Post-Conflict Peacebuilding and International Order

Modular value: 20 credits
Duration: Term 2
Teaching: 2 hour weekly seminars

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This module explores the roles that post-conflict peacebuilding and reconstruction play in international politics. It will:

- Consider the record, effectiveness, legitimacy, and legacy of post-conflict peacebuilding and reconstruction.
- Consider a number of theoretical debates and controversies regarding peacebuilding, such as: the relationship between peacebuilding and international order; the changing nature of international politics and the types of actors which are relevant to the study of peacebuilding and reconstruction; the relationship between peacebuilding, reconstruction and statebuilding; normative debates about justice and ethics in international peacebuilding; the evolving nature of state sovereignty; and the debates and controversies which surround the promotion of democracy and market economics as a basis for peace ('liberal peacebuilding').
- Examine a number of case studies in order to deepen understanding of the record of peacebuilding, to consider how the political debates can be illustrated 'on the ground', and to consider what lessons might be learned.
- Consider the debates that surround the evolution of peacebuilding policies in the United Nations and the broader peacebuilding community.

The module will approach the subject of peacebuilding within the broader realm of international politics. It will go beyond an analysis of peacebuilding in a narrow descriptive sense, in order to address a number of broader debates in international politics through a focus on these activities.

The module covers a range of topics, including peacebuilding challenges and activities; the 'liberal peacebuilding' debate; 'transitional justice' after conflict; regional organizations as peacekeepers; international administration, trusteeships, and 'shared sovereignty'; case studies; and the evolving international peacebuilding doctrine and architecture.

Assessment

- 4500 words written work (90%)
- Oral presentation (10%)

You may be interested in these modules:

- 20 credits - **Civil War, Conflict and International Intervention (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/civil-war-conflict-international-intervention.aspx)**

You may be interested in these degrees:

- **International Relations (with specialist pathways) (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/govsoc/international-relations.aspx)**
- **International Relations (International Peacekeeping) (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-relations-peacekeeping.aspx)**

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