

COURSE MODULE FOR POWERS PROJECT

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Regional and national security: stability&conflict potential

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1. Three “W” of modern conflicts: Who, with What means and What for?
2. Ethnic conflicts in the 21st century
3. Modern conflict resolution tools
4. Transnational threats of the global and regional security
5. International law and the use of force
6. Contemporary armed conflicts and peacebuilding

Course objective

to consider the specifics of conflicts in the 21st century; to give an idea of modern practical approaches to conflicts and problems of their resolution, as well as the role of law, states, governmental and non-governmental organizations in this process.

At the end of the course the learner is expected:

1. to analyze the political content of the international conflict, the real interests and goals of its participants;
2. to understand the principles of international conflict management and the rule of law;
3. to be able to critically interpret the experience of practical use of international conflict basic methods;
4. to be able to analyze the factors that lead to the escalation of conflicts and its conversion into the armed confrontation

Learning and teaching strategies

Cooperative learning

Questioning sessions allowed during the classroom time

Open discussion

Group work

Case studies

Students are expected to participate in class discussions

Students are free to ask questions any time of the class

Students are free to express their own opinion

References/ materials

1. J. Nye at TED talks. Global power shifts. - https://www.ted.com/talks/joseph_nye_on_global_power_shifts
2. Approaches to solving territorial conflicts. The Carter center. - https://www.cartercenter.org/resources/pdfs/news/peace_publications/conflict_resolution/solving_territorial_conflicts.pdf
3. Paradoxes of war. Coursera course. - <https://www.coursera.org/learn/war>