The course will focus on the role of intermediaries in the search to manage, mitigate or comprehensively resolve severe international conflicts. It will distinguish between bilateral and multilateral initiatives; between efforts to partially resolve the conflict on hand and efforts designed to comprehensively settle all of its layers and tenets; and between mediation attempts that were largely coercive and those that were based on accommodative tactics. The central case study, which will seek to illustrate the various mediation strategies and their relative effectiveness, will be American mediation in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

1-2. Types of mediation in international conflict; typologies and frameworks; theories of mediation

**Required Reading**

**Recommended Reading**
3. The cultural dimension

**Required Reading**
ISBN-1-878-37972-0


**Recommended Reading:**

4-6. Mediation in practice:
(a) The Arab-Israeli Conflict

**Required Reading:**
(a) *The Arab-Israeli Conflict:*
ISBN-0- 231-08184-7


**Recommended Reading**


7. Conclusion

**Required Reading**

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