This module aims to introduce students to some key analyses of the generic causes of conflict in human relationships. Specific attention is then turned to the causes of conflict in international politics. The module ends with a series of case studies analysing the circumstances in which conflict in international contexts can be addressed and, sometimes, successfully resolved.

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

- Identify some of the underlying causes of conflict
- Examine issues around power in conflict
- Discuss the potential for the pacific settlement of conflicts
- Reflect on the theories and processes of conflict resolution – in a domestic and global framework

ECTS Value: 15 credits

Web-based sources for this module are on TCD Blackboard.

Assessment is based on attendance/participation (5%), presentation (15%) and essay (80%)

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Module EM7604

Aspects and Dynamics of Conflict Mediation

Semester 1 - September-December 2021 - Tuesday, 7-10pm

This module focuses on the acquisition of conflict resolution skills with a particular focus on mediation. The central ideas behind mediation will be introduced as well as different models. Practical mediation skills focusing on facilitative and transformative mediation models will be introduced and practiced with reference to workplace and community contexts.

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

- Identify models of mediation and the principles that underpin them.
- Comprehend the transformative and facilitative models of mediation
- Demonstrate basic mediation skills
- Relate conflict analysis theories to resolving conflicts

ECTS value: 15 credits

Web based sources for this module can be found on TCD’s Blackboard.

Module coordinator – Penny McRedmond – pmcredmo@tcd.ie
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Module - EM7606

Theories and Processes of Conflict Resolution

Semester 2 - Jan-Feb 2022 - Thursday 7-10pm

This six-week module gives students an overview of a range of different approaches to conflict resolution in the context of international political conflicts. The predominant ‘liberal peacebuilding approach’ used by the international community since the 1990s is explored and critiqued. The importance of taking issue of gender or religious identity into account when trying to build peace is also considered.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

- Understand the concept of peacebuilding and engage in critical discussion of international peacebuilding approaches
- Integrate analysis of gender and religious identities into approaches to building peace
- Gain critical knowledge of mediation processes in the international sphere
- Analyse the role of different ‘tracks’ in international conflict resolution
- Present persuasive written work with analytic arguments based on evidence, reading and reason

ECTS Value: 10

Assessment - a 3000-word essay on a conflict resolution topic.

Additional Material for the Module is on TCD Blackboard.

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EM7603

Processes and Skills for Moving Beyond Conflict

Semester 2 (Jan-April 2022)
NB 4 Tuesdays (7pm-10pm) and 4 Saturdays (9.30am-5pm)

This module focuses on the acquisition of conflict resolution skills, with particular focus on facilitative mediation. The theory behind this method of ADR will be examined and there will be opportunities to acquire and practice skills. The term ends with the conducting of mediations over a weekend workshop.

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

• Discuss the differences between prevailing processes of remedy and redress
• Analyse the relationship between mediation, justice and legal redress
• Acquire the skills necessary to conduct each stage of a facilitative mediation
• Conduct a facilitative mediation
• Undertake filmed role plays for TCD and MII assessment purposes

ECTS: 15 credits

Please Note: This module runs over four Saturdays and four Tuesday evenings
Additional Material will be available on blackboard.


Assessment is by submission of a 4000 word reflective learning log in August 2020
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EM7605

Models of Alternative Dispute Resolution
Semester 2 - March-April 2022 - Thursday 7-10pm

This module focuses on introducing students to the spectrum of Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms, complementing the emphasis on mediation as ADR in the CDRS programme. The module covers ADR theory and then particular emphasis on Restorative Justice, Ombudsmanship and Arbitration as cases of ADR in practice.

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

• Understand the theoretical bases of Alternative Dispute Resolution
• Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a range of ADR approaches
• Acquire knowledge of Restorative Justice, Ombudsmanship and Arbitration

ECTS: 5 credits

Additional Material will be available on blackboard.

Assessment is by seminar report

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