Class order and readings change by semester
This tentative syllabus was produced when the schedule for 2015 was not yet complete, but it represents what the course is about.

Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies, 26:735:501
Fall 2015, Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, 626/628 Hill Hall

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Course Description

Intro to PCS is our foundational course, required of and limited to incoming students. It provides an overview of subjects, concepts, courses, and professors.

The first class is a general introduction to the Program, which several of the Core Faculty will attend, participating in dialogue with each other and with the students. This class will go over the general concept of our program, availability of Core and elective courses, learning outcomes expected of students, and advising. Students will introduce themselves, their interests, and their aspirations.

Each class after the general introduction will be assigned to one of our Core Faculty. The title of each lecture is the title of that professor’s Core Course, within our three distributions: the Social and Cultural Bases of Conflict and Cooperation, Violent Conflict, and Nonviolence and Recovery from Violence. Professors will describe their Core Courses, any other Graduate Courses they teach that count as Program electives, and speak more broadly about their research interests relevant to the Program. Open discussion is emphasized.

Grading

Each class has required readings, posted on Blackboard. Readings are about 80 pages per week, more or less. Students are also required to write a 600-900 word reaction paper to a question (or questions) about the readings and class discussion. Questions will be distributed during a class, and response (typed, double-spaced, and paginated) due in that Professor’s mailbox before the next class. Each will be assigned a letter grade, which compiled over the whole semester, will be your grade for the course.

Expected Learning Outcomes

Through readings, lectures, and discussions, each week you will be introduced to a new domain of Peace and Conflict Studies: a new general topic, a new span of cases, and a new set of theoretical issues and controversies. Even if you do not subsequently take a particular Core Course, you will be familiar with its subject. Intro PCS provides you with a broad perspective,
both to orient and guide you within the Program, and for comprehension of its central themes.
In the future you will be taking specialized courses. Intro PCS gives you the broad picture, with all the topical areas combined.

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**Fall 2015, Lecture Dates and Assigned Readings**

All classes run from 5:30 to 8:10 unless otherwise indicated.

Classes will meet either in our seminar room, 626 Hill Hall, or Professor’s Office, as noted.

Readings are available by week on Blackboard, [http://blackboard.rutgers.edu](http://blackboard.rutgers.edu)

In italicized words after the Professors’ names are their Core Courses.

Week 1, September 1, General Introduction

(Tuesday September 8 is a Monday class schedule, no class this week)

Week 2, September 15, Introduction to Library Resources, Minglu Wang, 6:00 Dana Library, electronic classroom (ask at the circulation desk)

Week 3, September 22, Genese Sodikoff, *Environmental Conflict* (Meet in 601 Hill Hall)


Week 4, September 29, Jamie Lew, *Comparative and International Education: Development in Peace, Conflict, and Human Rights* (Meet in 626 Hill Hall)


Week 5, October 6, Ira Cohen, *Classical Foundations of Social Theory* (Meet in 621 Hill Hall)

Week 6, October 13, Nicole Butkovich Kraus, *Cross National Inequality*
Herrera, Yoshiko M and Nicole M. Butkovich Kraus. “Pride Versus Prejudice: 
Ethnicity, National Identity, and Xenophobia in Russia.” *Journal of Comparative 
Politics* (forthcoming).
Kraus, Nicole Butkovich, “Monolithic Prejudice Reconsidered” (under review)

Week 7, October 20, Sean Mitchell, *Peace, Conflict, Security, and Development* (Meet in 631 
Hill Hall)
Berger, Mark T., and Heloise Weber, 2009. “War, Peace and Progress: Conflict, 
Quarterly* 30 (1):1-16.
Ferguson, James, 2006. “Decomposing Modernity: History and Hierarchy after 
Development.” In *Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order*, 
Mitchell, Sean, 2013. “Space, Sovereignty, Inequality: Interpreting the Explosion of 
Brazil’s VLS Rocket.” *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*
18(3): 395-412.

Week 8, October 27
Guest Speaker, Andrea Behrends, Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany. 
On oil extraction and its consequences in Niger and Chad. Time and place to be 
announced.

Week 9, November 3, Alex Hinton, *Culture, Political Violence, and Globalization*. (Meeting 
time and location to be announced)

Week 10, November 10, Aldo Civico, *Urban Space and Urban Conflict* (Meeting time and 
location to be announced)
Civico, Aldo, 2012. “‘We Are Illegal, but not Illegitimate.’ Modes of Policing in 
Medellin, Colombia.” *PoLAR, Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, May: 
77-93.
Schneider, Jane, and Peter Schneider, 2005. “Mafia, Antimafia, and the Plural Cultures 
of Sicily.” *Current Anthropology* 46:501-520.

Week 11, November 17, Chris Duncan _____________________________________________. (Meet 
in ______). 
READINGS TO COME
Week 12, November 24, Isaias Rojas-Perez, *Transitional Justice, Recovery, and Legacies of Atrocity* (Meet in 629 Hill Hall)


Week 13, December 1, Kurt Schock, *Strategic Nonviolent Conflict* (Meet in 602 Hill Hall)


Week 14, December 8, General Discussion, all faculty invited.