Instructor Information

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Course Content and Teaching

It is a prerequisite for registration on this course that students will have completed the Geneva based course, Conflict Resolution: Concepts and Resolutions immediately prior to coming to London. This is a four-credit course with 40 class contact hours. The course will concentrate on three case studies each of which reflects a different aspect of the problems associated with conflict resolution. Each also has a British (and indeed, London) dimension, and there will be field trips linked to all three.

Teaching will take a variety of formats, with both lectures and extensive class discussion. A number of specialist speakers will address the class, with the coordination of all the sessions being carried out by London based adjunct professor, Dr Paul Cousins.

The final session will take the form of a capstone seminar and discussion which will be lead by Dr Cousins, Dr Nafissi and Dr Tehindrazanarivelao.

Course Assessment

Each student will be asked to write a research paper 3000 words in length on an approved topic due by Wednesday 27th July at 12 noon. The chosen topic will refer both to the theory addressed in Geneva and the cases discussed in London. It will be submitted at the end of the course.

There will also be a quiz (worth 10%) in the second week relating to the material covered in the early part of the course. The research paper will count 70% of the final grade.

At the end of the course there will be the quiz (10%) and there will be 10% based on attendance and participation in class discussions.

Basic and Required Readings

The common text for both the Geneva and London courses is Contemporary Conflict Resolution by O Ramsbotham et al. The Handbook of Conflict Resolution by D Sandole et al offers a wide range of useful articles on various types of conflict and alternative approaches to understanding, resolving or transforming conflict.

Selected chapters for required reading will be made available on Blackboard along with relevant articles and notes https://lms.bu.edu. Students will need to log in to view these materials.

Course Schedule

Over the four weeks there will be 40 hours class contact hours, including guest speakers and visits. In Geneva you will receive an introduction to the course and the three case studies in particular. The British and European context of the chosen cases. This will be led by Dr Paul Cousins, Dr Michael Peplar and Dr Mohammad Nafissi
Week One:

**Thursday June 30**
(11.15-12.45)  
Introduction to the course and the three case studies in particular.  
The British and European context of the chosen cases  
Dr Paul Cousins  
Reading: N Davies: *The Isles: A History* (chapters 9 & 10)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/modern/endofempire 01.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/modern/endofempire 01.shtml)

**Friday July 1**
(10-1)  
Political Theories of Conflict Resolution and the use of case studies  
Dr Paul Cousins  
Reading: O Ramsbotham et al: chapters 2.4 and 19

Week Two

**Monday July 4**
(10-12)  
Introduction to the Cyprus Conflict  
Dr Paul Cousins  
Reading: V Padakis – *Divided Cyprus* (Introduction)

**Tuesday July 5**
(10-12)  
Assessing Conflicts  
Guest Speaker: Dr Adrian Kendry  
Reading:  
[http://web.mit.edu/sabrevin/Public/GameTheory/Journal%20of%20Conflict%20Resolution/Economic%Analysis%20of%20Conflict.pdf](http://web.mit.edu/sabrevin/Public/GameTheory/Journal%20of%20Conflict%20Resolution/Economic%Analysis%20of%20Conflict.pdf)  
[http://users.ox.ac.uk/~econpeco/research/pdf/IPA-PostConflictEconomicRecovery.pdf](http://users.ox.ac.uk/~econpeco/research/pdf/IPA-PostConflictEconomicRecovery.pdf)  

**Wednesday July 6**  
The Cyprus Case Study  
Guest Speaker: James Kerr-Lindsay  
Reading: *EU Accession & UN Peace Keeping in Cyprus* (Introduction)

Week Three

**Monday July 11**
(10.30- 12.30)  
The Northern Ireland Case Study  
Guest Speaker: Dr Paul Dixon
Tuesday July 12
Introduction to the Kashmir Problem
Dr Paul Cousins
Reading: Humra Quraishi: Kashmir: The Untold Story
(10.30-12.30)
Workshop: arranging paper topics and first quiz
Dr Paul Cousins

Wednesday July 13
The Kashmir Conflict: Guest Speaker: Dr James Kiriyankanda
Reading: Humra Quraishi: Kashmir: The Untold Story (chapter 1)
(10.30-12.30)
V Shofield: Kashmir in Conflict (preface, chapters 1 & 2)
BBC Kashmir Profile: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-southasia-16069077

Thursday July 14
Workshop: arranging paper topics; first quiz
(10.30-12.30)

Week Four
Monday July 18
Visit to St Ethelburga’s Centre for Reconciliation and Peace. Details to be
given in class.
(1-5)

Tuesday July 19
Commonwealth To be finalised OR SPEAKER Dr Kiriyankanda

Wednesday July 20
Workshop: discussion of the cases in the context of other world conflicts.
Second quiz
(10.30-12.30)

Thursday July 21
Workshop; discussion of papers and presentation; second quiz
(10.30-12.30)

Friday July 22
Workshop with Dr Djacula Tehindrazanarivelol linking the work done in
Geneva with the case studies looked at in London.
(10-1)

Week Five
Monday July 25
Capstone Seminar and discussion. Farwell luncheon.
(9-12)

Tuesday July 26
Free to finalise papers following the Capstone Seminar

Wednesday July 27
Research paper to be submitted by 12 noon to the Student Affairs Office.
**Grading**

Details of the criteria on grading, attendance requirements and policies on plagiarism are available on: http://www.bu.edu/london/current-semester

**Bibliography**

**General**

O Ramsbotham:  
N Davies:

J Sandole (ed):  
Contemporary Conflict Resolution

Handbook of Conflict Analysis and Resolution

P Wallensteen:  
N Davies:

I Budge, I Crewe, D McKay, & K Newton:

Pinder:

Understanding Conflict Resolution

The Isles: A History

The New British Politics

Northern Ireland: A Very Short Introduction

The British Approach to Counterinsurgency

**Cyprus**

C Brenin:

M Hakki:

C Hichins:

B O’Malley:

W Mallinson:

S Pantelli:

Y Papadakis:

J Ker-Lindsay:

The European Union

The European Union and Cyprus

The Cyprus Issue: A Documentary History 1878-2006

Hostage to History

The Cyprus Conspiracy

Cyprus: A Modern History

History of Modern Cyprus

Resolving Cyprus

**Northern Ireland**

D De Beadun:

P Bew & G Gillespie:

T Pat Coogan:

J McGarry & B O’Leary:

Northern Ireland: A Chronology of the Troubles 1968-1999

The Troubles

Explaining Northern Ireland

Policy and Politics in Northern Ireland

Making Sense of the Troubles

The Politics of Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland: A Very Short Introduction

**Kashmir**

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Note that the BU London Library has other works, CD’s and DVD’s relevant to this course. Please contact the Librarian, for more details.

Paul Cousins
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