SEMESTER VI

POL SE 6014 Conflict and Peace Building

Course Objectives: This course is designed to help build an understanding of a variety of conflict situations among students in a way that they can relate to them through their lived experiences. It's an interdisciplinary course that draws its insights from various branches of social sciences and seeks to provide a lively learning environment for teaching and training students how to bring about political and social transformations at the local, national and international levels. The course encourages the use of new information technologies and innovative ways of understanding these issues by teaching students skills of managing and resolving conflicts and building peace through techniques such as role-play, simulations, street theatre, cinema and music on the one hand and by undertaking field visits, interacting with different segments of the civil society including those affected by conflicts as well as diplomats, journalists and experts, on the other.

I. Conflict and its concepts (6 lectures)
   a. Understanding Conflict
   b. Conflict Resolution and Peace Building

II. Dimensions of Conflict (6 lectures)
   a. Economic/Resource Sharing Conflicts
   b. Socio-Cultural Conflicts (Ethnic, Religious and Gender Based)

III. Conflict Responses: Skills and Techniques I (8 lectures)
   a. Negotiations: Trust Building
   b. Mediation: Skill Building; Active Listening

IV. Conflict Responses: Skills and Techniques II (10 lectures)
   a. Track I, Track II & Multi Track Diplomacy
   b. Gandhian Methods

Modalities for Practical Component: Project Report/Field Study Report on any issues i.e. ethnic/religious/gender based conflict issues, awareness campaign on sustaining peace etc.

Readings:

UNIT I: Conflict and its concepts

O. Ramsbotham, T. Woodhouse and H. Miall, (2011) 'Understanding Contemporary Conflict',in *Contemporary Conflict Resolution*, (Third Edition), Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 94-122.

W. Zartman, (1995) 'Dynamics and Constraints In Negotiations In Internal Conflicts', in William Zartman (ed.), *Elusive Peace: Negotiating an End to Civil Wars,* Washington: The Brookings Institute, pp. 3-29.

C. Mitchell, (2002) 'Beyond Resolution: What Does Conflict Transformation Actually Transform?', in *Peace and Conflict Studies*, 9:1, May, pp.1-23. 16

S. Ryan, (1990) 'Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution', in *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 2:1, pp. 54-71.

J. Lederach, (2003) *The Little Book Of a Conflict Transformation*, London: Good Books.

I. Doucet, (1996) *Thinking About Conflict,* Resource Pack For Conflict Transformation: International Alert.

M. Lund, (2001) 'A Toolbox for Responding to Conflicts and Building Peace', in L. Reychler and T. Paffenholz, eds., *Peace-Building: A Field Guide,* Boulder: Lynne Rienner, pp. 16-20.

L. Schirch, (2004) *The Little Book Of Strategic Peacebuilding*, London: Good Books.

UNIT II: Dimensions of Conflict

R. Rubenstein, (2003) 'Sources', in S. Cheldelin, D. Druckman and L. Fast (eds.) *Conflict: From Analysis to Intervention*, London: Continuum, pp.55-67.

P. Le Billon, (2009) 'Economic and Resource Causes of Conflicts', in J. Bercovitch, V. Kremenyuk and I. Zartman (eds.)*The Sage Hand Book of Conflict Resolution*, London: Sage Publications, pp. 210-224.

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UNIT III: Conflict Responses: Skills and Techniques I

H. Saunders, (1999) *A Public Peace Process: Sustained Dialogue To Transform Racial and Ethnic Conflicts,* Palgrave Macmillan: New York, pp. 1-30.

N. Behera, 'Forging New Solidarities: Non-official Dialogues', in M. Mekenkamp, P. Tongeren and H. Van De Veen (eds.), *Searching For Peace In Central And South Asia*, London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, pp. 210-236.

J Bercovitch, V. Kremenyuk, and I. Zartman (eds.), (2009) *The Sage Hand Book of Conflict Resolution*, London: Sage Publications.

R. Wagner and D. Winter, (eds.), *Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Peace Psychology forthe 21st Century Englewood Cliffs,* New Jersey: Prentice-Hall.

C. Webel and J. Galtung (eds.), (2007) *The Handbook of Peace and Conflict Studies*, London: Routledge.

UNIT IV: Conflict Responses: Skills and Techniques II

H. Burgess and G. Burgess, (2010) *Conducting Track II*, Washington D.C: United States Institute of Peace.

S. Mason and M. Siegfried, (2010) *Debriefing Mediators To Learn Their Experiences*, Washington D.C: United States Institute Of Peace.

I. Zartman and A. De Soto, (2010) *Timing Mediation Initiatives*, Washington D.C: United States Institute of Peace. 17

A. Smith and D. Smock, (2010) *Managing A Mediation Process,* Washington D.C: United States Institute of Peace.

J. Davies and E. Kaufman (eds.), (2003) *Second Track/Citizens' Diplomacy: Concepts and Techniques for Conflict Transformation*, Rowman & Littlefield: Maryland.

J Bercovitch, V. Kremenyuk, and I. Zartman (eds.), (2009) *The Sage Hand Book of Conflict Resolution*, London: Sage Publications. M. Steger , (2001) 'Peace building and Non-Violence: Gandhi's Perspective on Power', in D. Christie, R. Wagner and D. Winter, (eds.), *Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Peace Psychology for the 21st Century Englewood Cliffs,* New Jersey: Prentice-Hall.