

Protracted Identity-Based Conflict: Ties that Bind and Divide

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This course explores the role of ethnic, national and religious identities as both cause and products of conflict. A multidisciplinary lens will be utilized to examine the dynamics of protracted social conflicts combined with historical events, including the politics and psychology of individual and collective identity development. Special consideration will be given to the connection between violent ethnic conflict, such as war and genocide, and their influence on identity construction, conflict engagement, rebuilding and transformation. We will visit historic sites, including a mass grave and beautiful medieval walled cities in Croatia and Bosnia, to give context to the remarkable impact and transformation from traumatic conflict experienced in these countries.