

GLOBAL CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND RESOLUTION

CONF 340 001

Spring 2006

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm – 4:10 pm

Robinson Hall, Room B111

Dr. Agnieszka Paczynska

Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Office Hours: Wednesdays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Robinson Hall B, Room 365

or by appointment,

Truland Building, Room 630, Arlington Campus

(703) 993-1364

apaczyns@gmu.edu

Welcome to the course. This course will examine the many meanings of globalization: economic, political, and social and explore how these global transformations are altering conflict dynamics at the international level. The course will explore when and under what conditions globalization processes may promote peace and under what circumstances they may aggravate old conflicts and lead to the emergence of new ones. The course will also explore the different methods of conflict intervention and resolution in international conflicts.

Requirements

Participation: You are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the readings. This means that you should have completed all the assigned readings prior to each class. Because your participation in class activities and discussions is important, your attendance in class is mandatory. Class participation will be worth 10% of your final grade.

Midterm: There will be a take-home mid-term exam. You will answer one out of two questions that I will hand out in class. You will have a week to write the mid-term exam. The questions will be directly related to the issues discussed in class and in the assigned readings. Please write 4 to 5 pages in response to the question. The mid-term will be worth 15% of your final grade. I will hand out the mid-term questions on **March 1**. It will be due on **March 8**.

Team Presentation: You will be a member of one of seven teams. Each team will prepare a class presentation of a case study of an international conflict and approaches to its resolution. Each team will have 45 minutes to present their case study to the class. In your presentation you should provide an overview of the conflict, explain how that conflict was analyzed by the international community and how the international community responded to the conflict. The team presentation will be worth 20% of your final grade. Time will be provided during class meetings throughout the semester for the teams to prepare their presentations.

Case Analysis Paper: In addition to the presentation, each team member will write their own 10 page paper analyzing the case. In your paper, in addition to addressing the issues you will discuss in your presentation, you will also explain how the different theories we have studied in class help you understand the causes of this conflict. You will also assess the effectiveness and appropriateness of the international intervention in this conflict. The case analysis paper will be due on **April 19**. It will be worth 25% of your final grade.

Final Exam: The final exam will cover material from throughout the semester. The exam question will be handed out on **May 3** and will be due on **May 10 at 1:30 pm**. You will answer two out of four questions. Please write three to four double-spaced pages each question (six-eight pages total). **You can either e-mail me your paper or you can leave the paper in my mailbox in Robinson B365.** The final exam will be worth 30% of your final grade.

Make-up exams and extensions of time for assignments will be arranged **ONLY** for documented personal illness or family emergency.

Required Readings

All course readings are accessible through GMU library databases, e-reserves/reserves or through websites indicated on the syllabus. Password for e-reserves will be handed out in class.

Cases for Team Presentations

- 1. International Tribunal in The Hague and the Yugoslav Conflict**
- 2. Darfur Crisis**
- 3. Peacekeeping Operations in Haiti**
- 4. Campaign to Ban Landmines**
- 5. Nigerian Ogoni Movement and international human rights**
- 6. Ban Conflict Diamonds Campaign (Kimberly Process)**
- 7. UN Millennium Development Goals**

Meeting Schedule

January 25 – Introduction

Organization of the course, assignments, and expectations

Film:

February 1 –Globalization and Conflict: Major Themes

Charles O. Lerche III, “The Conflicts of Globalization,” *The International Journal of Peace Studies*, vol. 3, no. 1, January 1998 (<http://www.gmu.edu/academic/ijps/>)

Anthony Giddens. *Runaway World*, chapter “Globalization,” (e-reserves)

Branko Milanovic, “The Two Faces of Globalization: Against Globalization as We Know It,” *World Development*, vol. 31, issue 4, 2003 (e-journals)

“Measuring Globalization,” *Foreign Policy*, May-June 2005 (e-journals)

February 8 - Economic Interdependence and War

Katherine Barbieri, “Economic Interdependence: A Path to Peace or a Source of International Conflict,” *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 33, no. 1, February 1996 (e-journals)

Stephen G. Brooks, “The Globalization of Production and the Changing Benefits of Conquest,” *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, vol. 43, issue 5, October 1999 (e-journals)

Havard Hegre, “Development and the Liberal Peace: What Does it Take to be a Trading State?” *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 37, no. 1, January 2000 (e-journals)

(time reserved for group presentation meetings – about 30 minutes)

February 15 – Globalization and Civil War

Ranveign Gissinger and Nils Petter Gleditsch, “Globalization and Conflict: Welfare, Distribution and Political Unrest,” *Journal of World-Systems Research*, vol. 2, 1999 (<http://jwsr.ucr.edu/index.php>)

Mark Duffield, “Globalization, Transborder Trade, and War Economies,” in Mats Berdal and David Malone, editors. *Greed and Grievance: Economic Agenda's in Civil Wars*. Lynne Rienner, 2000 (e-reserves)

Dena Montague, "Stolen Goods: Coltan and Conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo," *SAIS Review*, vol. 22, no. 1, 2002 (e-journals)

February 22 – Ending Civil Wars

Maybe: Timothy D. Sisk, "Democratization and Peacebuilding: Perils and Promises," in *Turbulent Peace: the Challenges of Managing International Conflict*. Washington, DC: USIP, 2001. (e-reserves)

The World Bank. *Breaking the Conflict Trap*, chapter 6: "An Agenda for International Action."
(http://wdsbeta.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/IW3P/IB/2003/06/30/000094946_0306190405396/additional/310436360_20050007005218.pdf)

Michael W. Doyle, "War Making and Peace Making: The United Nations' Post-Cold War Record," in *Turbulent Peace: the Challenges of Managing International Conflict*. Washington, DC: USIP, 2001. (e-reserves)

(time reserved for group presentation meetings – about 30 minutes)

March 1 – Building Peace

Midterm Handed Out

John Paul Lederach, "Civil Society and Reconciliation," in *Turbulent Peace: the Challenges of Managing International Conflict*. Washington, DC: USIP, 2001. (e-reserves)

Judy Barsalou, "Trauma and Transitional Justice in Divided Societies," United States Institute of Peace Special Report 135, April 2005 (www.usip.org)

Film: Long Nights Journey into Day

March 8 – Globalization, Economic Changes and Social Transformations

Midterm Due

John Walton and Charles Ragin, "Global and National Sources of Political Protest: Third World Responses to the Debt Crisis," *American Sociological Review*, vol. 55, no. 6, December 1990 (e-journals)

Anthony H. Richmond, "Globalization: Implications for Immigrants and Refugees," *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, vol. 25, no. 5, September 2002 (707-727) (e-journals)

Dina Francesca Haynes, "Used, Abused and Deported: Extending Immigration Benefits to Protect the Victims of Trafficking and to Secure the Prosecution of Traffickers," *Human Rights Quarterly*, vol. 26, no. 2, May 2004 (e-journals)

Film: Dying to Leave

March 15: No Class. Have a Great Spring Break

March 22 – New Actors in International Relations

Mary Anderson, "Humanitarian NGOs in Conflict Intervention," in Chester A. Crocker, Fen Osler Hampson, and Pamela Aall, editors. *Turbulent Peace: the Challenges of Managing International Conflict*. Washington, DC: USIP, 2001. (e-reserves)

Alexander Cooley and James Ron, "The NGO Scramble: Organizational Insecurity and the Political Economy of Transnational Action," *International Security*, vol. 27, no. 1, Summer 2002 (e-journals)

Mary Kaldor "The Idea of Global Civil Society," *International Affairs*, vol. 7, no. 93, 2003 (e-journals)

(time reserved for group presentation meetings – about 30 minutes)

March 29: New Actors in International Relations

Phil Williams, "Transnational Criminal Enterprises, Conflict, and Instability," in *Turbulent Peace: the Challenges of Managing International Conflict*. Washington, DC: USIP, 2001. (e-reserves)

Moises Naim, "The Five Wars of Globalization," *Foreign Policy*, January-February 2003 (e-journals)

Audrey Kurth Cronin, "Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism," *International Security*, vol. 27, no. 3, Winter 2002/03 (e-journals)

(http://www.icg.org/library/documents/report_archive/A400495_26112001-2.pdf)

(time reserved for group presentation meetings – about 30 minutes)

April 5 – Group Presentations

April 12 – Group Presentations

April 19

Case Study Analysis Paper Due

Lecture by Dr. Nadim Rouhana

April 26 – Designing Rules of Globalization

Karen J. Alter, “Resolving or Exacerbating Disputes? The WTO’s New Dispute Resolution System,” *International Affairs*, vol. 79, July 2003 (e-journals)

Jan Aart Scholte, *Democratizing the Global Economy: The Role of Civil Society*, 2004; chapter 2, “Democratic Deficits in the Contemporary Global Economy” (www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/csgr/research/projects/englishreport.pdf/)

Kemal Dervis with Ceren Ozer. *A Better Globalization: Legitimacy, Governance, and Reform*. Washington, DC: Center for Global Development, 2005. Chapter 4, “Global Economic Governance and a New UN Economic and Social Security Council,” (http://www.cgdev.org/doc/books/better_globalization/chapter4.pdf)

May 3 – Summing Up

Final exam handed out

World Commission on the Social Dimensions of Globalization. *A Fair Globalization: Creating Opportunities for All*. Geneva: International Labor Organization, 2004, pp 3-51. (<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/wcsdg/>)

Branko Milanovic, “Why Did the Poorest Countries Fail to Catch Up?” *Carnegie Papers*, no. 62, November 2005 (<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/files/CP62.Milanovic.FINAL.pdf>)

Final Exam Due May 10 at 1:30 pm.