# -Syllabus-

# CONF 300 Conflict Analysis and Resolution

## Semester : 2022-2023 Spring

## Type of Course: CONF

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Office hours: Friday 09.00-10.00 (online and only by email)

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Class hours: 3 (in class, online, synchronous)

Monday 10.40-11.30 FASS 1079

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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 (online take-home, open-ended questions) 35%

Final exam (in class, mixed format) 40%

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

**Attendance**

Attendance and participation are strongly encouraged.

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 | 27th Feb-1st Mar | Introduction: What is conflict? |
| 2 | 6th-8th Mar | Bases of intergroup conflict I (Social identities) |
| 3 | 13th-15th Mar | Bases of intergroup conflict II (Threat perception) |
| 4 | 20th-22nd Mar  | Ideologies and structural bases of conflict |
| 5 | 27th-29th Mar | Diversity and Ethos of conflict |
| 6 | 3rd-5th Apr | Collective victimhood |
| 7 | 10th-12th Apr | Exam Week |
| 8 | 17th-19th Apr | Theories of conflict |
| 9 | 24th-26th Apr | Social psychological interventions I |
| 10 | 1st-3rd May | Social psychological interventions II |
| 11 | 8th-10th May | Discussion week |
| 12 | 15th-17th May | Classroom presentation |
| 13 | 22nd-24th May | Classroom presentation |
| 14 | 29th-31st May | 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.

**\*\*\*We may have to revise the course plan according to the reassessment to be made country-wide, regarding higher education, at the beginning of April. The content to be delivered is certain but the method of course delivery, the number and dates of exams, and some other details are subject to change.**

**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).