

Descriptif d'enseignement / *Course descriptions*

2^{ème} année

Semester 1

Titre du cours - *Course title*

Intitulé du cours : Political violence and conflict

Type de cours : elective course

Langue du cours/Language of instruction : English

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Résumé du cours – Objectifs - *Course description – Targets*

When is violence political? Why, when, and how is the use of violence considered legitimate or efficient? Are notions such as “communal riots,” “vigilantism” or “ethnic conflict” relevant? Is fighting for religious ideas, ethnic identities, or political utopias comparable? What is the relationship between rebellion, war, and terrorism? What role does the state play in promoting violence? How do entrepreneurs of violence operate? What motivates individuals to join violent groups? What is a civil war and what are the factors triggering it? This course attempts to answer these and similar questions by a comparative examination of different facets of political violence, in situations of peace and conflict. It offers students an opportunity to engage with a range of scholarly debates surrounding political violence in political science, sociology, and anthropology. A variety of its concrete manifestations will be investigated on the three main analytical scales at which political violence needs to be studied: the state, the group, and the individual. Each session will be based on a specific case study, and a particular attention will be paid to the sources used by scholars to analyze different instances of political violence.

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