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Introduction to Peace Studies

Topics of the Course:
Peace Studies is a multidisciplinary field of research which transcends the traditional dichotomies that have dominated the discourse of various academic disciplines. The field is rapidly expanding and an increasing number of colleges and universities are offering programs in Peace Studies. Traditionally, the negative conception of peace had led to the exclusive dominance of International Relations in the analysis of war and peace. However, the positive definition of peace initiated by Johan Galtung has transformed the entire discourse on peace and peacelessness. While the discipline of International Relations remains an important contributor to the field, other disciplines including Sociology, Cultural Studies, Feminist Studies, Anthropology and Ecology have become indispensable for a comprehensive analysis of violence and harmony in human relations. However, the discourse on peace should provide and integrative conceptual and normative approach to both issues of peace studies and peace education. In this course we aim to understand various theories of peace, become familiar with contemporary debates and issues in international politics, and explore the features of an adequate framework and culture for peace building. Thus in addition to class lectures we will watch weekly videos in which various experts offer their thoughts on pertinent issues of our time. Furthermore we would have weekly student presentation sessions.

Course Requirements:
Student's grade for this course is based upon three components;

1. Research Paper: 1/3 of the grade
2. Class Presentation: 1/3 of the grade
3. Integrative paper: 1/3 of the grade

Each student will write a research paper on some issue related to the course. This can also be a sophisticated book review. The paper is due on Monday June 3rd. It should be between 4-6 single spaced pages. In addition, each student will make one class presentation (15 minutes). The topic of presentation can be the same as the topic of the research paper or it can be a different one. Finally each student is required to write an integrative paper (4-6 single spaced pages) which summarizes the basic ideas discussed in the required readings, due on the last day of classes (Wed. June 5th).

Texts:
All readings are online journal articles. You can find all of them by searching jstor at http://www.jsor.org. Use advanced search if necessary.

The following texts, however, are recommended for your further future reading:

Peace, A History of Movements and Ideas (2008), by David Cortright
Modernity and War (1997), by Philip Lawrence
Peace Politics (1993), by Paul Joseph
Retreat from Doomsday (1989), by John Mueller
Debating the Democratic Peace (1996), edited by Michael Brown et al
I and Thou (1970), by Martin Buber
Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice (2002), By Jack Donnelly
Waging Nonviolent Struggle (2005), by Gene Sharp
Sexism and the War System (1985), by Betty Reardon
Are Americans becoming More peaceful? (2007), by Paul Joseph
The Kingdom of God is Within You (1922), by Leo Tolstoy
Critical approaches to International security (2007), by K. M. Fierke
The Nation-State and Violence (1985), by Anthony Giddens
War and Modernity (2003), by Hans Joas
The New and Old Wars (1999), by Mary Kaldor
The Sociology of War and Violence 92010), by Sinisa Malesevic
Theory of the Global State (2000), by Martin Shaw
A Problem from Hell: America in the Age of Genocide (2002), by Samantha Power
Global Civil Society (2003), by Mary Kaldor
Environment, Scarcity, and Violence (1999), by Thomas Homer-Dixon
Triangulating Peace (2001), by Bruce Russet and John Oneal
Identity and Violence, Amartya Sen
The Anatomy of Resource War (2002), by Michael Renner
Ethics and Politics of Humanitarian Intervention (1996), by Stanley Hoffman
The Moral Imagination: The Art and Soul of Building Peace (2005), by John P. Lederach
Peace by Peaceful Means (1996), by Johan Galtung
Introduction to Peace Studies (1991), by David Barash
Building a Global Civic Culture (1988), by Elise Boulding
Social Theory of International Politics (1999), by Alexander Wendt

Schedule of the Classes

Week One: Peace, Modernity, and Social Theory

Mon Apr 1	Lecture
Wed Apr 3	Lecture
Fri Apr 5	Video: Amy Chua: The World on Fire

Weekly Readings:
Peace Studies as Education for Nonviolent Social Change , Kathleen Maas Weigert
Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science > Vol. 504, Peace Studies: Past and Future (Jul., 1989), pp. 37-47

Three Faces of Cruelty: Towards a Comparative Sociology of Violence, Randall Collins
Theory and Society > Vol. 1, No. 4 (Winter, 1974), pp. 415-440

The History of Peace: Concept and Organizations from the Late Middle Ages to the 1870s , Istvan Kende
Journal of Peace Research > Vol. 26, No. 3 (Aug., 1989), pp. 233-247

Week Two: The Realist Theory of War and Peace
Mon Apr 8 Lecture
Wed Apr 10 Video: Faces of the Enemy
Fri Apr 12 Presentations

Weekly Readings:
Back to the Future: Instability in Europe after the Cold War , John J. Mearsheimer
International Security > Vol. 15, No. 1 (Summer, 1990), pp. 5-56

The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory, Kenneth N. Waltz
Journal of Interdisciplinary History > Vol. 18, No. 4, The Origin and Prevention of Major Wars (Spring, 1988), pp. 615-628

Making Threats: Minimal Deterrence, Extended Deterrence and Nuclear Warfighting, Paul Joseph
Sociological Quarterly > Vol. 26, No. 3, Special Feature: The Sociology of Nuclear Threat (Autumn, 1985), pp. 293-310

Week Three: Liberal Theories of Peace
Mon Apr 15 lecture
Wed Apr 17 Video: Niall Ferguson: The War of the World
Fri Apr 19 Presentations

Weekly Readings:
Democracy, Power, Genocide, and Mass Murder, R. J. Rummel
The Journal of Conflict Resolution > Vol. 39, No. 1 (Mar., 1995), pp. 3-26

The Controversy over the Democratic Peace: Rearguard Action or Cracks in the Wall?
Zeev Maoz
International Security > Vol. 22, No. 1 (Summer, 1997), pp. 162-198

Development and the Liberal Peace: What Does It Take to Be a Trading State?
Håvard Hegre
Journal of Peace Research > Vol. 37, No. 1 (Jan., 2000), pp. 5-30

The Effects of Political Similarity on the Onset of Militarized Disputes, 1816-1985 ,
Suzanne Werner
Political Research Quarterly > Vol. 53, No. 2 (Jun., 2000), pp. 343-374

Week Four: Marxist and Structural Theories of Peace
Mon Apr 22 Lecture
Wed Apr 24 Video: A Force More Powerful (1)
Fri Apr 26 Presentations

Weekly Readings:
On the Marxist Theory of War and Peace , Karel Kára
Journal of Peace Research > Vol. 5, No. 1 (1968), pp. 1-27

Cultural Violence , Johan Galtung
Journal of Peace Research > Vol. 27, No. 3 (Aug., 1990), pp. 291-305

The Theory of Hegemonic War, Robert Gilpin
Journal of Interdisciplinary History > Vol. 18, No. 4, The Origin and Prevention of Major Wars (Spring, 1988), pp. 591-613

Week Five: Cultural and Constructivist Theories of Peace
Mon Apr 29 Lecture
Wed May 1 Class Discussion: Religion and Violence
Fri May 3 Presentations

Weekly Readings:
Anarchy is what States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics , Alexander Wendt
International Organization > Vol. 46, No. 2 (Spring, 1992), pp. 391-425

International Institutions: Two Approaches , Robert O. Keohane
International Studies Quarterly > Vol. 32, No. 4 (Dec., 1988), pp. 379-396

Changing Attitudes towards War: The Impact of the First World War , John Mueller
British Journal of Political Science > Vol. 21, No. 1 (Jan., 1991), pp. 1-28

Week Six: Gender Equality and Peace
Wed May 8 Lecture
Fri May 10 Presentations

Weekly Readings:
Gendered Conflict, Mary Caprioli
Journal of Peace Research > Vol. 37, No. 1 (Jan., 2000), pp. 51-68

War, Socialization, and Interpersonal Violence: A Cross-Cultural Study , Carol R. Ember; Melvin Ember
The Journal of Conflict Resolution > Vol. 38, No. 4 (Dec., 1994), pp. 620-646

Week Seven: Globalization, Environment and Peace

Mon May 15 Lecture
Wed May 17 Video: The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo
Fri May 19 No Class
Weekly Readings:
Globalization and the Study of International Security, Victor D. Cha
Journal of Peace Research > Vol. 37, No. 3 (May, 2000), pp. 391-403

Institutionalization in the United Nations General Assembly , Robert O. Keohane
International Organization > Vol. 23, No. 4 (Autumn, 1969), pp. 859-896

Civilizational Conflicts: More Frequent, Longer, and Bloodier? , Andrej Tusicisny
Journal of Peace Research > Vol. 41, No. 4 (Jul., 2004), pp. 485-498

Week Eight: Towards a Culture of Peace
Mon May 20 Video: Amy Chua: The Moment of Empire
Wed May 22 Video: A Force More Powerful (2)
Fri May 24 Lecture
Weekly Readings:

Resolution of Conflict, John W. Burton
International Studies Quarterly > Vol. 16, No. 1 (Mar., 1972), pp. 5-29

Assessing the Basis for a Culture of Peace in Contemporary Societies , Joseph de Rivera
Journal of Peace Research > Vol. 41, No. 5 (Sep., 2004), pp. 531-548

Pathologies of Defense, Kenneth E. Boulding
Journal of Peace Research > Vol. 21, No. 2, Special Issue on Alternative Defense (Jun., 1984), pp. 101-108

Week Nine: Peace in the Middle East
Mon May 27 Lecture
Wed May 29 Video: Robert Pape: Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism
Fri May 31 Presentations

Weekly Readings:
Premodern, Antimodern or Postmodern? Islamic and Western Critiques of Modernity , Roxanne L. Euben
The Review of Politics > Vol. 59, No. 3, Non-Western Political Thought (Summer, 1997), pp. 429-459

Compromising toward Confusion: The 9/11 Commission Report and American Policy in the Middle East, David M. Mednicoff
Contemporary Sociology > Vol. 34, No. 2 (Mar., 2005), pp. 107-115

An Unnecessary War , John J. Mearsheimer; Stephen M. Walt
Foreign Policy > No. 134 (Jan., 2003), pp. 50-59

Week Ten: Review and Conclusion

Mon Jun 3	Group Presentation
Wed Jun 5	Conclusion