



COURSE SYLLABUS

Conflict Transformation, International Work, 7,5 credits

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Course Code: LCTR10

Education Cycle: Basic level

Confirmed by: Jan 7, 2010

Disciplinary domain: Social sciences

Version: 1

Subject group: FU1

Specialised in: G2F

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

Upon completion of this course the student should have developed

- Basic knowledge of conflict transformation and the difference between conflict resolution, conflict management and conflict transformation
- Knowledge to understand the issue of conflict and how it impinges at a personal, group and societal level
- Knowledge of theories about the causes of conflict and skills to analyze conflict situations
- Awareness of conflict in developing countries and development work in general
- Awareness of how belief systems arise and how the interplay of emotions and conflict can escalate and affect conflict situations
- Understanding of interventions in conflict situations and how these may move to conflict transformation
- Understanding of how trauma relates to intervention in crisis conflict situations

Contents

- Cultural aspects of conflict, violence and war
- Conflict analysis and theories of causes of conflict
- Case studies of conflict transformation in development countries
- The development of attitudes, beliefs and behaviors relating to conflict
- Strategies for addressing conflict, interventions in conflict situations and how to evaluate this work
- Dealing with trauma and crisis situations

Type of instruction

Lectures, seminars, project work and Problem Based Learning with facilitation.

Prerequisites

Approved courses within Global Studies of at least 45 credits and completed courses Project and Projectmanaging in International work, 15 credits, Work Placement, 7,5 credits and Communication perspectives, 7,5 credits (or the equivalent)

Examination and grades

The course is graded Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Grading is based on overall judgments of students result. Approved written paper, made in pairs, based on active participation in workshops and lectures are needed for a pass degree.

Registration of examination:

| Name of the Test | Value | Grading |
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| Examination | 7.5 credits | U/G/VG |

Course evaluation

There will be continual assessment during the course. A written evaluation of the entire course upon completion is required.

Other information

The aim of this course is to raise the awareness of how conflict transformation influences and affects work with people, in particular work in international development. The course encourages students to analyze conflict areas as it occurs in interpersonal and general society processes. The course will explore conflict at a personal, group and societal level. The course will provide an understanding of conflict transformation and how conflict transformation methodology can influence conflict situations. It gives an introduction to working with trauma in crisis conflict situations.

Course literature

Compulsory literature

Douglas, T. (2001): *A theory of groupwork practice*. Basingstroke: Macmillan

Fisher, Simon; Abdi, Dekha Ibrahim; Ludin, Jawed; Smith, Richard; Williams, Steve;

Williams, Sue (2000): *Working with conflict: Skills and strategies and for action*. New York: Zed Books, 180 pages

Herman, Judith Lewis (2001): *Trauma and recovery*. New York. Pandora, 214 pages

Lederach, John Paul (2005): *The moral imagination: The art and soul of building peace*. New York: Oxford University Press, 216 pages

Lederach, John Paul (1997): *Building peace: Sustainable reconciliation in divided societies*. Washington DC: United States Institute of Peace Press, 180 pages

Articles and websites

Other literature related to the students own project will be chosen in agreement with the course leader.