

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA4030 Interstate Conflict

Pre-requisites : HA1001

No. of AUs. : 4

Contact Hours : 52

Course Aims

The course offers major theoretical and empirical frameworks to study causal mechanisms of interstate conflict. Students who are interested in international conflict are encouraged to take this course. It also provides solid foundations to cultivate your social scientific perspective to grasp future dynamics of interstate conflict.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Discuss factors that contribute to interstate conflicts.
2. Evaluate competing causal mechanisms governing interstate conflict.
3. Apply recent findings and causal mechanisms of interstate conflict to your research project.

Course Content

This course introduces you to empirical methods in international relations. Topics are in the following:

- 1) Introduction and analytical frameworks
- 2) Systemic theory
- 3) The bargaining model of war
- 4) Audience costs, credibility, and reputation
- 5) The domestic politics of democracies
- 6) The domestic politics of autocracies
- 7) Leaders
- 8) Civil Military relations
- 9) Weapons of Mass Destruction
- 10) Alliances

Course Assessment

CA (class discussion & research presentation) : 20%

CA (two short papers) : 30%

Final Paper : 50%

Total -----

100%