

State Fragmentation, Regional Crises & War Endings

Second International Summer School in Peace & Conflict Studies

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The University of Cyprus, in collaboration with the European Consortium for Political Research, the Home for Cooperation and the International Association of Peace and Conflict Studies organize the Second Summer School in Peace and Conflict Studies. The purpose of this Summer School is to bring together leading academics in the interdisciplinary field of Peace and conflict Studies with practitioners and postgraduate students who are working in this area from varied disciplines, locations, and orientations. The continuation of war, terrorist and secessionist movements, and the radicalization of politics in cross-national and regional contexts present pressing and persistent crises to the international system. In some occasions, basic governance and welfare provisions have collapsed. Humanitarian relief has become ever more necessary but increasingly dangerous. Beyond the fragility of state institutions, the viability of 20th century state formations is in serious doubt in certain regions. Conflict resolution and peacebuilding theory and practice face new problems and challenges that require serious reflection and understanding, careful engagement and well-thought action.

Target Group

The Summer School seeks to attract reflective research students (MA or PhD), preferably with field experience, working on a broad range of issues pertaining to peace and peacebuilding. The aim is to broaden rather than restrict input and to bring together individuals with different disciplinary backgrounds and professional experiences.

Format

The Summer School will be taught in intensive morning and afternoon sessions. It will be organized around lectures and seminars led by experts. It will also include roundtables, panels and discussion sessions with scholars and practitioners. Furthermore, there will be an UNFICYP study tour along the buffer zone in Nicosia. A fieldtrip will be organized around a specific topic, while events will be held to facilitate the discussion of research agendas. One hour each day will be invested for student consultation, while one day will be allocated to students to present their own research work and receive feedback from the teaching faculty.

Teaching Faculty

International Teaching Faculty: Emel Akçalı (Central European University), Annika Björkdahl (Lund University), Rebecca Bryant (LSE), Ayşe Betül Çelik (Sabancı University), Thomas Diez (University of Tübingen), Daniela Donno (University of Pittsburgh), Sandra Pogodda (University of Manchester), Oliver Richmond (University of Manchester), Nicholas Sambanis (Yale University).

Local Teaching Faculty: Constantinos Adamides, Costas M. Constantinou, Antonis Ellinas, Maria Hadjipavlou, Mete Hatay, Nayia Kamenou, Farid Mirbagheri, Yiannis Papadakis, Charis Psaltis, Socrates Stratis, Michalinos Zembylas.

Topics to be covered

- *State Fragmentation, Statebuilding and Hybrid Peace Formations*
- *Understanding Civil War*
- *The Political Geography of Secession and Partition*
- *Crisis, Deescalation and Desecuritization in Contemporary Diplomacy*
- *Memory, Conflict and Nationalism*
- *Regional Governance and Post-Conflict Democracy-Building*
- *Media, Conflict and Peace Journalism*
- *Pedagogies of Reconciliation*
- *Gender, Sexuality and War*
- *Situating Peace Agency in Urban Spaces*
- *The Architecture of Post-Conflict Reconstruction*
- *EU and Conflict Transformation*
- *Economic Crisis and Political Conflict in Europe*
- *Jihadism & Political Islam in the Middle East*
- *State Formation, Control and Fragmentation in the Contemporary Middle East*

Location & Cyprus

The summer school will take place in Old Nicosia, the heart of Cyprus's divided capital, which provides a cozy and vibrant environment, as well as the opportunity for social and cultural entertainment during day and nighttime. The intractable Cyprus Problem provides a useful backdrop to study issues of peace and conflict. In the heart of a vibrant divided city, participants will be able to experience first-hand peace and conflict predicaments and reflect on wider issues from around the globe.

Credits

All participants receive a Summer School Certificate of Attendance (5 ECTS) or a Diploma (10 ECTS) on the basis of a 7000 words Research Paper.

Fees & Accommodation

1100€ (en suite accommodation), 1000€ (accommodation), 800€ (no accommodation)

The Summer School provides university student accommodation for the participants. If you opt for your own accommodation, here are some suggestions. Special prices have been negotiated for participants.

Hotel Centrum – Price Range €48-81 (www.centrumhotelcyprus.com)

Hotel Classic – Price Range €46-60 (www.classic.com.cy)

Hotel Royiatiko – Price Range €61-90 (www.royiatikohotel.com.cy)

Youth hostel Nicosia – Prices from €10 (www.youthboard.org.cy)

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded on a merit and need basis to partially cover participation and/or travel expenses.

Applications & Further Information

For further information and to apply, check our website (<http://www.ucy.ac.cy/sap/en/summer-school>) or contact Nayia Kamenou (kamenou.nayia@ucy.ac.cy).

Organizing Committee

Maria Hadjipavlou (Chair), Costas M. Constantinou, Antonis Ellinas, Nayia Kamenou.



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