

Case Western Reserve University  
SAGES  
FSSO 110: 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%**

For each simulation, an individual paper (5-7 pages) will be required. All papers are due no later than the day of the simulation. Late papers will be penalized. I will accept and review papers up to 5 days before the simulation.

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>

### 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

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

**8/29 Introduction: Conflict and Cooperation**

**8/30 4th hour 1230-145**  
Writing Workshop

**8/31 No Class**

**9/05 Gaming Conflict and Cooperation**

**9/06 4th hour 1230-145**  
Research Skills and Resources

**9/07 Individuals and Rational Conflict**  
Thomas Hobbes, *The Leviathan*, "Relations Among Sovereigns"

**9/12 Individuals and Rational Cooperation**  
Michael Doyle, "Kant's Perpetual Peace."

**9/13 4th hour 1230-145**  
Thesis Writing

**9/14 Power and Violence**  
Hanna Arendt, "On Violence"

**9/19 MOVIE: *The Terrorist***

- 9/20** *4th hour 1230-145*  
Plenary Event: *Making the Most of Academic Advising at Case*  
Strosacker Auditorium
- 9/21** **MOVIE, cont'd**
- 9/26** **Modern Political Conflicts**  
Samuel Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations."  
Guest Speaker
- 9/27** *4th hour 1230-145*  
Thesis Writing
- 9/28** **The ties that bind**  
Clifford Geertz, "Primordial ties."
- 10/03** **Ties that divide**  
Eller and Coughlan, "The Poverty of Primordialism"
- 10/04** *4th hour 1230-145*  
The Art of Simulations and Group Work
- 10/05** **Traditional Societies and Conflict**  
Altina Waller, *Fued: Hatfields, McCoys, and Social Change in Appalachia, 1860-1900*  
(University of North Carolina, 1988), pp.17-101
- 10/10** **The Fued**  
Waller, *Fued*, pp.139-181.
- 10/11** *4th hour 1230-145*  
Plenary Event: *Major Exploration and Declaration at Case*  
Strosacker Auditorium
- 10/12** ***Simulation: Hatfields and McCoys***  
Waller, *Fued*, pp.139-181.
- 10/17** **Organized Crime as Cooperation**  
Henner Hess, "The Traditional Sicilian Mafia: Organized Crime and Repressive Crime," *In Organized Crime: A Global Perspective*
- 10/18** *4th hour 1230-145*  
On-line and international resources

- 10/19 Trust and Cooperation**  
Diego Gambetta, "Mafia: The Price of Distrust," in *Trust: Making and Breaking Cooperative Relations*.
- 10/24 FALL Break**
- 10/25 4th hour 1230-145**  
Professional Negotiations
- 10/26 Simulation: Wise Guys**
- 10/27 Friday: Choices Fair, Veale Center**
- 10/31 Genocide**  
Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*, pp.1-30.
- 11/01 4th hour 1230-145**  
Rhetoric and Criticism
- 11/02 Rwanda**  
Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*, pp.1-30
- 11/07 Rwanda**  
Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*, pp. 47-93.
- 11/08 4th hour 1230-145**
- 11/09 Simulation: Hutus and Tutsis**  
Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*, pp. 95-191
- 11/14 Iraq and the US**  
David Phillips, "The US Occupation of Iraq."
- 11/15 4th hour 1230-145**
- 11/16 Diverse Societies, Invasion, and Conflict**  
Nir Rosen, *In the Belly of the Green Bird* , Chapters 1 & 2
- 11/21 Iraq**  
Nir Rosen, *In the Belly of the Green Bird*, Chapters 3 & 4
- 11/22 4th hour 1230-145**  
TBA

**11/23 Thanksgiving Holiday**

**11/28 Iraq**

Nir Rosen, *In the Belly of the Green Bird*, Chapters 5-6.

**11/29 4th hour 1230-145**

TBA

**12/05 Simulation: Iraq**

Nir Rosen, *In the Belly of the Green Bird*, Chapter 7.

**12/07 Summary**