Program: Peace, Security and Development

Course: European Colonialism and its Legacy

Professor: Alexandra Perišić Course status: Elective Number of ESPB: 6

Objectives

This course introduces students to contemporary debates in postcolonial and decolonial studies. Students will learn about the history of European colonialism and will study anticolonial struggles across the Global South. They will analyze how the colonial West continues to shape postcolonial societies through economic, military, and political interventions.

Outcomes

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- understand colonial ideologies and their role in European politics and society;
- understand the colonial basis of contemporary race, class, and gender hierarchies;
- understand the role of culture and language in anticolonial and postcolonial struggles;
- understand the contemporary legacy of European colonialism.

Topics

- 1. Introduction: the history of European colonialism
- 2. The Haitian revolution
- 3. Revolution and resistance in the Caribbean
- 4. African anticolonialism
- 5. The case of Algeria
- 6. Orientalism
- 7. Orientalism and the Balkans
- 8. Midterm
- 9. On the postcolony
- 10. The struggle continues: decolonial thinking and praxis
- 11. The place of Latin America
- 12. Decolonizing gender
- 13. Globalization, borders, and neocolonialism
- 14. Decolonizing peace and conflict studies
- 15. Review for final exam

Mandatory bibliography

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Number of hours of active instruction	n Theoretical in	struction: 30 Practic	al instruction: 30
Teaching methods	·	·	
Lectures, discussions, student presenta	tions.		
Evaluation (maximum number of po	ints 100)		
Activity	points	Final exam	points
Attendance and participation	30	Written exam	40

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Oral exam

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Practical teaching

Midterm

Seminar