# -Syllabus-

# PSY 300 Conflict Analysis and Resolution

## Semester : 2021-2022 Spring

## Type of Course: CONF

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Class hours: 3 (hybrid; Wednesday 10.40-12.30 in class; Thursday 14.40-15.30 online)

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**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, collective victimization, 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/Exams**

The breakup of grades is as follows:

Midterm (in class, open-ended questions + multiple choice) 35%

Final exam (take-home, essay type) 40%

Classroom presentation (groups of 2/3, conflict anal. in a setting of your choice) 25%

**Attendance**

Attendance and participation are strongly encouraged. If you attend online, you need to turn on your camera and be ready to attend the class.

Consistently attending classes and **participating** in discussions will be added to your overall grade as bonus points (0 pts for no attendance/participation; 1 pt for 50-60% attendance/participation; 2 pts for 90-100% attendance/participation).

**Course Schedule**

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| **Week** | **Dates** | **Topic** |
| 1 | 2nd-3rd March  | Introduction: What is conflict? |
| 2 | 9th-10th March | Bases of intergroup conflict I (Social identities) |
| 3 | 16th-17th March | Bases of intergroup conflict II (Threat perception) |
| 4 | 23rd-24th March  | Ideologies and structural bases of conflict |
| 5 | 30th-31st March | Diversity and Ethos of conflict |
| 6 | 6th-7th April | Collective victimhood |
| 7 | 13th-14th April | Exam Week |
| 8 | 20th-21st April | Theories of conflict |
| 9 | 27th-28th April | Social psychological interventions I |
|  | 4th-5th May  | Spring break |
| 10 | 11th-12th May | Social psychological interventions II |
| 11 | 18th May | Discussion week |
| 12 | 25th-26th May | Classroom presentation |
| 13 | 1st-2nd June | Classroom presentation |
| 14 | 8th-9th June | Peace building and post-conflict |

\*\*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 announcements 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).