

Politics of Conflict (K001349)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings in academic year 2024-2025

A (semester 1)

English

Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025

Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences(main subject Political Science)

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offering

5

A

Master of Science in Political Science(main subject International Politics)

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A

Master of Arts in Global Studies

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Master of Arts in Global Studies

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Master of Science in Conflict and Development Studies

5

A

Exchange Programme in Political and Social Sciences

5

A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Conflict, Democracy, Violence, Politics, Political Philosophy, Genocide,
Authoritarianism, Colonialism

Position of the course

This course is a core course of the program, offering advanced knowledge of key issues of conflict and violence from a political perspective. Together with Politics of Development the course offers a broad theoretical framework to which other, more specialized courses in the program are able to refer to. Students critically apply and interiorize the frameworks taught in this course in the parallel course 'Seminars in Conflict and Development' through more activating teaching methods.

Contents

The course offers an introduction to different theories discussing the interaction between conflict, democracy, violence and politics. More specifically, the following debates are, amongst others, being tackled in an extensive manner: 1) the nature of violence and the relationship between violence and politics, 2) the role played by violence and conflict in modernity and (post-) colonialism; 3) deliberative versus agonistic democracy and politics, 4) the structure-agency debate when analyzing different forms of violence and violence, 5) the role of violence and conflict in theories of democracy and liberalism.

Initial competences

This course cannot be followed as a separate course or an elective; unless the course is explicitly mentioned as a possible elective in your program.

Final competences

- 1 To gain basic insight on different theories concerning the interaction between conflict, democracy, violence, space and politics. (M.1.1, M.1.2)
- 2 To be able to relate and assess these different theories against each other. (M.1.1, M.3.3)
- 3 To be able to formulate a personal and critical assessment of these theories, hereby indicating their added value and deficiencies. (M.3.2)

- 4 To apply and rework these theories, based on concrete cases of conflict and violence or a specific problem statement. (M.1.6)
- 5 To be able to historically situate major thinkers and schools in debates about politics, violence, democracy and conflict (M.1.1, M.1.4)

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

The course consists of lectures/hoorcollege. These classes are complemented with reading questions that allow students to prepare for the classes (independent work). Zelfstanding werk/independent learning will be crucial to prepare for the written exam which will test the competences for this course

Study material

Type: Reader

Name: Reader

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : English

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : Yes

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

References

All references for this course can be found online at the Ufora site of this course

Course content-related study coaching

Q&A during classes.

Interactive counselling through UFORA.

Individual consulting-hours on demand.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Written assessment with open-ended questions

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

The written exam (20 points) tests whether the students have acquired the basic learning outcomes as specified above.

Calculation of the examination mark

The final mark is based on written exam (20 points)

Facilities for Working Students

Possibility to take the written exam at a different time in the academic year after consultation with the lecturer-in-charge.

Possibility to make an appointment for feedback during and after office hours after consultation with the lecturer-in-charge.

