

Academic Year: (2024 / 2025)

Review date: 26-04-2024

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 3.0

Year : 2 Semester : 1

OBJECTIVES

- Ability to understand the existing theoretical perspectives regarding the links between economic development and violence
- Capacity to analyze the dynamics of civil wars
- Ability to comprehend and contextualize the types of conflict
- Capacity to analyze the socio-political and economic consequences of conflict

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- The impact of lower levels of economic development on violence
- Violent conflict and the resource curse
- The effect of low state capacity on violence
- Social heterogeneity and violence
- The dynamics of civil wars
- Ethnic civil wars
- Jihadist conflicts: civil war and terrorism
- Post-conflict societies
- The long-term consequences of conflict for development and growth
- The impact of violence on social trust

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Lectures
Seminars
Tutorials
Debates
Group assignments/ papers
Individual assignments/ papers

Final exam/ paper

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

% end-of-term-examination:	70
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	30

CONTINUOUS EVALUATION

Attendance and class participation: 15%

Presentations (individual or group) and debates: 15%

FINAL ESSAY/ FINAL EXAM: 70%

The evaluation in the extraordinary call will be based on a final paper/ write up or an exam

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Besley, Timothy, and Torsten Persson Pillars of prosperity: The Political Economics of Development Clusters. , Princeton: Princeton University Press., 2011
- De la Calle, Luis & Ignacio Sánchez-Cuenca. Underground Violence. On the Nature of Terrorism. , Oxford: Oxford University Press., 2024
- Gat, Azar. The Causes of War and the Spread of Peace. , Oxford: Oxford University Press., 2017
- North, Douglass, John Wallis, and Barry R. Weingast. Violence and Social Orders: A Conceptual Framework for Interpreting Recorded Human History., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press., 2009

ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Hoffman, Philip. Why Did Europe Conquer the World?, Princeton: Princeton University Press. , 2015
- Pinker, Steven. The Better Angels of our Nature: The Decline of Violence in History and its Causes. , London: Penguin., 2011