

*In Conjunction with*



## **MEDIATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS**

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### **Course Description**

The course will focus on the role of intermediaries in the search to manage, mitigate or comprehensively resolve severe international conflicts. It will distinguish between bilateral and multilateral initiatives; between efforts to partially resolve the conflict on hand and efforts designed to comprehensively settle all of its layers and tenets; and between mediation attempts that were largely coercive and those that were based on accommodative tactics. The central case study, which will seek to illustrate the various mediation strategies and their relative effectiveness, will be American mediation in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

### **Study Areas:**

**1. Types of mediation in international conflict; typologies and frameworks; theories of mediation**

### **Required Reading**

I. William Zartman and J. Lewis Rasmussen (eds.). *Peacemaking in International Conflict: Methods and Techniques* (Washington, US Institute of Peace, 1997), pp. 81-153.

### **Recommended Reading**

Terrence P. Hopmann. *The Negotiation Process and the Resolution of International Conflicts* (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 1996), pp. 221-243.

Chester A. Crocker and Fen Osler Hampson (eds.). *Managing Global Chaos: Sources and Responses to International Conflict* (Washington, DC: US Institute of Peace, 1996).

William I. Zartman (ed.). *Preventive Negotiation: Avoiding Conflict Escalation* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2001).

William I. Zartman and Jeffrey Z. Rubin. *Power and Negotiation* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2000), pp. 3-28.

Jacob Bercovitch and Jeffrey Z. Rubin. *Mediation in International Relations* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1992), pp. 1-29.

Thomas Princen. *Intermediaries in International Conflict* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1992), pp. 3-66.

## **2. The cultural dimension**

### **Required Reading**

Raymond Cohen, *Negotiating Across Cultures: International Communication in an Interdependent World* (Washington, DC: US Institute of Peace, 1997, second edition). ISBN-1-878-37972-0

Peter Berton, Hiroshi Kimura, and I. William Zartman (eds), *International Negotiation: Actors, Structure/Process, Values* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1999) pp. 1-129. ISBN 0-312-21778-1

### **Recommended Reading:**

Guy Olivier Faure and Jeffrey Z. Rubin (eds), *Culture and Negotiation* (Newbury Park: Sage Publications, 1993).

## **3. Mediation in practice: The Arab-Israeli Conflict**

### **Required Reading:**

Abraham Ben-Zvi. *The United States and Israel: The Limits of the Special Relationship* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1993), pp. 77-122. ISBN-0- 231-08184-7

Kenneth W. Stein. *Heroic Diplomacy: Sadat, Kissinger, Carter, Begin, and the Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace* (New York: Routledge, 1999), pp. 46-145. ISBN-0- 415-92155-4.

### **Recommended Reading**

Dennis Ross, *The Missing Peace: The Inside Story of the Fight for Middle East Peace* (New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2004), pp. 591-779.

William B. Quandt. *Peace Process: American Diplomacy in the Arab-Israeli Conflict* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001), pp. 177-289.

## **4. Conclusion**

### **Required Reading**

Zartman and Rasmussen, *Peacemaking in International Conflict*, pp.25-50.

## **Final Exam**