Syllabus

Modern Diplomacy and its challenges - 58812

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: international relations

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
Current diplomacy is a crucial yet multifaceted and intricate craft. This course seeks to introduce some of its major challenges to the student, through four clusters. The first cluster points out some structural and inter-cultural constraints presented by the international system. The second demonstrates how the communication revolution forces the diplomat to upgrade his/her efforts to shape domestic and international opinion. The third outlines basic diplomatic challenges, and the fourth focuses on conflict management problems. The course also makes some suggestions on how to improve the utility of diplomacy.

Course/Module aims:
Demonstrate the complexity of diplomacy-making and make suggestions on how to improve its utility.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Better understand the context of current diplomacy-making.

Attendance requirements(%):
None

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture

Course/Module Content:
1. Introduction: classic diplomacy and current diplomacy
2. The structure of the system, international status and national identify
3. Intercultural diplomacy and its challenges
4. The technological and communication revolutions and public opinion
5. The tone makes the music? Fomenting coalitions and the challenge of legitimacy
6. Foreign ministries and their bureaucratic competitors
7. Coercive diplomacy
8. Accommodation and integration diplomacies
9. Crisis diplomacy and tacit bargaining
10. Hegemonic mediation and ripeness theory
11. Summity as opportunity and entrapment
12. The second track and its utility: Oslo
13. Lessons from the recent past
Required Reading:

3. “China Turns on the Charm” World Affairs, July-August 2010

Helle C. Dale, "All Out: China Turns on the Charm" World Affairs, July-August 2010


Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Its Bureaucratic Rivals

"The October War and U.S. Policy," a National Security Archive document collection (http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB98/)


Knut Shostak,メディアショット אמיתית: סדאם, קוסנגר, קרטר ומחתרת לשלום ערב-ישראלית (תל אביב: משרד הביטחון-החברה להאתרים, 2003), 129-149.
12. "הערוץ השמיני" מיזדה.dp: אוסלו ופלסצ"ום
13. סיכום: לקחים מן העבר הקרוב

Addional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 80 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: