

International Conflict A

Module Code:

Module Name: International Conflict A 2025-26

- **ECTS Weighting:** 5
 - **Semester/Term Taught:** Semester 1
 - **Contact Hours:** 2 hours seminar
 - **Module Personnel:** Lecturer - Dr Ross Gildea
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Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical perspectives, historical development, and contemporary dynamics of international conflict. They will be equipped to critically examine existing explanatory frameworks and to apply their knowledge to real-world cases.

Module Learning Aims

By completing the course, students will:

- Gain a firm understanding of theoretical perspectives on the causes and dynamics of interstate and intrastate conflicts.
 - Learn about the origin and development of conflicts, as well as the roles of contemporary actors and dynamics.
 - Be well-positioned to critically examine existing frameworks that aim to explain the onset of war, as well as develop their own perspectives.
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Module Content

This course provides a graduate-level introduction to the study of international conflict in political sciences. During the module, students will gain a firm understanding of theoretical perspectives on the causes and dynamics of international conflicts. Students will learn about the origin and development of conflict, before focusing on contemporary actors and dynamics. Students will be asked to critically examine existing frameworks which aim to account for interstate and intrastate conflicts across different levels of analysis, as well to apply what they have learned to real-world cases.

Recommended Reading List

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Assessment Details

Participation (20%)

Presentation (10%)

Short Assignment (20%)

Final Assignment (50%)