MALAVIYA CENTRE FOR PEACE RESEARCH  
Faculty of Social Sciences  
Banaras Hindu University  

SYLLABUS

MA IN CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (Total 80 Credits)

Course Objectives:

The MA course in “Conflict Management and Development” offers a state of the art opportunity for students and practitioners from diverse fields concerned with peace, security and community development. Assisted by highly trained faculty from within and outside the country, this unique course is proposed to take the students step-by-step through the process of analyzing the links between development, peace, faith and security in an increasingly globalized world - a world in need of creative and pragmatic thinkers in developing pedagogy and understanding of how to handle a conflict situation and transform conflicts towards positive social change. Students will develop important conflict management knowledge and skills that are increasingly sought after in today's job market. A primary goal of this course is to assist students who want to become agents of social change to promote peace and reduce violence. The main objective of the course is to equip the students with field work skills to analyze and handle today’s conflicts and to engage with peace building and conflict prevention as both critical pedagogy and active vocation.

Semester I (Core Papers) (20 Credits: Each Paper Consist 4 Credits)

MSC-411  Paper I  : Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies: Foundational Theories I
MSC-412  Paper II  : Understanding Conflict & Violence: Foundational Theories II
MSC-413  Paper III  : Gandhi’s Way to Peace: The Global Legacy
MSC-414  Paper IV  : Conflict Handling Mechanism: Applied Theories
MSC-415  Paper V  : Field Work: Training and Experience

Semester II (Core Papers) (20 Credits: Each Paper Consist 4 Credits)

MSC-421  Paper VI  : International Organization & Conflict Resolution
MSC-422  Paper VII  : Contemporary International Conflicts
MSC-423  Paper VIII  : Anatomy of Internal Conflicts in India
MSC-424  Paper IX  : Conflict and Community Development
MSC-425  Paper X  : Report Writing on an Assigned Field Work

Semester-III (Core Papers) (12 Credits: Each Paper Consist 4 Credits)

MSC-511  Paper XI  : Human Development and Human Security
MSC-512  Paper XII  : Gender, Conflict and Development
MSC-513  Paper XIII  : Nonviolent Movements and Social Change
Optional Papers (Any Two of the Following) (8 Credits: Each Paper Consist 4 Credits)

MSC-514 Paper XIV : Environment, Conflict and Development
MSC-515 Paper XV : Religion, Conflict and Globalization
MSC-516 Paper XVI : Media and Theatre in Peace Building
MSC-517 Paper XVII : Terrorism and Insurgency: Alternate Visions

Semester-IV (Core Papers) (20 Credits: Paper XVIII Consist 4 Credits; Paper XIX Consist 16 Credits)

MSC-521 Paper XVIII : Research Methods and Conflict Mapping
MSC-522 Paper XIX : Dissertation Work / Project Work

Detailed Syllabus

Semester-I

(Core Papers)

Paper I : Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies: Foundational Theories I

1. Origin, Growth and Development of Peace Studies
2. Peace Research, Conflict Resolution Studies, Conflict Mapping : Tools and Techniques
3. Understanding Positive and Negative Peace
5. Indian Perspectives on Peace: Gandhi and Beyond

Recommended Readings


**Paper II : Understanding Conflict & Violence: Foundational Theories II**

1. Understanding Conflict: Theoretical Constructs
2. Violent and Non-Violent Conflicts
3. Sources of Conflict
4. Types of Conflict: Ethnic Conflict, Clash of Civilization and Environmental Conflict
5. Structural and Cultural Violence

**Recommended Readings**

- Thucydides. *The Peloponnesian War, The Melian Dialogues* (Book 5, Chapter 17)
Paper III : Gandhi’s Way to Peace: The Global Legacy

1. Understanding Sources of Conflict: Gandhi in Global Perspective
2. Fasting, Mediation, Dialogue, Negotiation, Reconciliation
3. Satyagrah as a Creative Technique of Conflict Resolution
4. Gandhi’s Approach to Development: Hind Swaraj
5. Shanti Sena; A Nonviolent Peace Force

Recommended Readings


Paper IV : Conflict Handling Mechanism: Applied Theories

2. Conflict Management to Conflict Transformation
3. Citizen’s Diplomacy
4. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
5. Role of Civil Society and NGO’s in Peace Processes

Recommended Readings


**Paper V : Field Work: Training and Experience**

1. Field Work and Ethnography
2. Working with People
3. Data Collection and Analysis
4. Culture Sensitivity
5. Local Case Studies of Peacebuilding in Banaras

**Recommended Readings**


Semester II

(Core Papers)

Paper VI  : International Organization & Conflict Resolution

1. Role of UN in Conflict Resolution
2. Agenda for Peace, Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and Beyond
3. Conflict Prevention, Peacemaking, Peace keeping, Peacebuilding
4. Role of Multinational Organization in Peacebuilding (ASIAN, SAARC, NATO, ECOWAS, AU, etc…)
5. Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention

Recommended Readings

Paper VII  : Contemporary International Conflicts
(Select any THREE of the Following)

1. Rwanda
2. Afghanistan
3. Kosovo
4. Palestine
5. Kashmir
6. Syria

Recommended Readings


Paper VIII  : Anatomy of Internal Conflicts in India

1. Colonial Legacy, Communalism, Secularism and Religious Tolerance
2. Ethnic, Communal, and Caste Violence
3. Self Determination
4. Building Peace Through Multiculturalism: The Indian Experience
5. Refugee, Hunger, Famine and Migration as a Source of Conflict
**Recommended Readings**


**Paper IX : Conflict and Community Development**

1. Development and Conflict: Two-Way links
2. Issues of Governance and Development
4. Conflict over Natural Resources: Land, Water and Forest
5. Conflict Sensitive Approach to Development and Capacity Building
6. Case of Naxal Violence: Land Reforms, Governance and Development

**Recommended Readings**

Paper X : Report Writing on an Assigned Field Work

Recommended Readings


Semester III

(Core Papers)

Paper XI: Human Development and Human Security

1. Human Development: Features and Indicators
2. Human Security: Definition and Context
3. Elements and Features of Human Security
4. Millennium Development-Goals: The Indian Scenario
5. Human Security and Peace Building

Recommended Readings


**Paper XII: Gender, Conflict and Development**

1. Understanding Gender through Conflict Analysis Lenses
2. Impact of Armed Conflict and Political Violence on Women
3. Role of Women in Conflict Prevention
4. Development Challenges for Women in South Asia & Women Movements in India
5. Linking Gender, Conflict and Development.

**Recommended Readings**


Kumar, Radha, 1993, The History of Doing, Kali for Women, Delhi

Paper XIII: Nonviolent Movements and Social Change

1. Nonviolent Movements in Global Perspective: Theory and Practice
3. Green Peace Movement in Europe and Solidarity Movement in Poland
4. Anti-Apartheid Movement in South Africa
5. Nonviolent Movement and Social Change

Recommended Readings

- King, Martin Luther, Jr. 1990. Testament of Hope: Essential Writings and Speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr. HarperCollins
Optional Papers (Any Two of the Following)

Paper XIV: Environment, Conflict and Development
1. Interface between Environment, Conflict and Development
2. Environmental Conflict and Environmental Security: Theories and Issues
3. Environmental Politics: From Kyoto to Copenhagen and Beyond
4. Natural Disaster and its Management: Organization, Structure and Role of National Disaster Management Authority in India
5. Environmental Peacekeeping, Cooperation and Resolution: Cases of Narmada River Dispute, Ganga Action Plan, Amazonian Deforestation and Nile River Management

Recommended Readings

- Gadgil, Madhav & Ramachandra Guha. 1993. This Fissured Land: An Ecological History of India. USA: University of California Press


**Paper XV: Religion, Conflict and Globalization** (As per the MoU the course is conducted in collaboration with Tony Blair Faith Foundation)

1. Religion: Definition and Significance, Sacred versus the Profane, Different Peace Perspective of Major Religions
3. Two Way link between Globalization and Religion: Recognizing how Religion effects Globalization and Globalization effects Religion
4. Religion, Conflict and Peace: Religion as a Site of Violence, Use of Religious Texts to Legitimize Violence but also to Foster Peace
5. Religious Pathways to Peace: Multireligious and Interreligious Understanding in a Global Context, Banaras as a Classic Role Model of Multireligious and Interreligious Peacebuilding

**Recommended Readings**


**Paper XVI: Media and Theatre in Peace Building**

1. Conflict and Communication  
2. Peace through Performance  
3. Conflict Reporting  
4. Journalists in Conflicts and Conflict Resolution  
5. Peace Journalism  
6. News Media in National and International conflict

**Recommended Readings**


**Paper XVII: Terrorism and Insurgency: An Alternate Vision**

1. Defining Terrorism and Insurgency
2. Structural and Cultural Dimensions
3. Influence of Media
4. 9/11 and Beyond
5. Counterterrorism and Negotiations

**Recommended Readings**


**Core Papers**

**Paper XVIII: Research Methods and Conflict Mapping**

1. Introduction to Social Science Research and Conflict Mapping
2. Discourses and Paradigm in Conflict Studies
3. Traditional Methods of Enquiry
4. Scientific Methods of Enquiry
5. Significance of Narratives and Story Telling in Conflict Research

**Recommended Readings**

Paper XIX-XX: Dissertation Work / Project Work

The dissertation consisting of 16 credits is equal to four courses, and thus constitutes three-fourth of IV Semester. This is an extensive piece of work (10000-12000 words) and is written under faculty supervision on a theme bearing on some practical aspect of conflict and development or some case study of conflict. A successful dissertation will reflect the candidate’s ability to initiate, analyzes, organize and write a large project on her own.