



Boston University Study Abroad
London

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Conflict Resolution: Workshop and Case Studies
CAS IR 565
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Instructor Information

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Calendar Summer 2018

Duration: Four weeks ;3rd July to 1 August

Arrival in London: 2nd July

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 led by Dr Cousins and Dr Tehindrazanarivelo.

Course Aims and Objectives

The aim of this course is to enable the course participants to assess and analyse three conflict resolution case studies, using the various theories and approaches covered in both this course and the course prior to it in Geneva.

At the end of the course students should :-

- Be aware of the main theories and approaches used in the study of conflict resolution;
- Be able to apply these theories and approaches to the chosen case studies;
- Have an understanding of these ideas with regard to other conflicts.

Course Assessment

Each student will be asked to write a research paper 3000 words in length on an approved topic due by **Tuesday 1 August 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.

Attendance Policy

All Boston University Study Abroad London Programme students are expected to attend each and every class session, tutorial, and field trip in order to full- fill the required course contact hours and receive course credit. Any student that has been absent from two class sessions (whether authorised or unauthorised) will need to meet with the Directors to discuss their continued participation on the programme.

Authorised Absence:

Students who expect to be absent from any class should notify a member of Academic Affairs and complete an Authorized Absence Approval Form 10 working days in advance of the class date (except in the case of absence due to illness, for which students should submit the Authorised Absence Approval Form with the required doctor's note as soon as possible). **Please note: Submitting an Authorised Absence Approval Form does not guarantee an authorised absence**

Students may apply for an authorised absence only under the following circumstances:

- Illness, supported by a local London doctor's note (submitted with Authorised Absence Approval Form).
- Important placement event that clashes with a class (verified by internship supervisor)
- Special circumstances which have been approved by the Directors (see note below).

The Directors will only in the most extreme cases allow students to leave the programme early or for a significant break.

Unauthorised Absence:

Any student to miss a class due to an unauthorised absence will receive a **4% grade penalty** to their final grade for the course whose class was missed. This grade penalty will be applied by the Academic Affairs office to the final grade at the end of the course. As stated above, any student that has missed two classes will need to meet with the Directors to discuss their participation on the programme as excessive absences may result in a 'Fail' in the class and therefore expulsion from the programme.

Lateness

Students arriving more than 15 minutes after the posted class start time will be marked as late. Any student with irregular class attendance (more than two late arrivals to class) will be required to meet with the Assistant Director of Academic Affairs and if the lateness continues, may have his/her final grade penalised.

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 and Dr Michael Peplar.

Tuesday July 3	Welcome and orientation.
Wednesday July 4 (10-12)	Introduction to the course and the three case studies in particular. Dr Paul Cousins
Thursday July 5 (10-1)	The British and European context of the chosen cases Dr Paul Cousins Reading: N Davies: <i>The Isles: A History</i> (chapters 9 & 10) www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/modern/endofempire_01.stml
Monday July 9 (10-1)	Political theories of conflict and conflict resolution Dr Paul Cousins Reading: O Ramsbotham et al: chapters 2, 4 and 19 P Wallenstein: <i>Understanding Conflict Resolution</i> cain.ulst.ac.uk/conflict/cunningham.htm
Tuesday July 10	Visit to St Ethelburgas Centre for Reconciliation Details to be given in class.
Wednesday July 11 (2-4pm)	Assessing Conflicts Guest speaker: Dr Adrian Kendry Reading

<http://web.mit.edu/sabrevin/Public/GameTheory/Journal%20of%20Conflict%20Resolution/Economic%20Analysis%20of%20Conflict.pdf>
<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~econpeco/research/pdf/IPA-PostConflictEconomicRecovery.pdf>
<http://www.vox.com/2014/6/12/5802824/how-isis-is-exploiting-the-economy-of-syria-civil-war>

- Thursday July 12**
(10-12) The background to the three case studies
Reading: to be advised
- Monday July 16**
(2-4) The Northern Ireland Case Study
Reading: P Dixon: *The Northern Ireland Peace Process*
<http://fass.kingston.ac.uk/faculty/staff/cv.php?staffnum=345#repository>
J McGarry & B O’Leary: *Explaining Northern Ireland* Chapter 1
- Tuesday July 17**
(10-12) The Cyprus Case Study
Guest Speaker: Dr James Kerr-Lindsay
Reading: *EU Accession & UN Peace Keeping in Cyprus* (Introduction)
V Padakis: *Divided Cyprus* Introduction
- Wednesday July 18**
(10-1) The Kashmir Case Study; first quiz and consideration of paper topics.
Reading: Humra Quraishi: *Kashmir-The Untold Story* (chapter 1)
V Shofield: *Kashmir in Conflict* (preface, chapters 1 & 2)
<http://www.crisisgroup.org/-/media/files/asia/southasia/kashmir3>
BBC Kashmir Profile: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-southasia-1606907kashmircris>
- Thursday July 19**
Walk – details to be given in class
Prof Charlton
- Monday July 23**
(10-1) Workshop looking at other world crises in the light of the three cases

Tuesday July 24
(10-1)

Workshop concentrating on the paper topics; second quiz
Dr Paul Cousins

Wednesday July 25
(10-1)

Workshop and visit to the V & A to examine the cultural aspects.
Dr Carla Rachman

Thursday July 26
(10-1)

Workshop with Dr Djacoba Tehindrazanarivelo linking the work done in Geneva with the work in London.

Friday July 27
(9.30-12,30)

Capstone Seminar

Monday July 30

Free to finalise papers

Tuesday August 1

Hand in papers at Noon

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 *Contemporary Conflict Resolution*
- Davies: J Sandole
(ed): *Handbook of Conflict Analysis and Resolution*
- P Wallensteen: *Understanding Conflict Resolution*
- N Davies: *Europe: A History*
The Isles: A History
- I Budge, I Crewe,
D McKay, & K
Newton: *The New British Politics*
- J Pinder: *The European Union*
- D Anderson *Conflict Resolution: An Introductory Text*
- M Le Baron www.beyondinstability.org/essay/culture_conflict

Cyprus

- C Brenin: *The European Union and Cyprus*
- M Hakki: *The Cyprus Issue: A Documentary History 1878-2006*
- C Hichins: *Hostage to History*
- B O'Malley: *The Cyprus Conspiracy*
- W Mallinson: *Cyprus: A Modern History*
- S Pantelli: *History of Modern Cyprus*
- Y Papadakis: *Divided Cyprus*
- J Ker-Lindsay: *Resolving Cyprus*

Northern Ireland

- D De Beadun: *The Far Side of Reason*
- P Bew & G
Gillespie: *Northern Ireland: A Chronology of the Troubles 1968-1999*
- T Pat Coogan: *The Troubles*

J McGarry & B O'Leary: *Explaining Northern Ireland*
 J McGarry & B O'Leary: *Policy and Politics in Northern Ireland*
 D McKittrick: *Making Sense of the Troubles*
 J McEvry: *The Politics of Northern Ireland*
 M Mulholland: *Northern Ireland: A Very Short Introduction*
 P Dixon: *The Politics of War and Peace*
 P Dixon & E O'Kane: *The British Approach to Counterinsurgency*
 P Dixon & E O'Kane: *Northern Ireland Since 1969*
 P Dixon & E O'Kane: *Will Brexit Reopen Old Wounds with a Hard Border in Northern Ireland?*
 The Observer, 23 April 2017

Kashmir
 T Ali: *Kashmir: The Case for Freedom*
 S Bose: *Kashmir, Roots of Conflict, Paths to Peace*
 C Jaffrelot (ed): *A History of Pakistan and its Origins*
 B & T Metcalf: *A Concise History of India*
 H. Quraishi: *Kashmir, the Untold Story*
 G Rao: *Kashmir in Conflict*
 V Schofield: *R*
 Wirsing: *Legal Aspects of the Kashmir Problem*
 BBC Kashmir Profile: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-southasia-1606907>

International Crisis Group: <http://www.crisisgroup.org/-/media/Files/asia/southasia/kashmir>

Other readings will be advised during the course.

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
 June 2018