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| Description: logo | **ÇANKAYA UNIVERSITY**  **Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Department of Political Science and International Relations**  **Syllabus** |

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| **Department** | Political Science and International Relations | | | | | | |
| **Course Code &**  **Course Name** | PSI 406/ Issues in World Politics | | | | | | |
| **Number of Weekly Lecture Hours** | 3 | Weekly Lab/Tutorial Hours | 0 | Number of Credit Hours | 3 | ECTS Credit | 6 |
| **Academic Year** | 2020-2021 | | | | | | |
| **Semester** | Spring | | | | | | |
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| **Lecture Hours** | Monday, 13:20 – 16:10 | | | | | | |
| **Office Hour** | Monday, 12:20 - 13:10  Tuesday, 13:20 - 14:10 | | | | | | |
| **Course Web Site** | http://psi406.cankaya.edu.tr | | | | | | |

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| **Course Description** |
| The course provides students a comprehensive view of current issues in the realm international relations. Contemporary character of international relations and international society is one of the focuses in the class. The course deals with the main problematic issues and conflicts of recent times by the way of theoretical approaches and case studies. In the case studies, main problematic issues and conflicts of the selected states will be examined in detail. |

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| **Prerequisites**  (if any) | 1st   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | 2nd   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | 3rd   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | 4th   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
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| Consent of the Instructor | |  | Give others, if any. | | |
| **Co-requisites**  (if any) | 1st   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | 2nd   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | 3rd   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | 4th   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |
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| **Course Type** | **X** Must course for dept.  Must course for other dept.(s) **X** Elective course for dept. **X** Elective course for other dept.(s) | | | | | |

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| **Course Objectives** |
| The students will learn the current issues in world politics that affected the international society after 1990s. Then they will be able to explain the political, social, economic and cultural reasons of ethnic or religious conflict.by completing take home exams. The students are expected to possess the knowledge and skills required to understand the factors that cause violent conflicts and wars. Also, they may compare the cases of different counties, demonstrate decision making processes and the contexts which define violent cases. |

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| **Course Outline** | |
| Week | Topic(s) |
| 1 | Nationalism, Nation State and Its Effects in International Politics |
| 2 | Ethnicity, Ethnic Conflicts and Causes |
| 3 | Ethnicity, Ethnic Conflicts, Religious Conflicts and Causes |
| 4 | Case Studies of Ethnic and Religious Conflicts (Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Kashmir Cases) |
| 5 | Case Studies of Ethnic and Religious Conflicts (Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Kashmir Cases) |
| 6 | Contemporary Developments in the International Criminal Court |
| 7 | Cases of International Criminal Court |
| 8 | Mid-term exam |
| 9 | Terrorism: A Theoretical Perspective |
| 10 | Terrorism, Politics and International Law |
| 11 | Relevant Cases of Terrorism (IRA, Islami Jihad, Hamas) |
| 12 | Culture of Tolerance and Relevance with Conflicts |
| 13 | Culture of Tolerance and Relevance with Conflicts |
| 14 | Case studies Related with Political Tolerance |

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| **Grading Policy** | | | | | | | | |
| Assesment Tool | Quantity | Percentage | Assessment Tool | Quantity | Percentage | Assessment Tool | Quantity | Percentage |
| Homework |  |  | Case Study |  |  | Attendance |  |  |
| Quiz |  |  | Lab Work |  |  | Field Study |  |  |
| Midterm Exam | 1 | 40 | Class Participation |  |  | Project |  |  |
| Term Paper |  |  | Oral Presentation |  |  | Final Exam | 1 | 60 |

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| **Textbook**(s) | | | | |
| Author(s) | Title | Publisher | Publication Year | ISBN |
| C. W. Kegley, Jr. | World Politics: Trends and Transformations | Wadsworth | 2019 | 0333945786 / 0-333-94578-6 |
| M. Guggisberg and D. Weir | Understanding Violence: Contexts and Portrayals | Inter-Disciplinary Press | 2019 | 1-904710-65-4 / 978-1-904710-65-3 |
| R. C. Taras and R. Ganguly | Understanding Ethnic Conflict: The International Dimension | Longman | 2018 | 0321085949 / 0-321-08594-9 |
| J. Horgan | The Psychology of Terrorism | Routledge | 2015 | 9780714682396 |
| M. Mann | The Dark Side of Democracy: Explaining Ethnic Cleansing | Cambridge University Press | 2005 | 0521538548 / 0-521-53854-8 |

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| **Reference Book**s | | | | |
| Author(s) | Title | Publisher | Publication Year | ISBN |
| J. T. Rourke | International Politics on the World Stage | McGraw Hill | 2007 | 087967752X / 0-87967-752-X |
| V. K. Fouskas | The Politics of Conflict | Routledge | 2007 | 9781857435818 |
| J. Friedman | Globalization, the State, and Violence | Altamira Press | 2003 | 9780759102811 |
| R. Higgins and M. Flory | Terrorism and International Law | Routledge | 2003 | 0415116066 / 0-415-11606-6 |

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| **Teaching Policy** |
| Students of the course are expected to attend lectures and contribute to class discussions by reading necessary materials. There will be one mid-term and one final examination. |

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| **Laboratory, Studio and Court Hall Usage** |
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| **Computer Usage** |
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| **Learning Outcomes** |
| The students of the course will have the ability to interpret and think international political issues relying upon different cases. Besides they are expected to improve critical thinking and understanding of domestic and international factors that affect violence, ethnic and religious conflicts and terrorism. |