NEW JUNIOR HONOURS IR MODULES 2019-20, SEMESTER 2

IR3029 – The Logic of Irregular Warfare

The purpose of this module is to examine the dynamics of violence in three distinct forms of irregular armed conflict: civil wars, insurgencies and guerrilla wars. Its starting point is that the twentieth century has witnessed a shift from traditional forms of warfare to these three distinct forms of irregular war and that this shift demands a reconsideration of the way that warfare is studied. Using theoretical approaches to the subject, as well as historical case studies, it will identify the dynamics of irregular warfare in the twentieth century, trace the diverse motivations and strategies implicit in different kinds of irregular warfare, and discuss the implications of this shift for those responsible for countering irregular warfare.

3-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%

IR3038 - Conflict Management, Settlement and Resolution

Understanding how and why conflict emerges, and how it may be addressed are crucial issues in the international system. Conflict between states and the emergence of conflict derived from political, social, structural, historical, and ethnic roots have driven the development of apparatus to address conflict, arranging from diplomatic exchanges, the use of military force, peacekeeping, negotiation, mediation and conflict resolution. This module is divided into two main areas, the first discusses various approaches used to analyse conflict, from the point of view of states, individuals and groups, regional and international organizations, investigating dominant issues of conflict, including state-interests, territory, sovereignty, development, resources, identity, culture, ethnicity, and representation. The second part of the module then examines the various approaches that have emerged for addressing conflict. Topical case studies will provide an empirical focus.

3-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%

IR3047 - Arrested Development? The Politics of Postcolonialism

This module provides an inter-disciplinary consideration of the promises and failures of postcolonialism and development. Students will be introduced to key texts such as Said's Orientalism and Fanon's Wretched of the Earth. Once a theoretical appreciation is developed, a number of case studies will consider historical and contemporary practices of postcolonialism. Critical engagement with literature and film will also be a fundamental part of the module.

3-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%
IR3048 - Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Intervention

The module is designed to offer students who have undertaken some previous study in the area of International Relations an introduction to the theories and concepts of international peacekeeping and armed humanitarian intervention. Although we explore peacekeeping as a phenomenon with a long historical lineage, we concentrate on its 'refinement' as an instrument of the United Nations in the period since 1945. The approach adopted is very much a political one - concerned with the international relations and diplomacy of conflict management. This is not a training course for conflict resolution on the ground, much less a military handbook.

3-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%

IR3104 The International Relations of Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe

Subjects covered include: Mechanisms of control in Soviet-East European Relations; the nature of the 1989 revolutions; changes to the international system; nationalism and ethnic conflict; the Yugoslav wars; Russia’s place in Europe; regional cooperation; political-economic change in this international context; western approaches to Eastern Europe; and the new European security architecture.

3-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%