

Paths to Peace: Conflict Management, Conflict Resolution, Reconciliation and Peacebuilding



In your final paper you are expected to be a neutral peacebuilding/ conflict specialist invited to write a proposal for a peacebuilding process comprised of various actions (budget shouldn't be a consideration), to set the path to peace between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. You are a third-party neutral, from a country outside of the region, and your intervention-plan, if adopted by the Israeli and Palestinian governments, is expected to bring change to the region.

In your report, you are expected to relate to at least half of the readings from the syllabus, weaving the frameworks and models together in a plan of your design. Your demonstration of good understanding of the frameworks is expected through the rational you bring for why and how you chose to use each of them, rational that derives from the internal logic of the framework you are using.

You are expected to take into account the complexities of the situation in its current state, though you are not expected to become experts in recent affairs; for that part you may need to conduct some research to help you arrive at a subtle understanding of the situation you are dealing with. For your preliminary research on the Israeli-Palestinian situation you may use knowledge acquired in various courses you took at the university, and conduct additional research as needed. Please provide 5 relevant references to back your understanding of the situation. Your research on the situation can appear in your final paper in the form of a separate assessment in the introduction part of your report, or weaved into your analysis. Whatever format you wish to use, make sure you bring appropriate reasoning for your choices for interventions based also on the understanding of the complexities and subtleties of the situation at hand. At the same time – remember that this is an assignment in peace-building and not International Relations or Political Science, and that you will be evaluated for your usage of the frameworks we discussed throughout the course, not for your assessment and analysis of what the final resolution in a future peace agreement should consist of.

The paper should be 15-20 pages, double space, font 12, Times New Roman/ Calibri/ Ariel.

Deadline for submission: July 15, 2024, 11:59 PM (at the top)