# -Syllabus-

# PSY 300 Conflict Analysis and Resolution

## Semester : 2020-2021 Spring

## Type of Course: CONF

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Class hours: 3 (the aim is 1 hour synchronous and 2 hours asynchronous, but up to change depending on the situation)

**Course description**

This course provides students with an introduction to various processes of conflict across various intergroup contexts, looking at the different constructs such as prejudice, discrimination, hate crimes and communal violence and exploring both the causes of such intergroup conflict as well as potential avenues for intergroup reconciliation and conflict resolution. It focuses primarily on social psychological processes, as well as more macro-level mechanisms to understand intergroup conflict, including various strategies to reduce intergroup tension and conflict.

**Grading:**

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| A  | 90-100  |
| A-  | 85-89.99  |
| B+  | 80-84.99  |
| B  | 75-79.99  |
| B-  | 70-74.99  |
| C+  | 65-69.99  |
| C  | 60-64.99  |
| C-  | 55-59.99  |
| D+  | 50-54.99  |
| D  | 45-49.99  |
| F  | 0-44.99  |

**Grades**

The breakup of grades is as follows:

Midterm 35%

Final exam 40%

Classroom presentation 25%

**Course Schedule**

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| **Week** | **Topic** |
| 1 | Introduction: What is conflict? |
| 2 | Bases of intergroup conflict I |
| 3 | Bases of intergroup conflict II |
| 4 | Ideologies and structural bases of conflict |
| 5 | Theories of conflict |
| 6 | Conflict stages: escalation and de-escalation |
| 7 | Discussion week |
| 8 | Conflict prevention |
| 9 | Social psychological interventions I |
| 10 | Social psychological interventions II |
| 11 | Peace building and post-conflict |
| 12 | - |
| 13 | Classroom presentation |
| 14 | Classroom presentation |

\*\*Additional readings and materials will be communicated to students when necessary (e.g., online resources and/or materials distributed in class).

\*\*\*Lecture slides will be available for students after each lecture.

\*\*\*Look for announcement for Midterm and Classroom presentations. Classroom presentation (in groups of 2 or 3) involves the analysis of a specific intergroup conflict case.

\*\*\*Course content, requirements and policies are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

\*\*\*Essential reading list and materials will be uploaded.

**Research Participation (up to 3 bonus points = 6 research points)**

Students can optionally serve as participants in research that is run by Sabanci University researchers. By participating in research, you can get extra points. For this course, you will be able to earn up to 3 bonus points (1 research point equals ~ 30 minutes of research participation). Six research points (6PRs) will be converted to 3 bonus points added to your overall total at the end of the semester. More information on the available research projects will be provided during the semester. You will be able to sign up for the experiments and get your research participation points through the online Sona system at http://sabanciuniv.sona-systems.com. Please, carefully read the Guide for Students: Sabancı University Experiment Credits System (Sona).