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# Conflict Prevention

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**John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations  
Seton Hall University, Spring 2008  
DIPL 6114 Conflict Prevention, Wednesdays 8:35 - 10:45pm**

□The course will cover the paradigm shift in warfare and identify the role and function of the principal actors working to prevent international conflict in theory and practice. Particular focus will be on the organizations and processes in a post September 11 world, as well as an analysis of the new arena of conflict. The course is interdisciplinary drawing on the areas of political economy, international relations, social movements, and security. 3 credits

Title of seminar: Conflict Prevention  
Class meetings: Wednesdays, 8:35 pm – 10:45 pm  
Location: 22 Mooney Hall  
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Methodology and objectives

Objectives

1. To develop an understanding of the post-9/11 era with respect to the role of the state and the nature of the “new wars.”
2. To identify and analyze the actors and theory that address global conflict and its prevention.
3. Through the students’ individual research and/or interest in a specific region, identify and discuss the issues concerning the basilar societal, economic, political and cultural elements, which beget tension, and trigger violence. As well, present recommendations and prospects for the control of conflict in the case study of choice.

Basis for grade

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| ▪ Written research paper on a regional case study      | 50% |
| ▪ Take home mid-term exam of no more than 7 – 10 pages | 25% |
| ▪ Constructive and informed class participation*       | 25% |

\*During the final weeks of the semester, students will have a chance to lead the seminar in a discussion of their research topic. This will be an opportunity to share preliminary findings, as well as receive feedback on the thesis.

**Required readings** will include several standard texts. In addition, some materials will be provided in class. Depending upon the interests of the class and the direction and content of the discourse, alternative reading material may be introduced in order to accompany and enrich discussions.

Conflict Prevention from Rhetoric to Reality – Vol. 1: Organizations & Institutions, Albrecht Schnabel & David Carment, Lexington Books, 2004

Conflict Prevention from Rhetoric to Reality – Vol. 2: Opportunities & Innovations, Albrecht Schnabel & David Carment, Lexington Books, 2004

Session 1 January 9, 2008

Overview of class and introduction

“War as an Instrument of Policy,” Carl von Clausewitz, reading provided in class or available at [http://www.qantara.de/uploads/496/fwf77\\_6clausewitz.pdf](http://www.qantara.de/uploads/496/fwf77_6clausewitz.pdf)

Session 2 January 16, 2008

Film: *The Battle of Algiers*

Session 3 January 23, 2008

Readings: .

1. Kaldor, Mary, “Beyond Militarism, Arms Races, and Arms Control,” see <http://www.ssrc.org/sept11/essays/kaldor.htm>
2. Stremlau, John, “People in Peril: Human Rights, Humanitarian Action, and Preventing Deadly Conflict,” see <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/subsites/ccpdc/frpub.htm>

Session 4 January 30, 2008

Readings:

1. Andreas, Peter, “Redrawing the Line: Borders and Security in the Twenty-first Century,” see [http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Political\\_Science/documents/Redrawing\\_the\\_Line.pdf](http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Political_Science/documents/Redrawing_the_Line.pdf)
2. Rudolph, Christopher, “Security and the Political Economy of International Migration,” *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 97, No 4, November 2003, <http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0003-0554%28200311%2997%3A4%3C603%3ASATPEO%3E2.0.CO%3B2-J&size=SMALL&origi>
3. Bhagwati, Jagdish, “Borders Beyond Control,” in *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2003 <http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20030101faessay10225/jagdish-bhagwati/borders-beyond-control.html>

Session 5 February 6, 2008

Readings:

1. Aall, Pamela R, "Non-Governmental Organizations and Conflict Prevention: Roles, Capabilities, Limitations," in Conflict Prevention: From Rhetoric to Reality, vol 2, ed., Schnabel, Albrecht, Carment, p. 177-198

Session 6 February 13, 2008

Readings

1. Tabyshalieva, Anara, "The Conflict Prevention Agenda in Central Asia," in Conflict Prevention: From Rhetoric to Reality, vol 1, ed., Schnabel, Albrecht, Carment, David, p. 61-80
2. Akbarzadeh, Shahram and Abazov, Rafis, "Status Quo Policy and Conflict Prevention in Central Asia," in Conflict Prevention: From Rhetoric to Reality, vol 1, ed., Schnabel, Albrecht, Carment, David, p. 81-102

Session 7 February 20, 2008

Readings:

1. Wolfeld, Monika, "The OSCE as a Primary Instrument of Conflict Prevention in Europe: Frameworks, Achievements, and Limitations of the OSCE's Preventive Action," in Conflict Prevention: From Rhetoric to Reality, vol 1, ed., Schnabel, Albrecht, Carment, David, p. 167-205
2. Cameron, Fraser, "The European Union and Conflict Prevention," in Conflict Prevention: From Rhetoric to Reality, vol 1, ed., Schnabel, Albrecht, Carment, David, p. P.207-221

Session 8 February 27, 2008

**Take home midterm**

Readings:

1. Rienstra, Dianna, "Assessing the Corporate Sector's Role in Conflict Prevention," in Conflict Prevention: From Rhetoric to Reality, vol 2, ed., Schnabel, Albrecht, Carment, p. 359-384
2. Campbell, Ashley, "The Corporate Sector and Conflict Prevention Mainstreaming," Rienstra, Dianna, "Assessing the Corporate Sector's Role in Conflict Prevention," in Conflict Prevention: From Rhetoric to Reality, vol 2, ed., Schnabel, Albrecht, Carment, p. 385-414

Session 9 March 5, 2008

**Take home midterm due**

Readings:

1. Mittelman, James, and Johnson, Robert, "Global Organized Crime," Chapter 11 in The Globalization Syndrome, Mittelman, James, Princeton University Press, 2000 (handouts available in class)

Session 10 March 12, 2008

Oral presentations on research project

Session 11 March 19, 2008

Oral presentations on research project

*Spring recess – March 22 – 30, no class Wednesday March 26*

Session 12 April 2, 2008

Oral presentations on research project

Session 13 April 9, 2008

Oral presentations on research project

Session 14 April 16, 2008

Oral presentations on research project

Session 15 April 23, 2008

**Final project due**