

# L2K909:Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding



Postgraduate TaughtMSc2021

## Essentials

**Please note:** 2020-21 courses may be affected by Covid-19 and are therefore subject to change due to the ongoing impact of Covid-19. Summaries of course-specific changes resulting from the impact of Covid-19 will be provided to applicants during August 2020.

**For the latest information on our plans for teaching in academic year 2020/21 in light of Covid-19, please see [www.durham.ac.uk/coronavirus](http://www.durham.ac.uk/coronavirus)**

<b>UCAS code</b>	
<b>Degree</b>	MSc
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full Time
<b>Duration</b>	1 year full-time
<b>Start Date</b>	October
<b>Location</b>	Durham City ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city">www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city</a> )
<b>More information</b>	Still have questions? ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/">www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/</a> )
<b>Department(s) Website</b>	<a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/sgia">www.durham.ac.uk/sgia</a>

## Course Summary

### Description

While negotiated agreements may spell the official end of conflict, repeated failures to secure long-lasting peace around the globe call attention to the need for more encompassing approaches to peacebuilding. Attuned to social as well as political needs, conflict prevention as well as pro-active peacebuilding, new forms of intervention are calling for practices that take local perspectives seriously, that look to hitherto unrepresented social actors such as the youth and women as necessary agents in the quest for peace, and that account for wide-ranging effects of conflict and peace initiatives in areas that are traditionally deprioritised such as health and the environment, to help prevent adversities before they happen.

This interdisciplinary and custom designed MSc offers the unique opportunity to look at conflict prevention and peacebuilding through the lenses of human security, social justice, and people's diplomacy. Integrated into the MSc structure are opportunities to develop operational and vocational skills in humanitarian intervention, conflict mediation, everyday negotiation, conflict sensitive programme design, the use of peace indicators, participatory approaches to peacebuilding, and gender-sensitive approaches to security.

The MSc is designed for graduates with a career in government, inter-governmental organisations, NGOs, humanitarian organisations, or academia in mind, and for practitioners looking to enhance their practical skills while placing these within a broader theoretical perspective.

The MSc will provide you with advanced knowledge of the complex and specialised areas of peacebuilding, among it conflict analysis, conflict prevention, conflict resolution and conflict transformation, community driven reconstruction, peace processes within the context of contemporary conflicts and in the context of broader international (humanitarian) interventions. Integrated into the MSc structure are opportunities to develop operational and vocational skills for example in negotiations, conflict mediation, conflict sensitive programme design and programme management, or urban peacebuilding. You are provided with theoretical and empirical knowledge and with practical skills that are helpful for current and future employment opportunities. The courses are thus attractive to both graduates and mid-career practitioners. Whilst the academic and applied focus of the MSc comes through a peace and conflict studies analytic lens, course material will also draw from traditional strategic/security and development studies, enabling cross fertilisation between different perspectives. It allows the exploration of unique and new paradigms and practices in the fields of conflict, peace, security, defence, diplomacy, development and humanitarian intervention.

### Core modules:

- Defence, Development and Diplomacy in Conflict
- Conflict Prevention and Sustainable Peace
- Peace Processes and Everyday Political Negotiation
- Consolidating Peace after Violence
- Capstone Exercise: Humanitarian Intervention Simulation
- Dissertation

### Examples of optional modules:

Optional modules in previous years have included:

- Transitory Lives: Migration Research and Advocacy
- Conflict Mediation
- Fieldtrip
- Gender, Security, and Postconflict Reconstruction
- Contemporary Challenges in UN Peacekeeping
- Conflict Analysis
- Urban Violence - Urban Peacebuilding
- Capturing and Counting Peace and Conflict.
- Participatory Approaches to Peace and Development
- Conflict Sensitive Programme Management
- Curating Human Remains.

## **Admissions Process**

### **Subject requirements, level and grade**

- UK 2.1 Bachelor degree, or equivalent ([www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/)).
- The degree should be in the field of social sciences, but we will actively consider significant relevant experience in lieu of this requirement.
- Two satisfactory academic references. In cases of applicants who have significant relevant experience, one work-related reference and one academic reference would be considered appropriate.

### **English Language requirements**

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study ([www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/))

### **How to apply**

[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply)

## Fees and Funding

### Full Time Fees

<b>EU Student</b>	£23,320.00 per year
<b>Home Student</b>	£13,250.00 per year
<b>Island Student</b>	£13,250.00 per year
<b>International non-EU Student</b>	£23,320.00 per year

The tuition fees shown are for one complete academic year of full time study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (**unless otherwise stated**).

Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation ([www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/)).

### Scholarships and funding

[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance)

## **Career Opportunities**

### **School of Government and International Affairs**

Our students go on to a wide range of successful careers including civil service and other government agencies, UN/INGOs/CSOs, journalism, media, teaching, law, banking and finance, diplomatic services and risk analysis.

For further information on career options and employability, including the results of the Destination of Leavers survey, student and employer testimonials and details of work experience and study abroad opportunities, please visit our employability web pages ([www.durham.ac.uk/sgia/postgraduate/employability](http://www.durham.ac.uk/sgia/postgraduate/employability)).

## **Open days and visits**

### **Pre-application open day**

[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit)

### **Overseas Visit Schedule**

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus)

### **Postgraduate Visits**

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[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit/)

## Department Information

### School of Government and International Affairs

#### Overview

Durham's School of Government and International Affairs (SGIA) combines a long tradition of expertise in a wide range of fields in politics, political theory, political economy, and international relations with a depth of specialisms in regional expertise – Europe, East Asia, the Middle East and the wider Muslim world. The SGIA provides an exceptional environment for learning, training and research.

#### Ranking

71% of the department's research is either Internationally Excellent' (3\*) or World Leading (4\*) – the top two categories in *REF 2014*.

#### Website

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