***One Year M.A Program:***

***Conflict Research, Management and Resolution***

The Swiss Center at the Faculty of Social Sciences is offering an interdisciplinary M.A. degree program: **Conflict Research, Management and Resolution**

**Program Value**: Under the auspices of both the Swiss Center for Conflict Research, Management and Resolution and the Faculty of Social Sciences, students have access to a wealth of academic and practical expertise. Bringing together some of the top scholars in the field, both Israeli and international, this program serves as an important contribution to the growing field of conflict resolution.

**Target Audience**: The program, taught in English, is open to all students who have completed a bachelor’s degree in relevant fields, including international relations, law, political science, communication, psychology, conflict resolution, sociology, history and Middle East studies. Both Israeli and international applicants are encouraged to apply.

**Objective:** The program is committed to studying the nature of domestic and international conflict in general and in Israel in particular. It explores methods, techniques and strategies that can be utilized to manage and resolve conflicts from different disciplinary points of view, including international relations, law, political science, social psychology, communication, media studies and sociology.

**Faculty of the Program:** Includes leading experts from Israel, as well as leading international experts, offering both theoretical and practical perspectives.

This advanced degree program provides students with a deep understanding of international dispute resolution. It equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop successful careers in government, foreign affairs, policy think tanks and research centers, international organizations and NGOs, academic institutes, journalism and much more.

**Study Program**: students will study 36 credits in 2 semesters as follows:

* Mandatory theory course – Theories and Research in Conflict Resolution: 2 credits
* Core mandatory courses –at least **six** credits and three courses from this category
* Interdisciplinary departmental seminar
* Workshops: at least **4** credits and two course from this category
* Research methods: at least **two** credits and one course from this category
* Seminar papers: 8 credits
* Elective courses: 10-12 credits to complete to 36 credits

***Overall - 36 credits***

**Admission Requirements**

Qualified students with a bachelor’s degree from accredited institutions of higher education are eligible for admission to the program. Admission is competitive and based on transcripts and letters of recommendation. Students should have a minimum of 3.4 GPA, (“B+”) grade-point average, 87% or equivalent.

**International Requirements**

If the applicant's native language is not English or if they have not previously studied at an institute of higher educational where the language of instruction is **English, they must submit official TOEFL or IELTS scores.** The minimum TOEFL score required is 580 on the paper-based test, 230 on the computer-based test or 89 on the internet –based test. The minimum IELTS score is 7.

**Academic Director**: **Prof. Ifat Maoz** - Department of Communication and Director of the Swiss Center M.A. Program for Conflict Research, Management and Resolution. Areas of expertise: Social-psychological processes in conflict, intergroup relations, intergroup contact and communication in conflict.

**Leading Faculty:**

**Dr. Yuval Benziman** teaches core courses in the program. His areas of expertise include: Effective negotiation, conflict management and resolution, the dynamics of peace processes and peace agreements, cultural processes and narratives in conflict, the role of leaders in negotiations and conflict resolution.

**Prof. Christian Baden** areas of expertise include: media, discourse and political communication in conflict and research methodologies. He also teaches core courses in the program.

**Dr. Lior Lehrs** teaches core courses in the program. His areas of expertise include: conflicts and peace processes: theory and case studies (Arab-Israeli and the Israeli-Palestinian conflicts, Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Bosnia, Kosovo), official and unofficial diplomacy, mediation and negotiation in conflict resolution processes, international involvement in conflicts, foreign policy analysis, Jerusalem and divided cities, and peace in international relations theory.

**Dr. Ibrahim Hazboun** teaches a course on news coverage in conflict zones providing behavioral and practical training on the role of journalists as well as writing news reports. Dr. Hazboun areas of expertise include: journalistic practices during war and conflict, narratives of inter group, marginalized communities and new media.

***The Academic Program***

1. **Mandatory Courses**
2. Mandatory for all

Introductory Theory Course: 2 credits

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| 2 credits | Theories and Research in Conflict Resolution | - | 54717 |

Interdisciplinary Departmental Seminar

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| 1 credit | Interdisciplinary Departmental Seminar | - | 54708 |

1. Core mandatory courses: 6-7 credits (choose 3 courses from the following)

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| 2 credits  2 credits | Propaganda Revisited: Political Persuasion in Social Conflicts  Conflict – Reality, Culture and Fiction | -  - | 50059  54731 |
| 2 credits | Digital Platforms and Physical Spaces of Diversity | - | 54726 |
| 2 credits | Protest Communication at the Edge of Democracy | - | 50058 |
| 2 credits | Advanced Research in Communication, Social Media and Ethnonational, Gender and Cultural Identities | - | 50131 |
| 4 credits | Spatial Planning in Contested Spaces: The Case  of Israel and Palestine | - | 01848 |
| 4 credits  2 credits  2 credits | Israel: Politics, Media and Society  Cybersecurity: Technology, Policy, and Politics  Global Holocaust Memory and Popular Cinema | -  -  - | 01718  50068  50987 |

1. Research Methods: 2-3 credits (choose one course from the following)

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| 2 credits | Qualitative research methods (There will be four double sessions + a field trip) | - | 59535 |
| 3 credits | Advanced Qualitative Methods for Research on Diversity, Gender and Conflict | - | 54724 |

1. Workshops: 4 credits (choose two courses from the following**)**

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| 2 credits | Effective Negotiation, Mediation and Conflict Resolution | - | 54714 |
| 2 credits  2 credits  2 credits | Diplomacy in Practice: Simulating Middle East Diplomacy and Negotiations  Reporting News in Conflict Zones, Training and Practice  Between Conflict and Dialogue: An Active Journey Through Jerusalem | -  -  - | 54733  54730  54725 |

**B. Elective Courses**

**ELECTIVE COURSES**: Please take 10-12 CREDITS to complete to 36 credits.

You can elect courses from any of the clusters below. You can take as electives courses from the Core Courses, Research Methods and Workshops categories above that you have not chosen to take as mandatory.

**Conflict Resolution Cluster**

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| 2 credits | Propaganda Revisited: Political Persuasion in  Social Conflicts | - | 50059 |
| 2 credits | Digital Platforms and Physical Spaces of Diversity | - | 54726 |
| 2 credits | Cybersecurity: Technology, Policy, and Politics | - | 50068 |
| 2 credits | Protest Communication at the Edge of Democracy | - | 50058 |
| 2 credits | Advanced Research in Communication, Social Media and Ethnonational, Gender and Cultural Identities | - | 50131 |
| 4 credits | Spatial Planning in Contested Spaces: The Case  of Israel and Palestine | - | 01848 |
| 4 credits | Israel: Politics, Media and Society | - | 01718 |
| 2 credits | Effective Negotiation, Mediation and Conflict Resolution | - | 54714 |
| 1 credit | Departmental Seminar- Second Year students |  | 54709 |
| 3 credits | Advanced Qualitative Methods for Research on Diversity, Gender and Conflict |  | 54724 |
| 2 credits | Reporting News in Conflict Zones, Training and Practice | - | 54730 |
| 2 credits  2 credits  2 credits | Diplomacy in Practice: Simulating Middle East Diplomacy and Negotiations  Conflict: Reality, Culture and Fiction  Global Holocaust Memory and Popular Cinema | -  -  - | 54733  54731  50987 |

**Additional Elective Courses**

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| 2 credits  4 credits  2 credits | Digital Platforms and the Politics of Evaluation  Introduction to the Middle East: Adjustment and Change in Modern Times  The Palestinian Citizens of Israel: Dilemmas of a National Minority |  | -  -  - | 50651  01774  38710 |

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| 2 credits | Community Building - An infrastructure for development | - | 59529 |
| 2 Credits | Introduction to Development (Online segment to be done prior to the course program via moodle. There will be 4 class meetings during the fall semester) | - | 59531 |
| 2 credits | Refugees & Development | - | 59541 |
| 2 credits  2 credits | [Gender and Development](javascript:void()) (The course is online from October until mid December followed by 4 meetings during December/January)  [Development in Conflict Zones: Theoretical Exploration and Practical Tools](javascript:void()) (One credit for online portion of the course during the first semester, followed by 4 meeting sessions). | -    - | 59533  59505 |
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