

Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development

Modular value: 20 credits

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This module builds on analytical approaches introduced in Conflict in Developing Countries. It can be taken as a stand alone module, but the theoretical background may be more familiar to those who have taken Conflict in Developing Countries.

This module will recap the key theories of peace and conflict, and then move the analysis on to explore particular challenges of post conflict reconstruction and development. We will consider different approaches to post conflict reconstruction and analyse the complex relationships between different actors involved in these environments, such as private security companies, international donors, service providers and NGOs. In discussing these actors, we highlight their sometimes-competing priorities and consider their impact on and approaches to post-conflict development and security. The module also comprises sessions on specific processes related to post-conflict reconstruction, including the politics of reconstruction and statebuilding, transitional justice, strategies for delivering services to populations in fragile states and security sector reform.

The module is delivered via WebCT (our virtual learning environment), with hard copy materials. Students engage in structured group discussion board activities with the tutor.

Topics include:

- Patterns of conflict and post conflict reconstruction
- Competing roles of actors involved in violence and conflict
- Linkages between conflict, security and development, and design strategies for post conflict reconstruction.

By the end of the module you should be able to:

- Describe and explain patterns of involvement of different actors in conflict in the developing world
- Compare and contrast different approaches to post conflict reconstruction
- Examine the linkages between conflict, security and development
- Analyse and explain the role of the private sector in security
- Evaluate a range of theoretical frameworks relating international relations, security and development

Assessment

Two 3,000 word assignments (50% each).