National Institute of Advanced Studies

Conflict Resolution Programme

invites Masters and PhD students to a course on

ETHNIC CONFLICT

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What is ethnicity? What does it share with nationalism and in what respects is it different? Why do ethnic groups fight violently and kill wantonly, especially after living peacefully for a long time? Under what conditions do they manage their relations peacefully? When do they become nationalistic? Does ethnic conflict mark the politics of poor countries, or is it a wider phenomenon? Do people participate in ethnic insurgencies because of greed or grievance? Will ethnic groups disappear as modernity proceeds further? How should liberals look at nationalism? Is ethnicity, or ethnic conflict, best studied in a small-n, or a large-n, methodological frame? What aspects of it can be studied well in an experimental methodological setting?

These questions will guide this ten-session course. Students will be introduced to the classic texts on ethnicity, nationalism and ethnic conflict, as also to the more important recent work. Over the last two decades, the subfield of ethnicity and ethnic conflict has grown enormously, generating novel insights and reaching new levels of sophistication.

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Key texts covered