

COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
TPVN300 7	c	6			

Course type (compulsory or optional)	compulsory
Course level (study cycle)	undergraduate
Semester the course is delivered	spring
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	face-to-face

Course title in Lithuanian

KONFLIKTŲ SPRENDIMAS BESIVYSTANČIOSE VALSTYBĖSE

Course title in English

CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Short course annotation in Lithuanian (up to 500 characters)

Kursas skirtas pagilinti studentų turimas vystymo studijų pagrindų disciplinos žinias, susipažinti su konfliktų sprendimų ir jų tyrimų sritimis, ugdyti studentų gebėjimus identifikuoti pagrindinius šiuolaikinių konfliktų bruožus, pritaikyti konfliktų sprendimo modelius, kritiškai ir analitiškai vertinti konfliktus, suvokti pagrindines konfliktų sprendimų teorijas ir jų taikymą, tarptautinių organizacijų, nevyriausybinų organizacijų ir valstybių indėlį sprendžiant konfliktus. Kurso metu studentai susipažins tiek su teorine medžiaga, tiek ir praktiškai gilinsis į konfliktų sprendimo metodologiją įvairiais lygmenimis.

Short course annotation in English (up to 500 characters)

The aim of the course is to strengthen the students' understanding of international conflict management by increasing in-depth knowledge of the history, philosophy, institutions, mechanisms, functions, policies and current activities of concerned international organizations, NGO and state actors. A heavy emphasis will be placed on NATO, EU, OSCE, UN, Non-governmental organizations and state actors' role in conflict management. This course will seek a disciplined review of conflict management mechanisms, applying them to the current conflicts. It asks why and in what forms the actors are involved in crisis management; furthermore, it compares and evaluates the nature and patterns of international crisis in political settings, from the level of the state through the global system.

Prerequisites for entering the course

International Relations and Governance

Course aim

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Links between study programme outcomes, course outcomes and criteria of learning achievement evaluation

Study programme outcomes	Course outcomes	Criteria of learning achievement evaluation
Consider the practical tasks and problems of developing country and regional policies, suggesting ways they may be resolved in local and international contexts	Understand the main international security organizations, their influence in international system and decision making mechanism, as well as role of state and NGO's in conflict management.	To identify the main international security organizations, and explain the role and influence of state and NGOs in international system, decision making mechanism and conflict management.
	Understand methodological knowledge of conflict research, apply methods in conflict management	To explain the use of methods in conflict research.
	Apply theoretical knowledge on conflict management in the analysis of international security, state security policy and conflict regulation	Application of theoretical knowledge into practice when analyzing international security, state security policy and conflict regulation.
	Provide rational approaches towards conflict resolution and compare them.	To suggest the best ways for conflict resolution.
	Critically perceive various problems and causes stemming from international conflict, foresee possible implications for national, regional and international security.	Critically evaluate problems and causes stemming from international conflict, foresee possible implications for national, regional and international security.

Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
Understand the main international security organizations, their influence in international system and decision making mechanism, as well as role of state and NGO's in conflict management.	NATO, EU, UN and OSCE activities in conflict management. Decision making process in conflict management. State response to crises. The role of NGOs in conflict management.
Understand methodological knowledge of conflict research, apply methods in conflict management	Review of conflict management methods and its estimation, the practical use of the methods in conflict resolution
Apply theoretical knowledge on conflict management in the analysis of international security, state security policy and conflict regulation	Conflict management theories, international relations theories and its approaches towards conflict resolution, review of researches
Provide rational approaches towards conflict resolution and compare them.	Case studies and comparative methodology (the cases of Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, former USSR, Yugoslavia)
Critically perceive various problems and causes stemming from international conflict, foresee possible	Definition of international conflict, its classification and features. Current international system, various conflicts and characteristics. Conflict stages and implication on

implications for national, regional and international security.	regional, national and global level. National, regional and global response to international conflict.
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Study (teaching and learning) methods

Classes, seminars, discussions, case study, analysis, comparative analysis, presentations, study-movies, individual tasks, consultations with professor, group work.

Methods of learning achievement assessment

Media monitoring.

Presentations in seminars.

Exam.

Distribution of workload for students (contact and independent work hours)

Lectures – 30 hours, seminars – 15 hours, group work – 15 hours, paper work – 40 hours, individual work – 60 hours.

Total: 160 hours

Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

1. Media monitoring (10%)
2. Mid-term (20%)
3. Participation in the class discussion, tasks accomplishment in seminars (20%)
4. Exam (50%)

Recommended reference materials

No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries
<i>Basic materials</i>						
1.	2008	Joseph S., Nye, Understanding International Conflicts: An Introduction to Theory and History.	Longman	1	1	
2.	2005	Krahmann Elke, New Threats and New Actors in International Security.	Palgrave Macmillan	1		
3.	2007	Stetter Stephen, Territorial Conflict in World Society. Modern Systems Theory, International Relations and Conflict Studies.	Routledge		1	
4.	2006	Kaldor Mary, New and Old Wars (2 nd ed.).	Polity, Cambridge		1	
5.	2006	Kinsey Christopher, Corporate Soldiers and International Security.	Routledge		1	

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