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Welcome to the first issue of the AFP Conflict Studies Newsletter! This publication aims to help AFP fellows know better about each other's research interests and share useful information on valuable academic resources and teaching instruments in the field of conflict studies, defined as an interdisciplinary field related mostly to the political science, international relations, law, history and sociology canons.

The success of this newsletter depends primarily on its contributors. Therefore, you are kindly invited to provide any type of information you might find useful for the other fellows. For this issue, the editor wants to thank for their support to RS David Matsaberidze and IS Luis de Sousa.

The next issue is planned for December 2009, with 15 November 2009 as final deadline for submitting materials. For suggested guidelines, please visit http://www.afpwebfolio.org/individual_webfolios/157/10969. If you have any inquiry, comment or suggestion, please feel free to contact the editor.

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News



SIPRI Yearbook 2009: Armaments, Disarmament and International Security

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute will launch the 2009 edition of its well-known yearbook on the 8th of June. As usual, the volume contains data and analysis related to security and conflicts, military spending and armaments, non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament. More details available soon at <http://www.sipri.org/yearbook>

Small Arms Survey 2009: Shadows of War

Cambridge University Press will launch this publication of the Geneva Graduate Institute of International Studies in July 2009. The 2008 edition of the survey is still available (<http://www.cambridge.org/uk/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521706551>).

ISBN-13: 9780521706568



New Zealand, the safest place in the world?

According to the 2009 Global Peace Index (GPI), New Zealand ranks first in a list of 144 countries monitored within the project. Neighbouring Australia is also in top 20. Iceland, last year's leader, occupies now the fourth place, while Denmark and Norway continue to claim the second and third places respectively. Unsurprisingly, at the other end of the list, one may find Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Israel and Sudan. Also, during the last year, Russia has been the 9th most conflict-driven country in the list, Georgia missed the top ten at the bottom end with only one position, while Moldova (rank 75) and Ukraine (rank 82) have been slightly calmer places than the United States of America (rank 83). More details available at <http://www.visionofhumanity.org/gpi/results/rankings.php>.

CALLS: CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, PAPERS

Call for Application: *Fences and Walls in International Relations*

Type of event: Conference

Date: 29.10.2009

Location: Montreal, Canada

Deadline: 19.06.2009

More info: www.dandurand.uqam.ca

Twenty years after the fall of the Berlin wall, this conference proposes to raise the issue and to analyze the factors that have led to the resurgence of the wall, if not in fact at least in discourse. At the same time, the aim is also to see how the return of the wall as a political tool may be symptomatic of a new era in international relations. Hence, we will favour a multidisciplinary approach to problems that could include the recurrence and/or decline of the wall in IR, wall discourses, legal approaches to the wall, the 'wall industry', bypath strategies and No man's lands, the sociology of the border walls and borderlands as well as their symbolism, their role, objectives and efficiency. In parallel, the conference wishes to examine case studies that shed light on both the systemic factors explaining the building of walls and the necessity to consider specific factors pertaining to each walls.

Theme 1. Walls in International Relations, return or decline

Theme 2. Walls and identities

Theme 3. Legal aspects of the walls

Theme 4. Impacts of the walls

Proposal:

- Title of the paper, Subject, empirical frame, analytical approach, theme (300 words maximum)
- Name of authors/contributors
- Institutional affiliations, titles
- Contact: telephone, fax, email, mailing address

Languages: Proposals can be submitted in French and English.

Send your proposals via email in Word format to Raoul-Dandurand Chair: chaire.strat@uqam.ca

Call for Papers: 10th Young Faces Conference: Police reform and Cooperation in the Western Balkans on the Path to EU Integration

Type of event: Conference

Date: 15-16.07.2009

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Deadline: 28.06.2009

More info: <http://www.dcaf.ch/news/index.cfm>

The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) would like to invite you to compete for a place at our 10th Conference of the Young Faces Network to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, 15-16 July 2009. Two training workshops, the first one in Geneva on 15-16 July 2009 and the second one in the Western Balkan region in September/October 2009, will be primarily focused on the importance of improving police efficiency and regional cooperation on the path to EU integration. The workshops will build foundations for a future security community in South Eastern Europe by identifying, networking and training young and upcoming opinion leaders from the region. Participants to the workshops will be selected following a review of their written short essays submitted by e-mail to DCAF (h.ziherl@dcaf.ch), at the latest by 28 June 2009.

To be considered for the network, applicants must:

1. Be 35 years old or younger at the time of the workshops;
2. Be young scholars, NGO activists, journalists or government officials from the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia);
3. Hold a graduate degree or possess equivalent experience in a relevant discipline;
4. Speak and write fluently in English;
5. Submit the following by 28 June, through e-mail to h.ziherl@dcaf.ch: a detailed curriculum vitae (CV); a written short essay (approx. 2000 words) in English, A4 size paper, Times New Roman, 12 point (footnotes 10 point), 1% spacing, justified, with 2cm margins;
6. The submissions must be formatted using Microsoft Word. Citations should be formatted according to the guidelines set out in the 'Chicago Manual of Style'. (<http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org>)

Paper Topics:

Conditionality has, in one way or another, been at the centre of EU relations with Southeast Europe. Simply put, integration of a potential member state, in all its aspects, depends on the fulfillment of a series of preconditions set out by the European Commission. Police reform, as part of these requirements, has hence been partly externally driven in the Western Balkan region, although both police reform and regional police cooperation are essential for an efficient and systematic response to both local and regional security threats related to, for example, organised crime. With this situation in mind, essays should try to address the following issues related to "Challenges to and Progress of Police Reform on the Path to EU Integration in My country": What are the key norms governing policing? What are the objectives of police reform? What is the status of police reform in my country? What are the driving forces behind police reform (if any) in my country? What are the key challenges to reform? Would you consider any of these challenges to be specific to a post-conflict environment and why? Discuss the status of and challenges facing police cooperation in the region? What drives this cooperation?

Logistics:

Following a review of submitted essays, around 15 candidates will be selected to participate in the first part of the training event, the "10th Young Faces Conference", which has been scheduled in Geneva on 15-16 July 2009. The organisers will pay for all meals, accommodation and a round-trip economy class flight ticket to Geneva for all selected candidates. Selected participants should also be available for participation in a follow-up event, to be organised in the Western Balkan region in September/October 2009, and prepared to engage in a policy planning paper writing activity between the two seminars. If the quality of the submitted policy planning papers suffices, a conference proceedings publication will be produced at the end of the year.

Academic & teaching resources

Recent publications

TEXTBOOKS, HANDBOOKS AND SIMILAR ITEMS



Jacob Bercovitch, Victor Kremenyuk, I. William Zartman, ed. *The SAGE Handbook of Conflict Resolution*, New York: Sage, December 2008, 704 pp.

ISBN: 9781412921923

Already a classic.

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<http://www.uk.sagepub.com/booksProdDesc.nav?prodId=Book229118&>

Table of contents

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Free excerpt (Introduction)

http://www.uk.sagepub.com/upm-data/24632_Bercovitch_Intro.pdf

David P. Barash, Charles P. Webel, *Peace and Conflict Studies*, 2nd ed., New York: Sage, July 2008, 544 pp.

ISBN: 9781412961202

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http://www.sagepub.com/upm-data/23156_Chapter_17.pdf

Free excerpt (Chapter 21 - Nonviolence)

http://www.sagepub.com/upm-data/23157_Chapter_21.pdf



Ho-Won Jeong, *Understanding Conflict and Conflict Analysis*, New York: Sage, May 2008, 280 pp.

ISBN: 9781412903097

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David Jordan, James D. Kiras, David J. Lonsdale, Ian Speller, Christopher Tuck, C. Dale Walton, *Understanding Modern Warfare*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, September 2008, 392 pp.

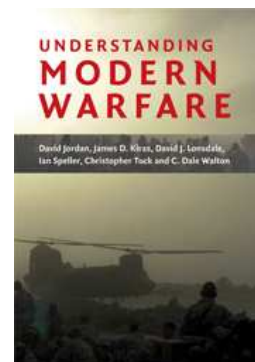
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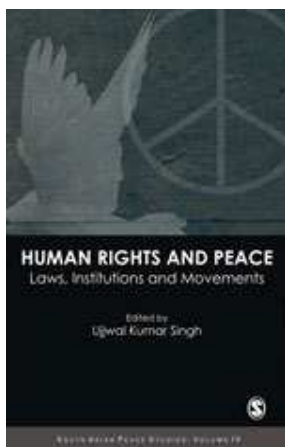
<http://www.cambridge.org/uk/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521700382>

Free online support material available

<http://www.cambridge.org/uk/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521700382&ss=res>



THEORETICAL APPROACHES



Ujjwal Kumar Singh, ed., *Human Rights and Peace: Ideas, Laws, Institutions and Movements*, New York: Sage, January 2009, 364 pp.

ISBN: 9788178298849

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<http://www.sagepub.com/booksProdDesc.nav?prodId=Book233282&>

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<http://www.sagepub.com/booksProdTOC.nav?prodId=Book233282>

Stathis N. Kalyvas, Ian Shapiro, Tarek Masoud, ed., *Order, Conflict, and Violence*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, September 2008, 456 pp.

ISBN-13: 9780521722391

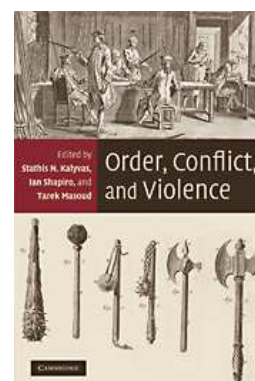
Violence analysed from a multidisciplinary perspective.

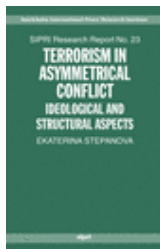
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Ekaterina Stepanova, *Terrorism in Asymmetric Conflict: Ideological and Structural Aspects*, SIPRI Research Report (no. 23), Oxford: Oxford University Press, March 2008, 200 pp.

ISBN: 978-0-19-953356-5

Presentation

<http://www.oup.com/uk/catalogue/?ci=9780199533565>

CONFLICT IN INTERNATIONAL LAW



Brett Bowden, Hilary Charlesworth, Jeremy Farrall, ed. *The Role of International Law in Rebuilding Societies after Conflict: Great Expectations*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, April 2009, 346 pp.

ISBN-13: 9780521509947

Collection of essays by scholars and practitioners that investigate the role and impact of international law in post-conflict state-building in various troubled zones across the world.

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<http://www.cambridge.org/uk/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521509947>

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Laura K. Donohue, *The Cost of Counterterrorism*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, September 2008, 512 pp.

ISBN-13: 9780521605878

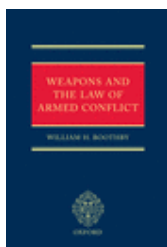
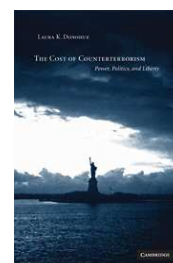
Analysis of counterterrorism law in the United Kingdom and United States.

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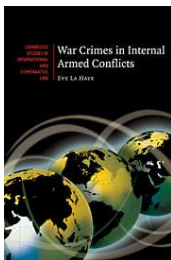


William Boothby, *Weapons and the Law of Armed Conflict*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, April 2009, 464 pp.

ISBN: 978-0-19-956994-6

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Eve La Haye, *War Crimes in Internal Armed Conflicts*, Cambridge Studies in International and Comparative Law (No. 60), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, April 2008, 444 pp.

ISBN-13: 9780521860734

Investigates whether international law make individuals responsible for perpetrating war crimes during internal armed conflicts.

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Dieter Fleck [et al.], *The Handbook of Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflicts*, 2nd ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, January 2008, 775 pp.

ISBN: 978-0-19-923250-5

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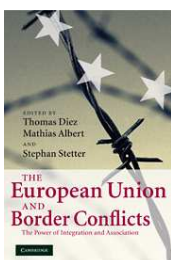
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Free excerpt

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CONFLICT AND THE EUROPEAN UNION



Thomas Diez, Mathias Albert, Stephan Stetter, ed. *The European Union and Border Conflicts: The Power of Integration and Association*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, March 2008, 280 pp.

ISBN-13: 9780521709491

Studies of the impact of European integration on the transformation of five border conflicts (Cyprus, Ireland, Greece/Turkey, Israel/Palestine and various conflicts on Russia's border with the EU).

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Free excerpt

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CASE STUDIES



Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, *Militarization and Violence against Women in Conflict Zones in the Middle East: A Palestinian Case-Study*, Cambridge Studies in Law and Society, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, May 2009, 246 pp.

ISBN-13: 9780521882224

Analysis of first hand stories of women from the Occupied Territories that shows how women are transformed into sites of violence, contestation and resistance.

Presentation

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Free excerpt

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SIMULATIONS



Radha Kumar, *Negotiating Peace in Deeply Divided Societies: A Set of Simulations*, New York: Sage, April 2009, 424 pp.

ISBN: 9788178298825

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<http://www.sagepub.com/booksProdDesc.nav?prodId=Book233275&currTree=Subjects&level1=J00&level2=JH0&level3=JH9&>

JOURNALS

Journal of Conflict Resolution

Current issue (vol.53, no.3, June 2009, subscription)

<http://jcr.sagepub.com/current.dtl>

Free sample issue (vol. 51, no. 6, December 2007)

<http://jcr.sagepub.com/content/vol51/issue6/>

*Journal of Peace Research*

Current issue (Vol.46, no.3, May 2009, subscription), special number on Micro-Level Dynamics of Violent Conflict

<http://jpr.sagepub.com/current.dtl>

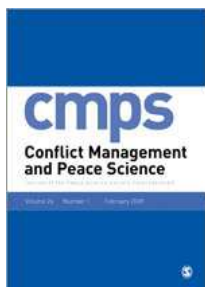
Free sample issue (vol. 44, no. 6, November 2007)

<http://jpr.sagepub.com/content/vol44/issue6/>

Cooperation and Conflict

Current issue (Vol.44, no.2, June 2009, subscription)
<http://cac.sagepub.com/current.dtl>

Free sample issue (vol. 42, no. 4, December 2007)
<http://cac.sagepub.com/content/vol42/issue4/>

**CMPS: Conflict Management and Peace Science**

Current issue (Vol.26, no.2, April 2009, subscription), special issue on Building Synergies: Institutions and Cooperation in World Politics
<http://cmp.sagepub.com/current.dtl>

Free sample issue (vol. 25, no. 1, February 2008)
<http://cmp.sagepub.com/content/vol25/issue1/>

Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy
Vol.15, issue 1 (2009)

<http://www.bepress.com/peps/>

Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Vol.6, issue 1 (2009)

<http://www.bepress.com/jhsem/>

Law & Ethics of Human Rights

Vol. 3, issue 1 (2009)

<http://www.bepress.com/lehr/>

FORTHCOMING

Rajat Ganguly, ed., *Ethnic Conflict*, 4 volumes, Sage Library of International Relations, New York: Sage, August 2009, 1760 pp.

ISBN: 9781847872722

Volume I: Ethnic Identity includes articles dealing with the various interpretations and meanings of ethnicity and the debate surrounding the formation, persistence and salience of ethnic identity

Volume II: Causes of Ethnic Conflict focuses on causal explanations of ethnic conflict

Volume III: The Consequences of Ethnic Conflict then focuses on the consequences or impacts of ethnic conflict

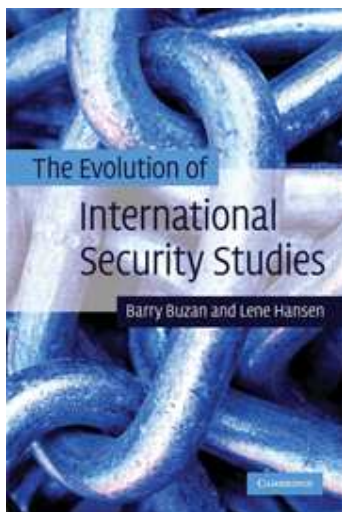
Volume IV: The Settlement of Ethnic Conflict discusses articles that cover the settlement of ethnic conflict

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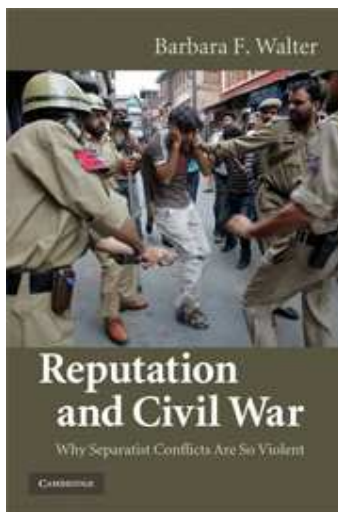
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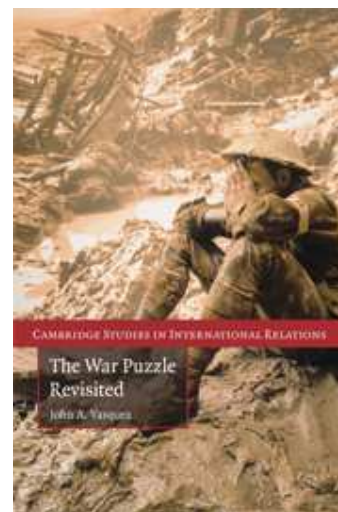
http://www.sagepub.com/upm-data/24501_Ganguly_vol_1_ch_01.pdf



Barry Buzan, Lene Hansen, *The evolution of International Security Studies*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, September 2009.



Barbara F. Walter, *Reputation and Civil War: Why Separatist Conflict are So Violent*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, August 2009.



John A. Vasquez, *The War Puzzle Revisited*, Cambridge Studies in International Relations, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, August 2009.

AFP resources

SYLLABI

AZERBAIJAN

Baku State University
LLM Program in the Human Rights Law

International Human Rights Law

Javid Gadirov, SJD (PhD)

http://www.afpwebfolio.org/individual_webfolios/8320/8775

- 60 hours (30 weeks)
- Taught in English
- LLM

This course provides an introduction to the international legal regime of human rights protection, its normative foundations, procedural mechanisms, practical and theoretical challenges. The course starts with a brief narrative of the emergence of the modern human rights idea and the legal properties of human rights claims. It continues with providing an overview of the normative spectrum of the human rights regime, the distinctions made between different 'generations' of human rights and their sustainability. Furthermore the central section of the course is devoted to the procedures, or the institutional part of the modern human rights regime, introducing the modern monitoring, reporting and complaint mechanisms as well as international and regional court systems. Moreover there is a section that deals with the human rights concerns and argumentation about the so-called 'transitional justice', the legal and theoretical problems of addressing past human rights violations. Finally the course concludes with an overview of the current rhetoric on the boundaries and limitations of the human rights vocabularies and liberal legal discourse in general.

ARMENIA

Yerevan State University
Faculty of International Relations/Political Sciences

Peace Studies

Artak Ayunts, PhD (ayunts@yahoo.com)

http://www.afpwebfolio.org/individual_webfolios/67/2

- 34 hours
- Bibliography in English
- MA Level

The course begins with introductory section devoted to the main concepts, approaches and ideas of peace and violence. This section is followed by subject matter of peace research, considering in particular the relationship between peace and conflict: conflict transformation and peacebuilding. The course then turns to the questions of peace and reconciliation, truth and justice. The first part will end by a simulation on Nagorno-Karabakh conflict where peacebuilding perspectives of conflict will be discussed. In the second part of the course the relationship between religion and conflict, and war and ethics will be discussed. This is now widely recognized as an increasingly important topic, albeit one that is still relatively neglected in international politics. Emphasis here will be on the so-called 'Abrahamic' religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) in the first instance, although other religions, like Buddhism, Confucianism will also be discussed. Then, theories of international relations will be discussed from the peace angle, that is, how these theories interpret war and use of violence while pursuing goals. The final part of the course is devoted to the particular issues, like: humanitarian intervention, interpretation of International Law and the punishment of war crimes.

BULGARIA

Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"
Department of Political Sciences

Conflicts and Nationalism in Southeast Europe

Angel Angelov, PhD, AFP alumnus

http://www.afpwebfolio.org/individual_webfolios/156/1

- 30 hours (1 Semester)
- Some bibliography in English
- MA Level

This course offers students an in-depth investigation of developments in Southeast Europe over the past decade. Rather than other courses on Southeast Europe that focus solely on the former Yugoslavia and its disintegration, this course asks students to broaden their knowledge and analysis about the specific of the international relations and conflicts in the whole region and the logic which describes them.

GEORGIA

Iv. Javakishvili Tbilisi State University
Department of Political Sciences

Manipulation of Ethnicity and the Post Soviet Conflicts of the Caucasus -Identity and Nationalism

David Matsaberidze, MA (davidmatsaberidze@yahoo.com)

http://www.afpwebfolio.org/individual_webfolios/8329

- 45 hours (1 Semester)
- Taught in Georgian, bibliography in Georgian and in English (with Georgian translations)
- Mandatory-Elective, BA Level

The course looks at the post Soviet Caucasian conflicts through role of elites and agencies through the comparative perspective in each particular conflict case of the region. The course analyzes the role of the Soviet politics through building minority institutions and the post-Soviet manipulation of these institutions by nationalist organizations of ethnic minorities and their leaders. The role of internal and external agencies are analyzed through a comparative approach to look at their impact on the post Soviet developments, at the same time looking closely at their interactions. The role of politics in bridging identity and nationalism is scrutinized in some details.

*Nationalism after Unity: Caucasus and Balkans in Comparative Perspective*David Matsaberidze, MA (davidmatsaberidze@yahoo.com)

- 45 hours (1 Semester)
- Taught in Georgian, bibliography in English
- Mandatory, MA Level

The course is designed as a mandatory for the MA degree students at the departments of Political Sciences and Culture Studies. The course aims to look at the crucial aspects of developments in Caucasus and Balkans through the lenses of political-IR developments within and over the regions during the dissolution of the political structures they formed part with, pointing to their causes and controversies. It will demonstrate an intricate interrelation of national, cultural-religious and political aspects in the formation of the national agendas, analyzing their impact on their exclusionary nature, being characteristic feature for the both regions. The role and impact of nationalism in the dissolution of the respective entities they formed part with will be also addressed, looking at the role and interpretation of history for political aims, meanwhile differentiating the role of elites and masses, using the mood and feelings of the last by the former, in exacerbation of national sentiment. The course is grounded on constructivist approach to ethnic conflicts, although reflecting different cases through different theoretical approaches as well.

ROMANIA

University of Bucharest

Department of Political Sciences

*Genocides in the 20th Century*Mihai Chioveanu, PhD (mihai.chioveanu@fspub.ro)http://www.afpwebfolio.org/individual_webfolios/139/10937

- 52 hours (1 Semester)
- Taught in English, bibliography in English
- Mandatory, MA Level

Extreme and yet characteristic outgrowths of modernity, genocide and mass killing can be analyzed, interpreted, even explained, in various ways. Most scholars tended to look within societies that produced genocide. Others think that powerful leaders that use mass killings to advance their own interests and/or obsessions are the ones that bear full responsibility for gearing the "machinery of destruction", with genocide not necessarily being deeply rooted in society but a tactic of state power, a powerful political tool, a mean to achieve other ends. Following this, the course addresses several major historical, classic, cases of genocide that occurred in the 20th century in an attempt to help the students understand whether genocide represents the "dark side of democracy" (Michael Mann) or it rather originates from a small group of powerful leaders, been carried out without the broaden support of society (Benjamin Valentino). Furthermore, other examples of ethnic cleansing and mass killing are introduced and interpreted on the basis of collective psychology, ethnic and racial hatred, the nature of the regimes, the strategic logic of powerful leaders that use mass killings to achieve political goals, and so on.

*International Conflict Analysis and Management*Luciana Alexandra Ghica, PhD (luciana.ghica@fspub.ro)http://www.afpwebfolio.org/individual_webfolios/157/11015

- 52 hours (1 Semester)
- Taught in French, some bibliography in English
- Mandatory, BA Level

The course aims to familiarize students with the most relevant instruments for the analysis and practice of international conflict management. The first part introduces the features and typology of contemporary conflicts, while the second presents the major approaches to conflict analysis and management. Each approach is illustrated with recent examples, as well as with classic cases, most often those in which the UN was or has been involved. Also, a significant amount of time is dedicated to a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of each instrument under scrutiny.