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Value Added Course
on
Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
By
Department of Education
Session: 2018-19

Course Description:

This course examines the intersection of human rights and conflict resolution, exploring how violations of human rights contribute to conflict and how conflict resolution strategies can promote and protect human rights. Students will analyze key concepts, theories, and international frameworks related to human rights and conflict resolution and explore case studies and practical approaches to addressing human rights abuses and resolving conflicts. Through readings, discussions, and simulations students will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to advocate for human rights and contribute to peacebuilding efforts in diverse contexts.

Objectives:

1. Understand the concepts and principles of human rights, including international human rights law and standards.
2. Examine the causes and consequences of human rights violations in conflict settings, including discrimination, violence, displacement, and marginalization.
3. Explore theories and approaches to conflict resolution, including negotiation, mediation, reconciliation, and peacebuilding.
4. Analyze the connections between human rights and conflict resolution and identify strategies for promoting human rights as a means of preventing and resolving conflicts.
5. Investigate the role of international organizations, governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and grassroots movements in advocating for human rights and promoting peace.

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6. Develop practical skills in conflict analysis, negotiation, mediation, and dialogue facilitation for addressing human rights abuses and resolving conflicts.
7. Engage in critical reflection on personal values, biases, and assumptions related to human rights and conflict resolution, and explore ethical dilemmas and challenges in practice.
8. Collaborate with peers to design and implement a project or campaign aimed at promoting human rights awareness and/or addressing a specific human rights issue or conflict situation.

Course Outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of key concepts, principles, and international frameworks related to human rights, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant treaties and conventions.
2. Analyze the root causes and consequences of human rights violations in conflict settings, including the impact on individuals, communities, and societies.
3. Apply theories and approaches to conflict resolution, negotiation, mediation, and peacebuilding to address human rights abuses and promote conflict transformation and reconciliation.
4. Identify connections between human rights and conflict resolution, and develop strategies for integrating human rights principles into conflict resolution processes.
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of different actors and mechanisms, including international organizations, governments, NGOs, and grassroots movements, in advocating for human rights and promoting peace.
6. Demonstrate proficiency in conflict analysis, negotiation, mediation, and dialogue facilitation skills for addressing human rights abuses and resolving conflicts in diverse contexts.
7. Collaborate effectively with peers to design and implement a project or campaign aimed at promoting human rights awareness and/or addressing a specific human rights issue or conflict situation, demonstrating leadership and teamwork skills.

Syllabus

Class Hours- 40

Unit I: Introduction to Human Rights and Conflict Resolution (Class Hours- 5)

Human Rights and Conflict Resolution- Concept & Scope
Historical perspectives and international frameworks

Unit II: Causes and Consequences of Human Rights Violations in Conflict

(Class Hours- 5)


Discrimination, violence, and atrocities
Impact on individuals, communities, and societies

Unit III: Theories and Approaches to Conflict Resolution (Class Hours- 5)

Negotiation, mediation, reconciliation, and peacebuilding
Conflict analysis and mapping

Unit IV: Promoting Human Rights in Conflict Resolution (Class Hours- 5)

Integrating human rights principles into conflict resolution processes
Advocacy, lobbying, and grassroots activism



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Unit V: Role of International Actors and Mechanisms for Human Rights and Peace

(Class Hours- 5)

United Nations, regional organizations, and international courts
Governments, NGOs, and civil society movements

Unit VI: Skills Development: Conflict Analysis and Mediation (Class Hours- 5)

Conducting conflict assessments
Mediation simulations and role-play

Unit VII: Collaborative Project: Promoting Human Rights and Peace (Class Hours- 5)

Working in teams to design and implement a project or campaign
Presenting project outcomes and reflections

Evaluation: (Class Hours- 5)

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