

Course Outline

Course number	RBE186				
Course title	Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution				
Credit points	2 CP (3 ECTS)				
Total hours	30				
Lecture hours	20				
Seminar and other hours	10				
Course level	Bachelor				
Prerequisites	None				
Category	Mandatory		Restricted elective	X	Free elective

COURSE TEACHERS

No.	Name	Academic degree	Academic position
1	Didzis Klavins	PhD	Visiting Docent
2	Kurt Engelen	MA International Politics	Visiting Lecturer

COURSE ABSTRACT

The course covers the period from the Ancient World to the present day. It analyses the key activities and features of diplomacy, the results and implications. Subsequently, it analyses how international institutions try to prevent conflicts and which tools they use in their attempts to resolve them and restore peace.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course will contribute to the understanding of diplomacy and conflict prevention and resolution strategies, as well as techniques essential for their implementation. By the end of the course students should be able to competently discuss developmental stages and practices of diplomacy and conflict resolution.

GRADING CRITERIA

Course grades for RBE186 will be calculated based on students' work in four different areas.

Criteria	Weighting
Quizzes	10%
Presentation assignment	15%
Simulation game	15%
Closed book exam	60%

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1	The evolution of diplomacy - global historical perspective	6
2	Modern diplomacy (including commercial and public diplomacy, security issues)	6
3	Conflict prevention & resolution – the role of international organizations	8
4	The Cyprus question, contemporary analysis of an ongoing conflict	2
5	Seminars: Presentations and Simulation	8

COURSE PLAN – SESSIONS

Session	Session subjects and readings	Lecture/ seminar
1	<p>Introduction: What is Diplomacy? Diplomatic practice in the Ancient World and the Middle Ages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Berridge, G.R. <i>Diplomacy: Theory and Practice</i>. 3rd edition. Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2002. pp. 5-23. R. Cohen, 'The Great Tradition: The Spread of Diplomacy in the Ancient World' in <i>Diplomacy</i>. Volume II: History of Diplomacy, eds. C. Jönsson & R. Langhorne. London: Sage Publications Ltd, 2004. pp. 44-55. D.E. Queller, 'Medieval Diplomacy' in <i>Diplomacy</i>. Volume II: History of Diplomacy, eds. C. Jönsson & R. Langhorne. London: Sage Publications Ltd, 2004. pp. 193-213. 	Lecture (Didzis)
2	<p>Diplomatic principals and diplomatic agents from the early 15th century until the late 19th century</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Jeremy. <i>A History of Diplomacy</i>. London: Reaktion Books Ltd, 2011. pp. 43.-58. B. Jeremy. <i>A History of Diplomacy</i>. London: Reaktion Books Ltd, 2011. pp. 85-118. B. Jeremy. <i>A History of Diplomacy</i>. London: Reaktion Books Ltd, 2011. pp. 151-179. 	Lecture (Didzis)
3	<p>European diplomacy in the 20th century. Tempora mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis: the transformation of diplomacy after the Cold War</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Jeremy. <i>A History of Diplomacy</i>. London: Reaktion Books Ltd, 2011. pp. 180-223. Rana, K.S. <i>21st Century Diplomacy: A practitioner's guide</i>. London: Continuum, 2011. pp. 1-37. 	Lecture (Didzis)
4	<p>The role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Hocking and David Spence. (eds.). <i>Foreign Ministries in the</i> 	Lecture (Didzis)

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	<i>European Union: integrating diplomats.</i> New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2002. pp. 1-17.	
5	Seminar: Modern diplomacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hocking, B., Melissen, J., Riordan, S., Sharp, P. <i>Futures for Diplomacy: Integrative Diplomacy in the 21st Century.</i> Clingendael Report. 2012, no. 1, October, pp. 1-78. 	Seminar (Didzis)
6	Commercial and public diplomacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kostecki, M., Naray, O. <i>Commercial Diplomacy and International Business.</i> Discussion Papers in Diplomacy. Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael'. 2007. pp. 1-41. 	Lecture (Didzis)
7	Seminar: Presentations	Seminar (Didzis)
8	The entanglement between contemporary diplomacy and security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barston, R.P. <i>Modern Diplomacy. 3rd edition.</i> Essex: Pearson Education Limited, 2006. pp. 206-221. 	Lecture (Didzis)
9	Seminar: Presentations	Seminar (Didzis)
10	Introduction to conflict prevention and resolution, the legitimate use of force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Charter, Chapters I and VII, http://www.un.org/en/documents/charter/ 	Lecture (Kurt)
11	The United Nations, Structures and processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations main bodies http://www.un.org/en/mainbodies/ 	Lecture (Kurt)
12	The European Union approach to conflict prevention and resolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jean-Claude Piris, <i>The Lisbon Treaty</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2009, Ch. VII, pp. 238-287. 	Lecture (Kurt)
13	NATO and its approach to crisis management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NATO, Strategic Concept for the Defence and Security of the Members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation adopted by Heads of State and Government in Lisbon, http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/official_texts_68580.htm 	Lecture (Kurt)
14	The Cyprus question, a contemporary analysis of an ongoing conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kurt Engelen, <i>The reunification of Cyprus and its influence on NATO-EU Relations</i>, CERIS, 2014, pp 13-29 https://www.academia.edu/7143257/The_Reunification_of_Cyprus_and_its_Influence_on_NATO_EU_Relations 	Lecture (Kurt)

Session	Session subjects and readings	Lecture/ seminar
15	Simulation game: a meeting of the EU Political and Security Committee	Seminar (Kurt)

COURSE LITERATURE

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1	Berridge, G.R. <i>Diplomacy: Theory and Practice</i> . 3rd edition. Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2002. pp. 5-23.
2	Jönsson, C., Langhorne, R. (eds), <i>Diplomacy. Volume I-III. Problems and Issues in Contemporary Diplomacy</i> . London: Sage Publications, 2004.
3	Jeremy, B. <i>A History of Diplomacy</i> . London: Reaktion Books Ltd, 2011.
4	Rana, K.S. <i>21st Century Diplomacy: A practitioner's guide</i> . London: Continuum, 2011. pp. 1-37.
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10	Kurt Engelen, <i>The reunification of Cyprus and its influence on NATO-EU Relations</i> , CERIS, 2014, pp 13-29

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	<i>Relations</i> . 3 rd edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.
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9	Feltham, R.G. <i>Diplomatic Handbook</i> . 8th edition. Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2004.
10	Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department for Innovation, Universities & Skills. <i>Science & Innovation Network Annual Review 2007–2008</i> . London: Crown, 2008.
11	Foreign and Commonwealth Office. <i>Active Diplomacy for a Changing World: The UK's International Priorities</i> . Norwich: Crown, March, 2006.
12	Foreign and Commonwealth Office. <i>Better World, Better Britain</i> . Departmental Report. 1 April 2007-31 March 2008. London: The Stationery Office, May, 2008.
13	Fossum, J.E. <i>The Transformation of the Nation-State: Why Compare the EU and Canada?</i> Working Paper. No. 28/2002, Oslo: ARENA, 2002.
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17	Hill, C. (ed.). <i>The Actors in Europe's Foreign Policy</i> . London: Routledge 1996.
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23	James, A.M. Diplomacy and international society. <i>International Relations</i> . 1980, vol. 6, no. 6, pp. 347-387.
24	Jönsson, C., Hall, M. <i>Essence of Diplomacy</i> . Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 2005.
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3	Hague Journal of Diplomacy
4	The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy
5	Foreign Policy
6	Foreign Affairs
7	LR Ārlietu ministrija
8	The Washington Quarterly
9	European Council on Foreign Relations
10	International Security
11	Conflict and Cooperation
12	EUobserver
13	Journal of International Affairs
14	NATO
15	European External Action Service
16	United Nations