

Summer 18

## Intro to Justice and Peace JUPS-123-130

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

What is peace and how do you study it? Is just the absence of violence? Is it attained at an individual, community or global levels? This course provide students with an interdisciplinary study and research into the causes of violence, war and the approaches to peace. Our class starts with theories and narratives that explore the roots of violence from multiple perspective and structural processes that lead to inequality, oppression and injustice. We examine the impact and diverse connections between global armed conflicts and issues such as militarization, incarceration, education, globalization and poverty. In the second half of the semester, we take a comparative approach into violent and nonviolent strategies utilized by communities to bring about social change. Utilizing assigned readings, media, discussion board, research, case study analysis and presentations we critically examine as a community our own values and exchange ideas on transforming violence to arrive on our own definition of peace.

#### Topics

- Biological and Social Sources of Violence
- Psychology of Violence
- Militarization
- Discrimination and Bias
- Structural causes and sources of violence
- Poverty and Inequality
- Health Disparity
- Youth and Violence
- Resources and war
- Consumerism
- Incarceration
- Restorative Justice
- Ecology of Peace
- Globalization, winners and losers
- Genocide

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Learn interdisciplinary theories that examine root causes of violence and explore historical, economic and geopolitical factors in the study of contemporary armed conflicts;
- Use conflict analysis and mapping models to identify factor that impact the escalation and prevention of violence;
- Apply theory, models and frameworks to the analysis of local and global conflicts;
- Conduct quantitative and qualitative research by utilizing various methodological tools;
- Present and document a well-thought out, well-documented research project;
- Critically examine, exchange ideas and create alternatives that address inequality and injustice.

My Introduction

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Professor Elham Atashi

Hello! I'm Elham Atashi ([Links to an external site.](#))[Links to an external site.](#), your instructor for this course. I would prefer that you address me as Professor or Dr. Atashi.

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