

Conflict & Cooperation in World Politics (PSCI 5991)

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Course Overview

The global arena is described by some theorists as a realm of perpetual conflict. Others argue that, given the right circumstances, sovereign states can find ways to achieve cooperation, peace and increased global prosperity. Still other theorists argue that international politics is “what you make of it” – and focus on the importance of norms and identities – not interests – in shaping international outcomes. This course will examine theoretical and policy perspectives regarding the question of international conflict and cooperation, with a specific focus on understanding the circumstances under global actors -- including states, international organizations and nongovernmental organizations – achieve sustainable cooperative outcomes.

Readings

All readings/video links are available on the Course Canvas site.

Requirements and Grading (Tentative)

25% - Engaged class attendance
25% - Reading reflections
25% - Project/Presentation
25% - Take-home final exam

(Course themes & topics currently being updated.)