

**Case Western Reserve University**  
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**FSSO110 Conflict and Cooperation in the Modern World**

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**Course Description:**

Why is that when cooperation seems so likely, conflict breaks out? Or why at other times when conflict looms, cooperation wins out? This course explores the social and political complexities of this basic human condition. Through seminar discussions of classic readings, the course will introduce students to the basic social science concepts and theories used to explain conflict and cooperation. In addition to general knowledge, the course will also allow students hands on experience. Significant classroom time will be dedicated to simulating the decision making and negotiating dynamics which lead to cooperation or conflict. Studies will include individual, historical, and international cases. Graded projects will include small group negotiation and decision making exercises as well as individual writing tasks.

**Grades and responsibilities**

Students are responsible for the material covered in the lectures as well as assigned readings. Grading is comprised of four components:

**Individual Class Participation 10%**

Attendance is mandatory. Individual participation assessments are based upon full attendance and participation in classroom discussion.

**Group Participation 30%**

Course simulation projects are group based. For each simulation the entire group will be given a grade based upon the quality of the presentation and its preparation.

**Written Papers 60%**

The URL for the Writing Resource Center is  
<http://www.case.edu/artsci/engl/writing/index.html>  
For the SAGES Peer Writing Crew, it is  
<http://studentaffairs.case.edu/education/services/writing>

**\*\*Please turn off mobile phones**

**\*\*More than two unexcused absences from class will result in failure.**

**\*\*Lap tops may only be used in class for note taking. Please see me for permission**

### **Assigned Texts**

For each lecture, there are assigned readings from books and articles. All articles, except the books below, are on reserve in the library. There are three required texts:

- o Altina Waller, *Fued: Hatfields, McCoys, and Social Change in Appalachia, 1860-1900*
- o Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*
- o Nir Rosen, *In the Belly of the Green Bird: The Triumph of the Martyrs in Iraq*

### **Class Meetings and Readings**

**Notes: Some 4<sup>th</sup> classes are set for either Monday or Wednesday 1230-145. Some are required attendance, others are optional.**

**Readings can be accessed on-line through the library, unless otherwise noted.**

**8/28 Introduction: Conflict and Cooperation**

**8/30 Conceptions of Power and Conflict**  
James Scott, "Behind the Official Story"

**9/04 Gaming Conflict and Cooperation**  
Robert Axelrod, "The Evolution of Cooperation"

**9/05 4<sup>th</sup> hour**  
Writing Workshop

**9/06 Individuals and Rational Conflict**  
Thomas Hobbes, *The Leviathan*, "Relations Among Sovereigns"

**9/11 Individuals and Rational Cooperation**  
Michael Doyle, "Kant's Perpetual Peace."

**9/12 4<sup>th</sup> hour 1230-145**  
Research Skills and Library Resources

**9/13 Power and Violence**  
Hanna Arendt, "On Violence"

**9/17 or 19 4<sup>th</sup> Hour Required**  
*Academic Advising, Strosacker, 1230-145*

**9/18 MOVIE: *The Battle of Algiers***

**9/19 4<sup>th</sup> hour 1230-145**

Thesis Writing

**9/20 MOVIE, cont'd**

**9/25 The ties that bind**  
Clifford Geertz, "Primordial ties."

**9/27 Ties that divide**  
Eller and Coughlan, "The Poverty of Primordialism"

**10/02 Traditional Societies and Conflict**  
Altina Waller, *Fued: Hatfields, McCoys, and Social Change in Appalachia, 1860-1900* (University of North Carolina, 1988), pp.17-101

**10/03 4th hour 1230-145**  
The Art of Simulations and Group Work

**10/04 The Fued**  
Waller, *Fued*, pp.139-181.

**10/05 4<sup>th</sup> Hour**  
Public Lecture, David Shipler, Severance Hall (optional)

**10/08 or /10 4<sup>th</sup> Hour Required**  
*Major Exploration, Strosacker, 1230-145*

**10/09 Simulation: Hatfields and McCoys**  
Waller, *Fued*, pp.139-181.

**10/11 Organized Crime as Cooperation**  
Henner Hess, "The Traditional Sicilian Mafia: Organized Crime and Repressive Crime," *In Organized Crime: A Global Perspective*

**10/16 Trust and Cooperation**  
Diego Gambetta, "Mafia: The Price of Distrust," in *Trust: Making and Breaking Cooperative Relations*.

**10/17 4<sup>th</sup> Hour**

**10/18 Simulation: Wise Guys**

**10/23 Fall Break**

**10/24 4<sup>th</sup> Hour**  
Negotiations

- 10/25 Global and Local Conflict**  
 Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*, pp.1-30.  
 Samuel Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations."
- 10/30 Rwanda**  
 Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*, pp. 47-93.
- 10/31 4<sup>th</sup> Hour**  
 Rhetoric and Criticism
- 11/01 Rwanda**
- 11/02 4<sup>th</sup> Hour Required**  
*Choices Fair, Veale Center 1230-145*
- 11/06 Rwanda**  
 Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*, pp. 95-191
- 11/08 Simulation: Hutus and Tutsis**
- 11/09 4<sup>th</sup> Hour**
- 11/13 Introduction to Iraq**
- 11/15 Iraq, Invasion, and Conflict**  
 Nir Rosen, *In the Belly of the Green Bird*, chapters 1 and 2
- 11/20 Documentary**  
*The Gangs of Iraq*
- 11/22 Thanksgiving Holiday**
- 11/27 Iraq**  
 Nir Rosen, *In the Belly of the Green Bird*, Chapters 3 & 4
- 11/29 Iraq**  
 Nir Rosen, *In the Belly of the Green Bird*, Chapters 5-6.
- 12/04 Simulation: Iraq**  
 Nir Rosen, *In the Belly of the Green Bird*, Chapter 7.
- 12/06 Summary**