Module 1: EM7600

UNDERSTANDING CONFLICT

Semester 1, Thursday, 7pm-10pm

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

Core Texts


EM7601

Aspects and Dynamics of Conflict and Mediation

Semester 1 - September-December 2018 - Tuesday, 7-10

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 transformative and facilitative mediation models will be introduced and practiced with reference to workplace and legal 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

Core Text:

PG Diploma in Conflict and Dispute Resolution Studies

EM7602

Theories and Processes of Conflict Resolution

Semester 2 (Jan-April 2016): Thursdays 7-10pm

This module gives students an overview of a range of different approaches to conflict and dispute resolution. Different approaches to peacebuilding in relation to international political conflicts are explored, as well as particular processes such as restorative justice, arbitration and ombudsman schemes.

Learning Outcomes

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

- Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of Alternative Dispute Resolution processes
- Understand the concept of peacebuilding and the role of civil society participation and gender analyses in peace making
- Demonstrate knowledge of arbitration as a form of ADR
- Analyse the role of different approaches to leadership in conflict resolution
- Present persuasive written work with analytic arguments based on evidence, reading and reason

ECTS Value: 15

Additional Material for the Module is on TCD Blackboard.

Core Text:

Conflict and Dispute Resolution Studies

EM7603

Processes and Skills for Moving Beyond Conflict

Semester 2 (Jan-April 2018)
NB Saturdays (9am-4pm) and Tuesdays (7pm-10pm)

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 Tuesday evenings

Core text