**Conflict and Peace Building (taught in 2019-20)**

**(BA Prog Sem 6, SEC, Political Science)**

**Course Objectives**:

This course is designed to help build an understanding of a variety of conflict situations among students in a way that they can relate to them through their lived experiences. It’s an interdisciplinary course that draws its insights from various branches of social sciences and seeks to provide a lively learning environment for teaching and training students how to bring about political and social transformations at the local, national and international levels. The course encourages the use of new information technologies and innovative ways of understanding these issues by teaching students’ skills of managing and resolving conflicts and building peace through techniques such as role‐play, simulations, street theatre, cinema and music on the one hand and by undertaking field visits, interacting with different segments of the civil society including those affected by conflicts as well as diplomats, journalists and experts, on the other.

Unit I. Concepts (6 Lectures) a. Understanding Conflict (Week 1) b. Conflict Management, Conflict Resolution and Conflict Transformation (Week 2) c. Peace Building

Unit II: Dimensions of Conflict (6 Lectures) a. Ideology (Week 4) b. Economic/Resource Sharing Conflicts (Week 5) c. Socio‐Cultural Conflicts (Ethnic, Religious, Gender‐based)

Unit III: Sites of Conflict (6 Lectures) a. Local (Week 7) b. Sub‐National (Week 7) c. International

Unit IV: Conflict Responses: Skills And Techniques (6 Lectures) a. Negotiations: Trust Building (Week 9) b. Mediation: Skill Building; Active Listening (Week 10) c. Track I, Track II & Multi Track Diplomacy (Week 11) d. Gandhian Methods

The paper deals with the practical significance of peace and conflict, its meaning, dimensions, levels and methods of resolution. The way peace and conflict form significant constituent of human lives at every level has been dealt in the paper. Students were apprised with the basic concepts viz theoretical aspects of peace and conflict. Various forms of conflicts especially in international context has been discussed with students. They were also taught various methods of conflict resolution. Students were asked to prepare an assignment on ethnic conflicts and discuss some case studies related to that. (Online mode) Relevant material and readings were shared with them.

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