COURSE DETAIL

CONFLICT STUDIES 2

Country
Ireland

Host Institution
Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)
Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Sociology

UCEAP Course Number
142

UCEAP Course Suffix
B

UCEAP Official Title
CONFLICT STUDIES 2

UCEAP Transcript Title
CONFLICT STUDIES 2

UCEAP Quarter Units
10.00

UCEAP Semester Units

6.70

Course Description

The dominant theory of conflict that underpins Western approaches to conflict resolution is that conflict is produced by differences in identity: variously defined as cultural, religious, racial, ethnic, and national. The British/Irish "peace process" culminating in the Good Friday Agreement is the strategic example of such an approach. This course looks at some of the shortcomings of this approach. Firstly, that it obscures alternative theories that root conflict not in difference/identity but in the inequality and structural violence generated by capitalism in its colonial and postcolonial phases, and in the political institutions such as the nation state that act as a container for these inequalities. Secondly, that it doesn't resolve conflict so much as freeze it, and consequently cannot deal with the traumatic legacy of violence. Given the limitations of conflict resolution we will conclude by considering some of the existential and political dilemmas posed by violent conflict and what if any role, social science might play.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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