This course aims to introduce students to the origins, concepts, theories, perspectives and dynamics of the major guiding visions that have evolved as integral part of Peace and Conflict Resolution studies discourse. This will also provide students with common language and precision in their understanding and skills for examining the dimensions, obstacles and opportunities in peace and to equip them with critical thinking on conflict resolution and provide appropriate examples and references for future explorations.

**Teaching time:** 3hrs per Week  
**Evaluation:** Class participation, assignments, mid-semester/end Semester examinations

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Origins and Development of Peace and Conflict Studies**  
Phases, Pioneers and Traditions

**Basic Concepts of Peace and Conflict**  
Peace keeping, Peace Making, Peace Building, Peace Enforcement  
Conflict Resolution, Conflict Management, Conflict Settlement, Conflict Prevention, Conflict Regulation, Conflict Transformation

**Sources of Conflict**  
Material, ideational and others

**Theories of Peace and Conflict**  
Typologies – Inter-State and Internal Conflicts  
Contending theories & Perspectives – e.g. Liberal, Marxist, Gandhian, Nehruvian, Feminist

**Dynamics of Peace and Conflict**  
Conflict Cycles and Mapping  
Escalation, De-escalation, Intractability

**Strategies of Peace Making**  
Actors – Institution, Individuals, and State  
Approaches – Facilitation, Mediation, and Arbitration  
Processes – Negotiations

**Durability of Peace**  
Conditions of Peace, Post-Conflict Peace Building, Creating Institutions and Norms

**List of Readings**

**Books**  


Vayreynen, Raimo, Dieter Senghaas and Christian Schmidt (eds.), The Quest for Peace: Cultures and States (California: Beverly Hills, 1987)


Articles


Websites

Carnegie Commission on preventing deadly conflict: http://www.ccpdc.org

Conflict Resolution, Research and Resource Institutes: http://www.cri.cc


Malaviya Centre for Peace Research, http://www.mcpbr-blh.com

The Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution: http://www.iimcr.org

Institute for Conflict Management, India: http://www.satp.org

Berghof Research Center for Constructive Conflict Management: http://www.berghof-center.org

European Centre for Conflict Prevention: http://www.euconflict.org