**UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Conflict in Kashmir and Palestine (IR432)**

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**Introduction**

Idea of this course is to study the conflicts in Kashmir and Palestine in the context of peace and conflict. There are various political, diplomatic, cultural, and historical aspects of both these conflicts which can be studied through the lens of IR theories. Later part of the course will include the evolution of these conflicts and the present situation. By the end of the semester students will be able to have an understanding of Kashmir and Palestine conflicts and will be able to think in terms of their resolution.

**Teaching Method:**

The class will be divided into two sessions; interactive lecture and reading based tasks. Interactive lectures will usually begin with a starter activity that invites thinking. Lectures will cover important points of a topic in shape of a series of questions / discussion points. In the second session participants will be assigned reading based tasks, they will summarize and discuss main points of the topic. Questions, debate and discussions are strongly encouraged in the class. The classroom will maintain a spirit of open ended conversation, respect for diversity of opinion and collaborative learning. The resource person shall take on the role of a facilitator in learning rather than that of a traditional instructor. Hence, the purpose of teaching in this course is not just to throw information at you but to train you to think and reflect critically.

**Learning Method**

Throughout the course you are expected to rigorously indulge in the circular process of learning that may involve the following tasks;

* Collect/ Access Information
* Read and Reflect (a lot of reading, skim reading, critical reading)
* Summarize main ideas, identify themes
* Maintain a note book / file – keep a systematic record of your reading, reflections/ ideas/ suggestions
* Evaluate multiple perspectives on a given issue
* Collect and organize ideas, methods, findings, your thoughts
* Select, Discard, Organize Information
* Develop your own perspective
* Write and Review
* Present

Also please note that ‘unlearning’ is an essential part of the learning process. You should be willing to embrace new ideas and consider fresh perspectives. Moreover, always be very honest with your academic pursuits and be willing to say ‘I don’t know’ whenever needed. I am in it with you. I expect a very open but responsible conversation in the class.

**Evaluation/ Grading**

Final 40%

Mid-term 25%

Quizzes 15%

Research Assignments/Presentations 15%

Attendance/Class Participation 5%

**Weekly Schedule**

**Note: Selected Readings are essential readings to be read, summarized and reflected upon each week.**

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| **Week 1, 2 and 3**  Introduction  The Idea of Peace – students’ visions of peace collected  Course Outline Discussed  Negative and Positive Peace, Types of Peace Literature  Peace in International Relations  Liberal and Realist Perspectives on Peace  **Selected Readings**   * Jackson, Richard, Georg Sørensen, and Jørgen Møller. *Introduction to international relations: theories and approaches*. Oxford University Press, USA, 2019.   ( Soft form – Chapter 2 - Focus on First Debate in IR)    **Selected Readings:**   * ‘Shaping a vision: The nature of Peace Studies’, Conrad G. Brunk In *Peace and Conflict Studies: A Reader*, Edited by Charles P. Webel and Jorgen Johansen.2012   ( Available in hard form)   * Peace Terms: Glossary of Terms for Conflict Management and Peacebuilding, USIP pdf. |
| **Week 4 and 5**  Peace Studies, Security Studies and Conflict Resolution; Convergences and Divergences  ***A Brief Historical Sketch***: The connection between context and ideas  Emergence of Peace Studies / Conflict Resolution as a critical/ alternative perspective to mainstream IR in 1960s  **Selected Readings:**   * Peace and Security: Two Evolving Concepts and Their Changing Relationship   Ole Wæver in *Globalization and Environmental Challenges , p 99*  ( Available in soft form) |
| **Week 6 and 7**  Kashmir Conflict and Pakistan’s national security approach  **Selected Readings**  **Chapter 4**  The long shadow of Pakistan’s military-centered national security approach: The case of the Kashmir dispute 1989-2001  **Book**  Pakistan’s National Security Approach and Post-Cold War Security  Uneasy Co-existence  By [Arshad Ali](https://www.routledge.com/search?author=Arshad%20Ali) |
| **Week 9 and 10**  Peace and Conflict and the case of Kashmir  **Selected Readings**  Bose, Sumantra. “Kashmir: Sources of Conflict, Dimensions of Peace.” *Economic and Political Weekly* 34, no. 13 (1999): 762–68. http://www.jstor.org/stable/4407796.  Post 2000 peace process and out of the box solution in the changed global political environment  **Selected Readings**  **Chapter 3.** India: ‘A Road Less Travelled’  **Chapter 4**. Interrupted Symphony: Contours of Backchannel Settlement on Kashmir  **Book**  **Neither a Hawk Nor a Dove**  An Insider's Account of Pakistan's Foreign Relations Including Details of the Kashmir Framework  By Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri |
| **Week 11**  Peace and the case of Palestine  **Selected Readings**  Galtung, Johan. “Conflict Theory and the Palestine Problem.” *Journal of Palestine Studies* 2, no. 1 (1972): 34–63. https://doi.org/10.2307/2535972. |
| **Week 12**  Conflict in Palestine: Background  **Selected Readings**  **Chapter 1**  Introduction **Middle East Politics and International Relations Crisis Zone** By [Shahram Akbarzadeh](https://www.routledge.com/search?author=Shahram%20Akbarzadeh) |
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| **Week 13**  Formation of the State of Israel  **Selected Readings**  **Chapter 2** **Middle East Politics and International Relations Crisis Zone** By [Shahram Akbarzadeh](https://www.routledge.com/search?author=Shahram%20Akbarzadeh) |
| **Week 14**  Arab-Israeli wars  **Selected Readings**  **Chapter 3** **Middle East Politics and International Relations Crisis Zone** By [Shahram Akbarzadeh](https://www.routledge.com/search?author=Shahram%20Akbarzadeh) |
| **Week 15**  Palestinian politics: The failure of the ‘peace process’  **Selected Readings**  **Chapter 4** **Middle East Politics and International Relations Crisis Zone** By [Shahram Akbarzadeh](https://www.routledge.com/search?author=Shahram%20Akbarzadeh) |
| **Week 15**  **Students’ Project Presentations**  **Week 16**  **Final Examination** |

**Recommended books**

**Neither a Hawk Nor a Dove**

An Insider's Account of Pakistan's Foreign Relations  
Including Details of the Kashmir Framework

By Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri

**Pakistan’s National Security Approach and Post-Cold War Security  
Uneasy Co-existence**

By [Arshad Ali](https://www.routledge.com/search?author=Arshad%20Ali)

## **Middle East Politics and International Relations Crisis Zone**

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## **Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches**

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## By Georg Sørensen, Robert H Jackson, and Robert H. Jackson