

COURSE DETAIL

INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION

Country

Brazil

Host Institution

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

Program(s)

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

135

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION

UCEAP Transcript Title

INTL MEDIATION

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The course looks at the different facets of international conflict mediation, with an emphasis on the treatment of armed conflict. In the first part of the course, the course locates the debate on mediation within the scope of Peace and Conflict Studies, especially on the concepts of conflict management, resolution, and transformation; as well as the concepts of peacekeeping, peacemaking, and peacebuilding. The course highlights the particularities of mediation in relation to other mechanisms for the peaceful resolution of disputes, in particular negotiation, exploring the construction of the debate on mediation in the Conflict Resolution literature and its main associated concepts. From this movement, the course covers what mediation is; who are the people or organizations who act as mediators; when mediation should be introduced to deal with conflicts; and how, and through which mechanisms and tools, mediation is exercised. As an important part of this debate, the course discusses the creation and consolidation of norms around mediation at the international level, particularly in the context of UN and regional organizations. In the second part of the course, students study cases, themes, and state-of-the-art discussions on international mediation, including, for example, the mediation of ceasefires and DDR processes; local knowledge and methods of mediation, decolonial critiques and voices from the Global South; debates on international mediation, gender, and race; and mediation in cases of conflicts and environmental crimes. The classes are structured in two parts: in the first half, debates on theoretical and conceptual issues based on the selected bibliography; in the second part, seeking to understand the content of the first part of the class in the light of activities anchored in practical cases, official documents, peace agreements, technical publications from organizations and research centers dedicated to mediation, etc.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

IRI 9776

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International Relations

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