



# Olympia Summer Seminars 2012 in Conflict and Peace Studies

## July 5-July 16 at the International Olympic Academy Ancient Olympia Greece

Since the summer of 2002, Olympia has been hosting, with growing success, an annual international graduate summer program in comparative politics and international relations. Thanks to the collaboration of Greek universities with Yale University's Program on Order, Conflict and Violence, the hospitality of the city of Ancient Olympia, and the generosity of Greek foundations, the Olympia Summer Seminars bring together every year a highly diverse and talented group of graduate students, professionals, and professors from more than 30 countries from around the world. The purpose of the seminars is to create a forum for high quality academic work in the unique setting of Olympia, and to provide opportunities for the creation and consolidation of scholarly networks of cooperation.

The Olympia Summer Seminars are organized by the Navarino Network, a public policy initiative based in Thessaloniki, Greece, with the support of numerous universities and foundations, including Yale University, the Institute of International Relations at Panteion University of Athens, and several European Research Consortia, i.e. Microcon in 2008 and 2010 and TAMNEAC in 2012. The Seminars have been generously sponsored by the A. G. Leventis Foundation, and, in the past, by the National Bank of Greece and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece.

Due to high demand, the 2012 program will offer four cycles of studies. The application is competitive. Tuition charges cover only part of the total cost of the program since OSS is generously supported by several sponsors. A number of scholarships are offered on the basis of merit and need.

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*"The Olympia Summer School 2010 has been an intense and wonderful opportunity to make progress in my research", Sara Pavan, graduate student, University of Amsterdam, researcher and teaching assistant at the Institute of Social Studies*



*"The professors were all very helpful and approachable and made an effort to point out to individual students how the course discussions related back to their research topics.", Kai Thaler, researcher, Centre for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town*



*"It was an exciting experience. All in all, the summer school created an opportunity for learning and making friends with lots of fun!", Sindu Workneh Kebede, Doctoral Student, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Department of International Economics*

### Co-organizers

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### Apply to Olympia Summer Seminars

Applicants should be (post-) graduate students working towards Masters or Ph.D. degrees, but we usually admit some advanced undergraduates, as well as researchers and practitioners. All applicants should be fluent in English. An application should include a short bio, a letter of recommendation and a copy of university transcripts in English (or Greek). Non-academic applicants should provide instead of a transcript a full description of their job / research position.

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Please download the application form from the web [www.olympiaseminars.org](http://www.olympiaseminars.org) and submit electronically by **March 31, 2012**. However, those seeking financial aid should submit their application by **March 15, 2012**. Places are limited and will be awarded on merit. Early applications are strongly encouraged, especially if a request for financial aid is submitted, as aid is limited. Decisions will be mailed out by **April 15, 2012**. Admitted foreign students will be provided with all necessary documentation in support of a visa application, if this is needed.

### Fees

There is a 150-euro non-refundable registration fee to be paid in advance of the seminar to secure a place, in accordance with the instructions provided in the letter of admission. Those wishing to attend two cycles (either Cycle B and Cycle C, or Cycle B and Cycle D) do not have to pay the registration fee twice. Tuition and board charges are for Cycle A: 900 euros, Cycle B: 390 euros, Cycle C: 390 euros and Cycle D: 390 euros.

These tuition and board charges are **IN ADDITION** to the registration fee and cover: a) shared hotel accommodation in a double occupancy room, b) breakfast, light lunch and full dinner, c) electronic access to all the reading material, d) excursions, cultural and social activities and extra curricular activities including a guided tour of the Olympia Archeological site and e) transportation from "Athens International Airport" to Olympia and back.

A single room can be provided at an additional charge of 35 euros per night. A limited number of scholarships for the tuition and board charges are available and will be awarded on a merit and need basis. Nonetheless, we also encourage students to search for outside funding to cover their fees and/or travel expenses, by exploring funding opportunities available through their home universities and local non-governmental organizations. All participants are expected to pay for their own travel to and from Athens.

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## Cycle A: The Transformation of Conflict July 5-16, 2012

### Course Description

The study of conflict has made tremendous strides in the past two decades: new tools and new perspectives have advanced our understanding of its causes, dynamics, and consequences. In particular, the rigorous empirical and theoretical study of the various forms of conflict and political violence has gained considerable traction. The objective of this course is to review the evolution of this field, in a way that is simultaneously sophisticated, and accessible. In exploring the intersection of large-scale collective action and political violence, we will draw from several disciplines: primarily political science (including both subfields of international relations and comparative politics), but also history, sociology, and economics. We will discuss historical, quantitative, and experimental approaches that have been deployed in the study of conflict and we will examine a broad cross-section of topics, including the causes and dynamics of civil war, ethnic conflict, mass violence, genocide, riots, and terrorism; and the logic of rebel group formation, cohesion, and performance. Our geographic focus will be broad, reflective of the faculty's diverse expertise. At the end of the course, students will have acquired a good grasp of cutting edge research on conflict.

### The faculty includes

**Erica Chenoweth Ph.D., Colorado**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Wesleyan University; Director of Wesleyan's Program on Terrorism and Insurgency Research

**Kristine Eck Ph.D., Uppsala**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

**Robert Gerwarth Ph.D., Oxford**  
Professor, Department of History, University College Dublin; Director, UCD Center for War Studies

**Stathis Kalyvas Ph.D., Chicago**  
Arnold Wolfers Professor of Political Science, Yale University; Director of the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale

## Cycle B: Religion & International Politics July 5-10, 2012

### Course Description

The idea that religion matters in international politics is no longer a subject of much controversy in academia. Yet, this welcome break from a rather long-standing disciplinary "secularizing" silence/bias has, nevertheless, yielded rather little in terms of robust theorizing on how religion matters to politics at the national, international, and transnational contexts. This cycle offers a survey of the state of the field when it comes to understanding the nexus between religion and politics. Our regional focus will be comparative, with particular emphasis on cases from Turkey, EU, and Greater Middle East. We will examine the role that religious issues play in the practice of international relations and, in particular, their influence on nationalism and identity politics, democratization, international norms, foreign policy, conflict and violence, and peace and negotiation, so as to allow students to leave the cycle with a provocative and rigorous overview of an evolving and fascinating field of inquiry.

### The faculty includes

**Menderes Çınar Ph.D., Bilkent**  
Associate Professor of Political Science, Baskent University

**Katerina Dalacoura Ph.D., LSE**  
Senior Lecturer in International Relations, London School of Economics

**Stathis Kalyvas Ph.D., Chicago**  
Arnold Wolfers Professor of Political Science, Yale University; Director of the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale

**Dimitris Keridis Ph.D., Tufts**  
Associate Professor of International Relations, University of Macedonia

**Paschalis Kitromilides Ph.D., Harvard**  
Professor of Political Science, University of Athens

## Cycle C: Terrorism & Counterterrorism July 10-16, 2012

### Course Description

Terrorism, and our response to it, are among the most compelling of global political issues: they dominate news headlines, public anxiety, and political strategies alike. Yet few attempt to analyze systematically this pressing phenomenon. Surely, no amount of analytical precision will rid us of the existence of terrorism, but if we want to respond effectively to the policy challenge that it poses we need first to respond effectively to its analytical challenge. To this end, the seminar seeks to provide an overview of the state-of-the-art in the study of terrorism, while also debate whether there is a significant continuity or transformation in terrorist behaviour. Topics that will be covered include: the place of terrorism within the broader context of political violence; the causes of terrorism; the inherent difficulties in defining terrorism and compiling reliable data on terrorist attacks; the distinction between 'old' and 'new' terrorism; the politics of terrorist risk perception; the global war on terror and counterterrorism.

### The faculty includes

**Erica Chenoweth Ph.D., Colorado**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Wesleyan University; Director of Wesleyan's Program on Terrorism and Insurgency Research

**Richard English Ph.D., Keele**  
Professor of Politics; Director of the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV), University of St. Andrews

**Andreas Gofas Ph.D., Warwick**  
Marie Curie Fellow, University of Sheffield; Lecturer in International Relations, Panteion University

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**Harry Papassotiropoulos Ph.D., Stanford**  
Professor of International Politics, Panteion University; IIR Deputy Director

## Cycle D: Negotiating Peace July 10-16, 2012

### Course Description

Negotiation has become the most widely used means to manage and resolve conflicts and to make decisions in international affairs. For most of human history, negotiation was considered an "art", something one was born with – or without – the ability to do well. However, in the last 40 years, scholars and practitioners have studied effective negotiators and negotiation processes, and have distilled analytic frameworks and skill sets that are teachable and learnable. This course will provide an overview of the basic elements of negotiation theory and practice, drawing upon the concepts of distributive and integrative bargaining. The emphasis will be on understanding the processes of negotiation and how they affect outcomes in international and intra-state (inter-group) conflicts. We will then move to more advanced study of the challenges of negotiating in the international political arena. This will include attention to cognitive and psychological barriers to effective negotiation, the effects of intra-party dynamics, negotiating under conditions of power asymmetry, and managing the complexities of multilateral negotiations. Throughout the course, we will be using simulations and case studies to build both analytic and practical negotiating skills.

### The faculty includes

**Eileen F. Babbitt Ph.D., MIT**  
Professor of Practice in international conflict management; Director of the International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Program, and co-director of the Program on Human Rights and Conflict Resolution at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University

**Diana Chigas M.A.L.D. Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and a J.D. Harvard Law School**  
Professor of the Practice of International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University; Co-director of the Reflecting on Peace Practice program at CDA Collaborative Learning Projects in Cambridge, MA, USA

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