Why study Conflict Analysis and Reconciliation at the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology?

The Master’s Programme in Conflict Analysis and Reconciliation (CAR) will offer students a unique and highly interdisciplinary approach to understanding and analyzing intergroup conflicts. Students will learn from highly respected Bosnian and international scholars who will provide them with a comprehensive and experiential understanding of the processes and conditions leading to various types of intergroup conflicts (ethnic, religious, communal, political etc.), conflict resolution techniques, as well as post-conflict related processes such as power sharing, justice and reconciliation. The issues will be analyzed and discussed from a multi-disciplinary perspective ranging from political philosophy, political science, international law to social psychology. Studying conflict in a post-conflict setting such as Sarajevo will provide students a first-hand perspective and direct understanding of the challenges and issues whilst discussing and integrating theory, research and practical approaches.

Required Courses

The Master program, starting in October 2013, is run by the Political Science and International Relations department at SSST in collaboration with SSST’s partner, the University of Buckingham in the United Kingdom. The duration of the programme is four semesters (two years). Students will be required to take eight courses in total with two courses per semester (total number of ECTS for all courses: 64) and produce a research-based thesis (total number of ECTS for thesis: 56). After successful completion of all coursework and thesis submission (including an oral defense), students will be awarded a Masters of Arts degree in Conflict Analysis and Reconciliation by both the SSST and the University of Buckingham (total number of ECTS: 120).

CAR 510: Conflict, Culture and Democracy
CAR 520: Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution
CAR 530: Conflict Management Techniques
CAR 540: Psychology of Intergroup Conflict and Reconciliation

CAR 610: Power sharing in post-conflict settings
CAR 620: Genocide in theory and international law
CAR 630: Transitional Justice
CAR 640: Media, Conflict and Peace
Teaching and Assessment

Each course will meet twice a week for two hours over a 15-week period (60 contact hours per course). During each week students will learn and critically engage with different types of materials such as academic papers, lectures, movies, case-studies, students' presentations etc. Students will be assessed on several components (written assignments-term papers; presentations; debates; case-study analysis; final exams; and a research-based thesis).

Knowledge and Skills

At the end of the programme students will be able to demonstrate critical knowledge and understanding of processes and conditions of various types of intergroup conflicts and related post-conflict processes such as transitional justice, power-sharing and reconciliation. Students will also learn and critically engage in concrete case-studies, conflict management and resolution practices and lessons learned from different parts of the world but with a particular emphasis on the former Yugoslavia.

Internship options are available during the second academic year as an opportunity to apply theory to practice. Students will be able to intern with government agencies, NGOs, and private organizations in Sarajevo working in this field.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees per annum are 5500 EUR, including all required text books and reading material.

Requirements

Bachelor of Arts degree in the social sciences or humanities.

Demonstrated proficiency in English (minimum requirement level 5).

Admission

The application deadline is April 19 2013. We strongly encourage early application. Applications received after published deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

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