflict analysis. The Balkans a zone of conflicts or good neighborly relations. The future of the Balkans as part of the European Union (discussion)	2
10.	Ethnic conflicts. The ethnic conflict in Kosovo	2
11.	The conflicts in Rwanda, in Kashmir, in Chechnya.	2
12.	International terrorism - general overview of the history and genesis of terrorism; the rise of terrorism in the last few years. <i>Case studies on Al Qaida and ETA as specific terrorist organizations</i>	2
13.	Terrorist organizations and movements How to prevent and fight against terrorism. Discussion on the recent terrorist attacks in New York, Moscow, Madrid, Beslan	2
14.	Regulation and transformation of ethnic conflicts. Simulation game for the resolution of the Kosovo conflict. Discussion	2
15.	Post-conflict reconstruction and prevention of conflicts.	2

Final Exam

№	Requirements/Topics
	Conflict management and conflict resolution, settlement and arrangement: Theoretical framework.
	Regulation and transformation of ethnic conflicts.
	Post-conflict reconstruction and prevention of conflicts.
	International conflicts and conflict zones.

Resources:

Basic:

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