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Crisis Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution

Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Study programme Stosunki międzynarodowe (English programme)		Didactic cycle 2023/24	
Speciality brak		Subject code 14SMEGSSS.14S.11326.23	
Organizational unit Faculty of Political Studies and Journalism		Lecture languages English	
Study level First-cycle programme		Course type Obligatory from specialty	
Study form Full-time		Block specialty subjects	
Education profile General academic			
Subject coordinator	Wojciech Nowiak		
Lecturer	Wojciech Nowiak		
Period Semester 3	Activities and hours • Lecture: 15, Graded credit • Classes: 15, Graded credit		Number of ECTS points 2

Goals

Code	Goal
C1	Diplomacy is an instrument used in both peacetime & war. The 21st century has become a period in which local, regional and global conflicts and disputes prevail. The efforts of mankind so far, and institutional solutions applied in earlier periods of history, including the 20th century, have not created effective mechanisms for creating lasting Peace and stabilization. The world after the Cold War did not bring an end to the rivalry between various subjects of international relations. There are an increasing number of security challenges. Traditional wars have replaced hybrid conflicts, global terrorism and cyber threats. Therefore, this academic subject is primarily aimed at building awareness of the need to look at today's world through the prism of security needs and experiences from past eras, conflict resolution activities. By studying and analyzing experiences in this field, course participants should develop their views on the ways of resolving contemporary disputes. It is important to correctly assess them, from the perspective of a scientist, analyst, not a participant in the dispute.
C2	It is very important to know: How do leaders handle international crises? What pressures do leaders experience, and what options are available to them in these intense, foreign policy scenarios? Do the actions leaders take systematically affect the escalation or de-escalation of these crises? In this course, we address these questions by examining how state leaders within major handled international crises? A student should be able to: Explain rational decision-making and how decisions made during crises might deviate from it; Identify some factors that distinguish the crises that escalate to war from those that do not; Describe why decision-makers might prefer war as a means to obtain their foreign policy goals; Evaluate the decision-making process during crises to identify points at which: a) war could have been avoided (and if so, why), b) war could have occurred, but did not (and if not, why not).
C3	Students will know important theories, approaches and concepts in the area of national and international Peace and Conflict Studies. Students will know scientific and political concepts of securing peace, Human Rights and democracy and will be able to compare these with each other. Students will gain the ability to systematically analyze concrete political processes of complex transformation. They will enhance their knowledge on specific conflicts, will be able to categorize and systematize, and gain analytical competences through exemplary studies.

Subject learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Learning outcomes	Examination methods
Knowledge - Student:			
W1	Skillfully diagnoses the basic challenges in the field of conflict resolution, has a basic knowledge of the terms and trends that determine contemporary international relations.	SME_K1_W01, SME_K1_W06	Oral colloquium, Project
W2	Can recognize the importance of an appropriate level of security in the local, regional and global dimension for the functioning of states, business and ordinary people in the 21st century.	SME_K1_W02, SME_K1_W08	Oral colloquium, Project
W3	He has the opportunity to see the role and importance of foreign activities of various kinds as a challenge to global Peace and security.	SME_K1_W01, SME_K1_W11	Oral colloquium, Project
W4	Has the opportunity to recognize the role and importance of the actions of non-state actors in the pursuit of dispute and conflict resolution and a lasting Peace.	SME_K1_W01, SME_K1_W07	Oral colloquium, Project
Skills - Student:			
U1	Has the ability to create a system of good practices in building mechanisms aimed at lasting conflict resolution.	SME_K1_U02, SME_K1_U05	Oral colloquium, Project

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Learning outcomes	Examination methods
Social competences - Student:			
K1	Has the skills and will to build the ability to monitor key challenges in conflict-generating areas based on a review of key sources.	SME_K1_K02, SME_K1_K04	Oral colloquium, Project

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject learning outcomes	Activities
1.	Disputes and conflicts in the history of mankind.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Lecture
2.	The concepts of creating peace.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Lecture
3.	Theories and approaches of peace and conflict studies.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Lecture
4.	Conflict analysis and theories of conflict management.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Lecture
5.	Regional and global order.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Lecture
6.	Global justice.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Lecture
7.	Understanding and transforming conflict.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Lecture
8.	Creating peace.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Classes
9.	Supporting peace.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Classes
10.	Contemporary conflict dynamics.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Classes
11.	Conflict mapping and prevention.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Classes
12.	Peace keeping and conflict resolution in war zones.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Classes
13.	Post-conflict and peace building.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Classes
14.	The role of gender in conflict resolution.	W1, W2, W3, W4, U1, K1	Classes

Additional information

Activities	Teaching and learning methods and activities
Lecture	Conversation lecture
Classes	Problem-based lecture, Discussion, Case study

Activities	Credit conditions
Lecture	Oral colloquium
Classes	Project & oral colloquium

Literature

Obligatory

1. Arai T., Creativity and Conflict Resolution, Routledge 2009.
2. Ramsbotham O. Woodhouse T. & Miall H., Contemporary Conflict Resolution. Fourth Edition, Polity Press 2016.

Optional

1. Barash, David P. Approaches to Peace: A Reader in Peace Studies, Fourth Edition. Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2014.
2. Little A., Enduring Conflict Challenging the Signature of Peace and Democracy, Bloomsbury 2014.

Calculation of ECTS points

Activities	Activity hours*
Lecture	15
Classes	15
Reading the indicated literature	20
Preparation of a multimedia presentation	10
Student workload	Hours 60
Number of ECTS points	ECTS 2

* academic hour = 45 minutes

Efekty uczenia się dla kierunku

Kod	Treść
SME_K1_K02	The graduate is ready to inicjowania oraz określania w pracy zawodowej i działalności publicznej zadań i działań na rzecz środowiska politycznego (w tym środowiska międzynarodowego), a także sposobów i środków ich realizacji
SME_K1_K04	The graduate is ready to wykazywania się przedsiębiorczością, kreatywnością i innowacyjnością w pracy zawodowej i aktywności publicznej w szczególności tej charakterystycznej dla specjalisty z zakresu nauki o stosunkach międzynarodowych
SME_K1_U02	The graduate can dobierać i stosować właściwe metody i narzędzia, w tym nowe technologie, do określania i wykonywania zadań typowych dla działalności zawodowej specjalisty z zakresu nauki o stosunkach międzynarodowych
SME_K1_U05	The graduate can prognozować procesy i zjawiska społeczne (polityczne, prawne, ekonomiczne) z wykorzystaniem standardowych metod i narzędzi właściwych dla nauki o stosunkach międzynarodowych
SME_K1_W01	The graduate knows and understands zasady funkcjonowania człowieka w społeczeństwie, w szczególności jako podmiotu konstytuującego organizacje i instytucje polityczne, również te o charakterze międzynarodowym
SME_K1_W02	The graduate knows and understands w zaawansowanym stopniu różne rodzaje struktur i instytucji społecznych (politycznych, prawnych, ekonomicznych) oraz ich istotne elementy i zasady funkcjonowania w środowisku międzynarodowym
SME_K1_W06	The graduate knows and understands zagadnienia związane z wpływem globalizacji i postępu naukowo-technologicznego na procesy społeczno-polityczne i funkcjonowanie organizacji politycznych, w tym tych o charakterze międzynarodowym
SME_K1_W07	The graduate knows and understands w stopniu zaawansowanym normy i przepisy prawa regulujące funkcjonowanie organizacji i instytucji politycznych (również tych międzynarodowych) oraz sposoby ich stanowienia
SME_K1_W08	The graduate knows and understands fundamentalne dylematy współczesnej cywilizacji i wynikające z nich konsekwencje i wyzwania dla funkcjonowania człowieka w systemie społecznym, ze szczególnym uwzględnieniem systemu politycznego i środowiska międzynarodowego
SME_K1_W11	The graduate knows and understands w stopniu zaawansowanym wyzwania związane z ekonomicznymi, prawnymi i etycznymi uwarunkowaniami działalności zawodowej typowej dla specjalisty z dziedziny nauki o stosunkach międzynarodowych