

Workshop

Peacebuilding: Theory, Critiques and Practical applications

Duration: 12 hours.

Lecturer: Filippo Rosin

Lecturer profile: Filippo Rosin spent 13 years in the field as a United Nations officer. He worked in the area of political and electoral Affairs and conflict resolution in United Nations political and peacekeeping operations, including Afghanistan, South Sudan, East Timor, Haiti, and Nepal. He also worked two years as head of the reporting team of Luhansk region for the OSCE mission in Ukraine. In addition, he has substantial elections observation experience in Angola, Nigeria, Mozambique, Georgia, Ukraine, Turkey, Guatemala, Albania and Philippines.

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Grading: The workshop does not replace any teaching activities of the Master. There is no grade. Pass/fail assessment is based on regular attendance.

No Students: limited

The opening date for the submission of applications is **19/06/2025** (the sooner, the better!)

The closing date for the submission of applications is **25/06/2025 at 18:00 CET**.

Submit your application including a CV and short motivation statement (max 100 words) to filipporosinpk16@gmail.com

please specify “Workshop_Surname_Name” in the email object.

Attendance: participants should attend at least 75% of the sessions of the sessions

Session	Date	Room	Venue	Time
1	26 June	Aula B3	Ca Borin	09:00-12:00
2	02 July	Aula B3	Ca Borin	09:00-12:00
3	10 July	Aula B3	Ca Borin	09:00-12:00
4	11 July	Aula B3	Ca Borin	09:00-12:00

Course Description:

The course aims to provide students with an opportunity to learn the goals and priorities of institutions and organisations working on peacebuilding.

Target Audience: Particularly recommended to those who are looking to start a career in peacekeeping/peacebuilding/humanitarian organisations and reporting with international governmental and nongovernmental organisations.

This workshop is part of the Constitutional Development and Democratisation module of the Human Rights and Multi-level Governance Master's program at the University of Padua. It integrates interdisciplinary perspectives on peacebuilding within the broader framework of human rights and governance, offering both theoretical insights and practical case study analyses.

Workshop overview: Peacebuilding is the implementation of measures intended to create or sustain peace, especially in an area affected by conflict. It encompasses a range of practices, including fostering dialogue, rebuilding institutions, strengthening the rule of law, and addressing structural inequalities. This workshop introduces participants to the foundational concepts of peacebuilding, explores its critiques and challenges, and evaluates its implementation through case studies involving key international organizations such as the United Nations (UN), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), and the African Union (AU).

Approach: The workshop employs an interactive format, combining lectures and group discussions. Participants will critically engage with theoretical texts, analyse case studies, and explore the implications of peacebuilding policies on the ground.

Outcomes: By the end of the workshop, participants will have a nuanced understanding of peacebuilding's theoretical foundations, critiques, and real-world applications, equipping them with skills to engage in peace-related governance and human rights advocacy.

Learning objectives:

1. Understand the core concepts and objectives of peacebuilding.
2. Analyse the critiques, strengths, and limitations of peacebuilding initiatives.
3. Examine the role of international organizations in promoting peacebuilding practices.
4. Apply theoretical frameworks to real-world case studies.

Key Authors and frameworks:

- David Chandler: Critical perspective on liberal peacebuilding.
- peacebuilding.
- Oliver P. Richmond: liberal peacebuilding critique
- Roland Paris: the Future of UN operations

Case Studies:

1. UN peacebuilding in East Timor and Nepal
2. EU's role in the Western Balkans.
3. AU's initiatives in post-conflict Somalia.

Workshop Syllabus:

Session 1: Introduction to Peacebuilding

- Definitions and core principles.
- Historical development and evolution.
- Dialogue and Rule of Law in peacebuilding.

Session 2: Critiques and Controversies

- David Chandler on liberal peace critiques.
- Local dynamics and dimension.
- Case Study: East Timor—Balancing international intervention with local ownership.

Session 3: Strengths and Weaknesses

- Success stories and measurable impacts.
- Limitations: Dependency, sustainability, and cultural biases.
- Case Study: Nepal— role in state-building and governance.

Session 4: International Organizations and Peacebuilding

- The UN: Comprehensive peacebuilding frameworks and challenges.
- The EU and AU: Regional approaches to peace.
- Final remarks