

Crisis Management and Conflict Analysis (Bachelor Year 3 / Spring)

**Bachelor in Social Sciences / Faculty of Social Sciences,
Economics and Law**

Introduction

International conflicts are among the most extremely perplexing phenomena within the international system. Understanding conflict necessitates varied, in-depth historical, economic, political and social approaches to identify the causes and resolution of conflict. This course seeks to introduce students to the art and science of Conflict Analysis, equipping students with the analytical frameworks and practical tools needed to dissect and understand conflicts at various levels. Students will examine the underlying causes of conflicts, including the role of physical and ontological insecurity, historical grievances, identity-based divisions and psychological traits. Special attention will be given to the dynamics of conflict escalation and de-escalation, the role of spoilers and misperceptions that undermine peace efforts and produce recurring ruptures. We will also explore the role and influence of external actors in conflict who seek to defend national interests or extend influence.

Objectives

By the end of this course students will be able to:

- develop a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical frameworks and practical tools used to analyze conflicts;
- examine how insecurity, historical, political, economic and social factors can contribute to the causes of conflicts and their resolution;
- explore the processes and phases of conflict escalation and de-escalation and the role of spoilers;
- assess the motivations and impact of external actors in shaping conflict dynamics;
- developed a good grasp on the conflict analysis methodology and be able to apply it within case studies and to different scenarios;
- explore strategies and methods for addressing the root causes of conflicts, reconciliation and promoting sustainable peace through innovative approaches.

Duration

1 semester

Teaching languages

- English

Conditions of submission

If you need more information about this course, kindly send an email to: incomingdri@icp.fr

Admission

Prerequisite

Prerequisites training

N/A

Program

Methods of Instruction

Students are encouraged to participate in class discussions and ask questions that directly relate to the case study that they have chosen. All course content is located on the ICP Moodle (formation.icp.fr). The course will be taught entirely in English (teaching, articles, videos, Powerpoint, etc.). The course content will address questions related to methodology, theory, techniques related to conflict analysis, and case study analysis.

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