



EDEN

European Doctorate Enhancement Programme

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The EDEN Mission

The mission of EDEN is to contribute to the creation, strengthening, and development of expertise and collaborative experience towards the consolidation of a European Area of Research.



The EDEN Vision

- To create a European network of expertise in Peace and Conflict Studies
- To raise the level and quality of discussion, collaboration and coordination within the European academic community, encompassing the diversity of theoretical approaches in the area and promoting intellectual understanding despite the lack of common language.
- To create and provide appropriate institutional infrastructure and consistent financial support for academic research

Specific Objectives

- To promote increasing and sustained exchange between academics in different European organisations by developing joint research programmes, training structures and programmes, and dissemination strategies.
- To offer an international, interdisciplinary, high quality education by providing research in Europe on the key theme(s) of Peace and Conflict Studies. This will be achieved through the development of a comprehensive European-wide doctoral program.
- To foster the exchange of advanced students so as to develop a critical mass of inter-disciplinary comparative research expertise, providing access to tutorial, taught methodology courses, and access to significant human and practical resources for a better understanding of the research questions.
- To generate sustained debate and exchange between policy makers, NGO's, media professionals and academics, in order to facilitate mutual understanding and an ongoing feedback between research, knowledge dissemination and policy.

Structure of the EDEN Programme

Title: The European Doctorate Enhancement Programme in Peace and Conflict Studies

Duration: Until requirements are fulfilled satisfactorily (approximately 3 years).

Programme Content:

The EDEN programme represents an addition to local/national doctorate programmes. As part of the requirements of the programme, research students will have to participate in two *summer schools (Intensive Programme)*, spend a *six-month research stay in another of the network's training sites*, and *defend their research before an international committee that includes a member of EDEN's Executive Board*.

Intensive Programmes

There will be an Intensive Programme each year at the beginning of the doctoral programme course. The programme will rotate among partner sites on a yearly basis. This constitutes a unique opportunity for research students to have intensive access to main European researchers in the field, learn about contemporary theoretical and methodological debates, expose their respective research projects to commentary and criticism, review achievements, exchange theoretical and methodological tools, and refine joint objectives. As part of the European Doctorate Enhancement Programme, each student will participate in two conferences. This tool is also crucial to promote a strong European dimension in the Network.

Research Training

The sustained mobility of PhD researchers among the different network centres is a fundamental element in the creation of a truly European network where interdisciplinary, comparative research can be carried out and shared. In reference to the students involved in the European programme, this mobility will further contribute to the emergence of a coherent ethos regarding professional training and practice. The exchange will be organised according to the academic quality of the candidate, and the adequacy of his training/education background and research/professional needs and interest to the target institution. And it will take the form of a research period of six months (minimum) at one of the other universities of the network.

Programme Themes

Joint activities of the Network will be articulated around the following themes:

- Theory
- Methodology
- Identity formation
- Political economy
- Representations and dissemination
- National and international law
- Conflict resolution mechanisms
- Post-war Peacebuilding and Governance
- Peace building leadership
- Trauma and Reconciliation
- Regional and International Organisations and Institutions
- Diasporas
- Postcolonialism
- Ethics and human rights

The choice of these themes is based on (i) the Network's existing expertise and shared interests; (ii) their relevance to peace and conflict studies; (iii) the Network's belief that the ability to debate these themes is indispensable for effectively addressing the key issues in the process of building an EU knowledge-based as well as making the European Union a world leader in the field of conflict analysis, resolution and prevention.

Resources

Each member of the Network has a multidisciplinary research team comprising professors, lectures, research fellows and research students some of whom have acknowledged expertise and experience in the fields related to Peace and Conflict Studies. Basic teaching, research, and dissemination infrastructures such as class/conference/workshop rooms, video sets, computer facilities, libraries (including online libraries, in some cases), documentation centres, exist at each Network's research site. These infrastructures will be gradually increased and improved as the Network develops, in order to meet emerging demands and needs. Particular efforts will be made to adapt the information technology to the needs and demands of the Network.

Financing will be based on national rules and regulations of the participating University and the available resources of the European Union

Seminars/Workshops

Seminars and workshops will be organised by the Network's partners according to the burning issues of the day. The designing and organisation of these activities will be done in a concerted effort to build and develop an interdisciplinary and inter-professional dialogue on the issue of Peace and Conflict Studies in Europe. Seminars and workshops will provide space for fruitful intellectual and professional exchanges among people from different backgrounds and with different experiences. Participants will come from NGOs, policy and mass media professionals, research/ academic institutions, and members of local populations affected by conflict. Some of these activities may also serve for providing training in specific sub-areas of peace and conflict resolution such as mediation. As part of this project, the Network organised two seminars on media and conflict (Amsterdam, 2001; Coimbra, 2002).



Criteria for participation

Programme Participants: The target group of the programme is made up of prospective doctoral students intending to carry out research on issues related to peace and conflict studies.

Entry requirements:

- The student must enrol for his/her doctorate in an EDEN university.
- An active knowledge of two or more European languages **and a commitment to acquire the necessary knowledge of the same in the course of the EDEN programme.**
- Relevant academic qualifications
- High motivation
- Possible field or work experience in pertinent areas.

The European Doctorate Enhancement in Peace and Conflict Studies is formed by the following institutions:

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The objective of the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict is to intensify academic research and instruction in the fields of armed conflict and ensuring peace. In particular, it sets out to fill the gaps which have appeared in this area of research in recent decades and to make contributions with respect to fundamental and current issues. Of special significance are the questions surrounding a future European peace order and the realisation of regional and world-wide processes of disarmament and arms control, as well as all of the humanitarian issues arising from armed conflicts and situations threatening peace. The Institute's twofold and comprehensive objective of dealing with issues surrounding both peace and armed conflict —issues which were traditionally seen as two completely separate levels of research and political activity— takes into account the growing interconnection of these areas of international relations which has appeared in recent years in academic discussions and in the practice of international law.

A further goal in the work of the Institute is to offer lectures and seminars in its principal areas of activity. Aside from introductory courses on the international law of peace and armed conflict, current issues and research results are included in the teaching process and dealt with in special lectures. The many and varied questions and research results can thereby be treated above all —as far as this is possible— in interdisciplinary lectures. These are conducted by a number of lecturers from various disciplines and cover topics which reflect the numerous connections between these interdisciplinary issues.

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At the University of Kent at Canterbury the synergies of anthropology and international relations provide a particularly felicitous academic milieu in which European students can investigate the origins and conditions of communal identities, their interactions with those of other groups, the development, enactment and resolution of conflicts between such groups, and the restitutive labours of states, communities and individuals which follow such violences. The Department of Anthropology —recently given a 5 rating in the U.K. Research Assessment Exercise— provides programme in Ethnicity, Nationalism and Identity which contextualise identity, territory and the conflicts generated in and around them. It is particularly strong in the study of the states surrounding the Mediterranean Basin but also has experts in post-socialist countries. The Department of Politics and International Relations is one of the premier sites in Europe for the study of conflict and conflict resolution, and its Centre for Conflict Analysis engages in both research and the practical aspects of conflict management and resolution. Expertise in the department includes, strategic studies, European Security, Russia and Central and Eastern Europe and the Caucasus. It seems vital that the interdisciplinary character of work stressed at Kent particularly in light of our expectation of bringing one applicant in under anthropology and the other under international relations.

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The University of Coimbra was founded in 1290 and has today 22,000 students distributed in 8 different schools.

The International Relations department is based in the School of Economics and it offers a PhD Programme on «International Politics and Conflict Resolution». The central theme of this programme is the study of the mechanisms for promoting peace in the international field, be it in terms of conflict prevention, conflict resolution or peacekeeping. This central theme requires that students develop a systematic understanding of: the dynamics of international politics, particularly as they relate to situations of conflict; a range of theories of, and approaches to, peace and conflict; and techniques of mediation and peacebuilding. It is a two-year course plus one year for the elaboration of the final thesis.

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Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Derby is nested within the Politics Programme and the newly-created cross-school and interdisciplinary University Research Centre. Particular emphasis and focus on the Peace and Conflict Studies doctoral programme is based upon staff expertise in the following areas:

- Identity Formation and Conflict
- The Political Theory of Peace and Conflict
- Applied Conflict Theory
- Non-aligned Foreign Policy
- Dispute Resolution
- The Yugoslav wars of secession and post-Yugoslav States
- Post-colonial Protectorates and Conflict Rehabilitation
- The Middle East Disputes
- Political Exclusion and Neo-Fascism
- Anti-Semitism
- The French Wars of Decolonisation (Algeria and Indochina) and
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal

The University of Deusto was inaugurated in 1886 and today stands proudly on the banks of the Nervion River, across the Bilbao Guggenheim Museum, being one of the leading academic institutions in Spain. It is a place of dynamic encounter and dialogue between faith and culture, between the arts and the sciences.

The research unit backing the European Doctoral Programme is located in the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, drawing expertise from a number of units and centres in Deusto, as well as from other academic centres within the country and abroad. On the heels of globalisation, a doctoral programme, *Migrations & Conflict in Global Society* has recently been created. Research being conducted by faculty and students linked to this interdisciplinary programme includes Ethnogenesis; Citizenship; Ethnic Identity; Multiculturalism; Human Rights; Minority Rights; Borders, Diasporas, Refugees, Exiles; Media and Conflict; Cultures of Peace and Violence; Social Trauma; Religion and Nationalism; Transnational Migratory Communities; as well as Basque Society, Identity and Conflict.

Deusto is also the base for HumanitarianNet, a Thematic Network of 87 institutions on Humanitarian Development Studies. HumanitarianNet aims to improve the work of universities in the field of Humanitarian Development in all their activities, including teaching, research, fieldwork, discussion and dissemination.

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The University of Graz, founded in 1585, looks back on a long history of academic achievements; today, it has some 25,000 students. Centred in the heart of Europe, it has traditionally had good contacts with universities in the South-Eastern European Region, and has promoted the development of democratic institutions through its activities in countries like Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and Albania.

Accordingly, its Institute for International Law and International Relations has a research focus not only on peace and conflict studies, but also on human rights, democracy and the rule of law and works in close collaboration with organizations like the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, World University Service Austria, the Ludwig-Boltzmann-Institute for Human Rights in Vienna, the Austrian University Institute for Human Rights in Salzburg and the European Peace University in Stadtschlaining. The Institute for International Law and International Relations at the University of Graz can therefore provide intellectual challenge and academic support to all those students who want to work on issues related to post-conflict situations and the role of human rights, human security and human rights education for the building of a democratic society. Currently, it has two chairs and eight other professor or research positions.

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The Catholic University of Leuven is one of the oldest universities in Europe (1425), the largest in Belgium (29,000 students), and is situated less than 30 minutes by train/car from Brussels. For students in international politics, Leuven offers an excellent academic (and student) environment as well as easy access to practitioners at the European Union (EU) and NATO. Since 2002, Leuven organises a Master of Arts in Conflict and Sustainable Peace (MaCSP). MaCSP is a one-year multidisciplinary programme that aims to provide a better insight in potential and existing violent conflicts, both on the national and international level, and to help students towards developing strategies of conflict transformation focused on sustainable peace and towards contributing more effectively to the prevention of violence.

The programme consists of five core courses (Peace Research and Conflict Management; Sustainable peacebuilding architecture, A multidisciplinary perspective on conflict and peace, Ethics of Peace and a Reading Course), three electives, a master thesis, and a project seminar. The project seminar is the central part of MaCSP. The participants in the seminar are welded into a research team, sharing with one another their projects and concerns. During the second part of the year, the project seminar is directed towards eliciting mutual support in the writing of the thesis. MaCSP can also be considered as a pre-doctoral year. More information about MaCSP is available on: www.kuleuven.ac.be/macsp. The Department of Political Sciences houses a 'Center for Peace Research and Strategic studies (CPRS)' www.soc.kuleuven.ac.be/pol/IEB/peace_research.htm. The research focusses on violence prevention, sustainable peace building architecture, Peace and conflict impact assessment (P-CIAS) and European security policy.

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The Centre for Peace and Development Studies promotes research on conflict and its resolution both in Ireland and in other parts of the world, with a view to exploring the causes of conflict, as well as methods of mitigating and resolving it. The Centre is also concerned with issues around development including trade, aid, health and gender. Among themes addressed in doctoral and masters research programmes have been the following: civil society in Cuba; Chilean foreign policy; Baha'i ideas; civil society in Lebanon; third world development and aid; cross-border processes in Ireland; policing in Northern Ireland and the Balkans; UN peacekeeping; and violence against women. Complementing its research activity, the Centre supports a taught MA programme on Peace and Development Studies; and cooperates with other research institutes in Austria, Slovakia, Canada and Northern Ireland.

Under the direction of one of Turkey's leading family-run foundations, the Haci Omer Foundation (VAKSA), the Sabanci Group established Sabanci University in July 1994. More than fifty academicians from 22 different countries, students, and individuals from the private sector participated in the conference in August 1995. The University began its first academic year on October 20, 1999. Sabanci University's mission is to develop competent and confident individuals, enriched with the ability to reflect critically and independently, combined with a strong sense of social responsibility; and, to contribute to the development of science and technology, as well as disseminating the knowledge created to the benefit of the community. The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences has made a substantial investment to develop a Conflict Analysis and Resolution Program that is designed to provide graduate level education for Turkish and foreign students. Consistent with the philosophy and mission of the University, the Program aims to take a regional lead in providing support for peacemaking and conflict prevention schemes on the ground.

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The Sofia University «St. Kliment Ohridski» was founded in 1888 and is an embodiment and a continuation of centuries of cultural and educational tradition in this country. Today it is the largest and most prestigious educational and scientific center in Bulgaria. The central building of the university is situated in the core of the capital. It consists of 17 faculties, many research centres and laboratories, and above 25000 students graduate from it.

The University Center for Conflict Management and Organizational Research (UCCMOR) is an important academic and research unit of Sofia University «St. Kl. Ohridski». It rests upon a solid empirical and scientific foundation, and it realizes representative national and cross-cultural research projects. UCCMOR is in cooperation with similar centers from Europe and America and it realizes distance learning education in many MA and PhD programs—Industrial and Organizational Psychology; Conflict management Psychology and Mediation; Social Psychology; Mental Health Studies, etc. In May, 2003 UCCMOR offered master and doctoral programs for United Nation delegates, and as a result— master and doctoral students graduate at the moment in MA/PhD Program in Peace Studies and Conflict Management, and in MA/PhD Program in Organizational Management and Diplomacy.

The main fields of research of UCCMOR are the following: conflict management, organizational behavior, human resources management, social change and social identity, political processes management, business mediation and commercial negotiation, leadership and styles, ethnic conflicts and migration processes, peace studies, political violence and terrorism, gender investigations, societies in transition, globalization processes.

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The University of Ulster is located at four sites in Northern Ireland in Coleraine, Jordanstown, Belfast and Magee in Londonderry/Derry. Research into issues related to peace and conflict is spread through a number of different departments and research centres. The School of History and International Affairs runs a successful MA in Peace and Conflict studies at Magee and staff here have interests in areas that include peace and conflict theory, the Northern Ireland peace process, Cambodia, UN peacekeeping, and ethnic conflict. Also at Magee is the University of Ulster/UN University research centre called INCORE (Initiative on Conflict Resolution and Ethnicity) which undertakes comparative research and policy work in the areas of ethnic, political and religious conflicts (see www.incore.ulst.ac.uk). At Coleraine there is a UNESCO Centre which focuses on education for pluralism, human rights and democracy, in local, national and international contexts. Important research into peace and conflict issues is also undertaken in the Schools of Law, Politics and Economics, and Social Policy. Full details are available on-line at www.ulster.ac.uk. One particular advantage that can arise from study at the University is that as we are based in a zone of ethnic conflict students have an opportunity for experiential learning into the impact of ethnic conflict on communities and can observe at first hand the unfolding of a peace process.

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Uppsala university is the oldest academic institution in the Nordic countries. It has today some 35,000 students, and over 5,000 PhD candidates. Peace, Democracy, and Human Rights is one of the university's prioritized areas of research. The Department of Peace and Conflict Research has some 200 students, two Chairs and 10 Associate or other professor/researcher positions. It offers a complete undergraduate and PhD programme. Courses are given in English and Swedish on under-graduate as well as doctoral level. The Department offers in addition two Master's programmes, one in International Studies, and the other in International Humanitarian Assistance.

Research focuses on the origin, development and resolution of conflict, of which foremost is the the study of armed conflicts or conflicts that face the risk of becoming armed. Besides classical fields of peace research (such as the origins of war, and theories of conflict resolution), theories about security, mediation, peace-building, gender, and reconciliation are central in current research projects. Finally, the Department also holds some area expertise in conflict regions in Europe as well as South/South East Asia, West/Central Asia, West/Southern Africa, the Balkans, and Latin America.

Utrecht University has a long tradition of research expertise on conflict and violence. Particularly, the Department of Cultural Anthropology (focus on violent conflict in Latin America) and the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights have excellent research programmes. At the end of 1999 Utrecht University established a special Centre for Conflict Studies (CCS) to promote interdisciplinary research and education in conflict studies. The Centre promotes academic expertise in the field of conflict studies within the Faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, and Law and offers a MA *Conflict Studies and Human Rights*. It is linked to the School of Human Rights Research and the Research School for Resource Studies in Development (CERES). Both research schools offer PhD programmes. The CCS places emphasis on the critical analysis of the causes, dynamics and consequences of international and intrastate conflict. The Centre has a strong multidisciplinary profile and aims explicitly to combine the study of theoretical issues with in-depth case study material. Research projects focus on the local dynamics of conflict as well as problems related to international military and humanitarian intervention directed at the resolution of conflicts. The main areas of research include: post conflict governance, the role of diasporas, economies of war, and theories of conflict. The CCS staff has fieldwork experience in Sri Lanka, Chiapas, Southern Mexico and El Salvador.

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APPLICATIONS and specific inquiries to the EDEN Programme MUST be made directly to the Academic Coordinator (contact person) of the university of preference.

Deadlines and requirements may vary between universities. Early application is hence encouraged.

For more information:

<http://www.humanitariannet.deusto.es/EuropeanDoctorates/peace.asp>



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