



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Social Studies

1FU213 Konflikt, säkerhet och utveckling i ett regionalt perspektiv,
7,5 högskolepoäng
Conflict, Security and Development from a Regional Perspective,
7.5 credits

Main field of study

Peace and Development Studies

Subject

Peace and Development Research

Level

First cycle

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved 2023-08-21.

Revised 2024-12-18. Revision of literature and new standard text.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2025.

Prerequisites

1-45 hp in peace and development studies, social sciences or relevant humanities.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course the students will be able to:

- Identify and explain major past and present developments in the social, economic and political systems that shape the region.
- Identify and explain regional particularities in relation to culture, religion, gender

and human rights.

- Discuss and analyse regional and global integration and organisation in relation to issues of regional development and security.
- Discuss and analyse regional developments in the making, including present-day challenges and opportunities for sustainable development and sustainable peace.

Content

This course addresses the security and development challenges, and opportunities, that have shaped and continue to shape a particular region. In particular, the course offers a deeper understanding of issues of human security and sustainable peace, human rights, sustainable development as well as regional integration and organisation. The course provides insights into the development of political, economic and social systems, key conflicts in the region, regional and global integration, cultural particularities and human rights, as well as ongoing regional opportunities and challenges of peace and development.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures, supervised group work and seminars.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E or F.

Examination of the course takes place by means of one individual written assignment and two written group assignments.

The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that will result in a pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as fail. Fx is formally not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, all the objectives must be fulfilled. Information about the criteria for assessment on the A-F scale is available at the start of the course.

Students who fail to receive the grade of Pass (i.e. they have received the grade of F) at the scheduled examination date will have the opportunity to retake the exam close to the original exam date.

Resit examination is offered in accordance with Linnaeus University's Local regulations for courses and examination at the first- and second-cycle levels.

In the event that a student with a disability is entitled to special study support, the examiner will decide on adapted or alternative examination arrangements.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation should be conducted during the course or in connection with its

conclusion. The results and analysis of the completed course evaluation should be promptly communicated to students who have completed the course. Students participating in the next course instance should be informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any improvements that have been made, no later than at the start of the course.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Middell, Matthias. 2019. *The Routledge Handbook of Transregional Studies*. London and New York: Taylor & Francis. (selection of about 300 p) Available on e-library.

Basedau, M., Köllner, P. Area studies, comparative area studies, and the study of politics: Context, substance, and methodological challenges. *Zeitschrift fuer Vergleichende Politikwissenschaften* 1, 105–124 (2007).

<https://www.academia.edu/47604698/AreastudiescomparativeareastudiesandthestudyofpoliticsC>

Additional scientific articles/books on a specific region: 700 pages, comprising the literature for the particular regional focus of each course. That focus depends on the regional choice (regions within Africa, LA, Asia, Eastern Europe or the Middle East) for that particular semester. A list of literature for this part of the course will be provided 3 months before the course start.