

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Course: Violence against civilians in armed conflicts

Duration: 8 hours

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### OBJECTIVE

Despite great progress in terms of domestic and international legislation for the protection of civilians, violence against them continues to be a common occurrence in situations of armed conflict. The aim of the course is to introduce students to central analytical and theoretical frameworks to explain this phenomenon.

### METHODOLOGY

The sessions will consist of a presentation by the professor, with ample space for student participation.

### CONTENT OF THE SESSIONS

#### **Session 1 The nature of war and violence against civilians.**

KRCMARIC, Daniel (2018). "Varieties of civil war and mass killing: Reassessing the relationship between guerrilla warfare and civilian victimization", *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 55(1), pp. 18–31.

#### **Session 2 Mass murder of civilians**

ANDERTON, Charles (2015). "Genocide: Perspectives from the Social Sciences", College of the Holy Cross, Economics Department Working Papers.

#### **Session 3 Sexual violence as a weapon of war**

WOOD, Elizabeth (2018). "Rape as a Practice of War: Toward a Typology of Political Violence", *Politics & Society*, vol. 46, issue 4, pp. 513-537.

#### **Session 4 Terrorism**

WEINBERG, Leonard, PEDAHZUR Ami & Sivan HIRSCH-HOEFLER (2010): "The Challenges of Conceptualizing Terrorism", *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 16:4, 777-794.