Study programme(s): Regional Master Program in Peace Studies

Study level: Graduate

**Course title:** Theories and Typologies of Conflicts

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Compulsory/Elective: Compulsory

Number of ECTS: 6

**Eligibility:** 

## Aim of the course

First part of the course will offer a critical evaluation of classical and modern theories of conflict, given their explanations on the causes, nature and dynamics of conflict. Second part of the course will deal with the analysis of the very types of conflict (from group to civilization level), different generations of conflict (pre- and post-Cold War), and the most important factors that influence the occurrence of conflict and its course.

The aim of the course is to provide an overview of relevant theoretical explanations of conflict that question the nature of the state, class division, human nature, etc. Additionally, this course aims to further examine intergroup conflicts, intrastate conflicts, especially those with an ethnic prefix, interstate and regional conflicts, and new types of post-Cold War conflicts.

## Outcome of the course

Students will develop skills in critical evaluation of the relevant theories and be able to detect actual processes that revitalize specific theoretical approaches. They will deepen their knowledge about conflict types, as well as changes in their character and dynamics of the post-Cold War era, when the process of globalization gain momentum. Understanding these conflict types, students will be able to discern new forms of conflict that may arise in the future.

## **Content of the course**

Theoretical teaching

1. Introduction: Definition, causes and types of conflict; 2. Anthropological theory of conflict - human nature as a source of conflict; 3. Social psychological theories of conflict (1) Inter-group conflicts - the individualistic perspectives (psychodynamic approaches: an authoritarian personality; frustration-aggression hypothesis); 4. Social psychological theories of conflict (2) Inter-group conflicts - group perspective (realistic group conflict; theory of social identity); 5. Sociological theories of conflict - from Marx to Dahrendorf; 6. Contemporary neo-Marxist theories of conflict (Amin, Robinson, Gil); 7. Contemporary theories of conflict in the Peace studies (Barton, Azar, Galtung, Kriesberg, Fisher, Singer, Holsti); 8. Discussing the theories of conflict: Case study - movie "12 Angry Men"; 9. Intrastate conflicts: the causes and patterns; 10. Inter-state conflicts during the Cold War; 11. Inter-state conflicts after the Cold War; 12. Regional conflicts; 13. New types of conflict in the era of globalization (territory, ethnicity, inequality, identity, religion and resources); 14. Test

Practical teaching: Tutorial, research, other modes of teaching 1. Conflict mapping; 2. Conflict analysis; 3. Identity conflicts.

## Literature

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Number of classes of act	Other					
Lectures:	Tutorials:	Other modes of teaching:	Research work:			
2	1		1			
Teaching methods						
Lectures, tutorials, mapping of conflicts workshops, case studies, round tables						

Assessment of knowledge (maximum no. of points 100)				
Pre-examination commitments	points	Final examination	points	
activity	20	written test	50	
practical teaching		oral examination		
colloquium(a)	30			
seminar(s)				