

# Power, Conflict and Justice

Title Power, Conflict and Justice  
Semester F2023  
Master Global Studies / Internationale udviklingsstudier / Global and programme in Development Studies

Type of activity Course

Teaching language English

Study regulation

## REGISTRATION AND STUDY ADMINISTRATIVE

Registration

Number of participants

ECTS 5

Responsible for the activity Laust Schouenborg ([lausts@ruc.dk](mailto:lausts@ruc.dk))

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Teachers

Study administration ISE Registration & Exams ([ise-exams@ruc.dk](mailto:ise-exams@ruc.dk))

Exam code(s) U60119

## ACADEMIC CONTENT

Overall objective This course studies the power relations that structure and challenge order from the local to the global levels; the conflicts, including their interconnections, that these relationships create, reproduce and resolve; as well as questions of justice and rights inherent in power relations and conflict dynamics. Students learn theoretical approaches to power, conflict and justice, and study how their assumptions lead to different analyses and conclusions.

Detailed description of content The course will typically have three parts. The first part will outline the relevant theoretical / conceptual approaches to power, conflict and justice, and their historical background. The second part will present real-world cases of conflict and justice problems and solutions, and facilitate

students' ability to apply theories, either through group work, class presentations, class discussions, or other means. Actors from the public and private sectors can be invited in to shed light on cases and general problems. The third part facilitates critical reflection based on theory and case work and summarizes the course.

Course material and Reading list Course material is available on Moodle.

The course is worth 5 ECTS, so students need to adjust the workload accordingly. You are expected to attend class and prepare by reading 2-3 compulsory texts every week plus doing the required presentation activities related to the cases. You are also expected to regularly check the course's Moodle site and keep yourselves up to date with information.

The course norm is 5 ECTS. This means that the course is set for 135 hours, which is divided in the following way:

Overall plan and expected work effort

- 15 hrs to participate in 10 classes
- 40 hrs for reading course material (10 classes)
- 40 hrs for preparing presentations / discussions
- 40 hrs for exam including preparation

Students are expected to spend 6.5 hrs preparing for each class including readings, links on moodle, cases, and presentations.

Format

Evaluation and feedback The activity are evaluated regularly regarding the study board evaluation procedure. The activity responsible will be orientated about a potential evaluation of the activity at semesterstart. Se link to the study board evaluation praxis here <https://intra.ruc.dk/nc/for-ansatte/organisering/raadnaevn-og-udvalg/oversigt-over-studienaevn/studienaevn-for-internationale-studier/arbejdet-medkvalitet-i-uddannelserne/>

Programme Program will be on Moodle.

## **ASSESSMENT**

Overall learning outcomes

- Students acquire skills to critically analyse and compare different types of power relations and how they produce and prevent conflict, and to evaluate and question different positions and meanings of justice and rights, including human rights.
- They acquire specialised knowledge and skills regarding the role of power relations in shaping conflict dynamics, patterns conflict resolution, human rights, and justice at different levels (local, national, international, global).
- They acquire an advanced understanding of different theoretical debates related to these subjects and develop skills in selecting and critically applying relevant theories and methods, including in choosing relevant approaches in order to investigate a problem area. They also develop skills in communicating and discussing theories and empirical results.

Individual portfolio exam.

The character limit of the portfolio is maximum 28,800 characters, including spaces. Examples of written products are exercise responses, talking points for presentations, written feedback, reflections, written assignments. The preparation of the products may be subject to time limits.

Form of examination

The character limits include the cover, table of contents, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices.

The portfolio is written completely or partially during the course.

The entire portfolio must be handed in at the same time (uploaded to eksamen.ruc.dk). Handing in the portfolio or parts of the portfolio to the supervisor for feedback, cannot replace the upload to eksamen.ruc.dk.

Form of Re-examination

Assessment: 7-point grading scale.

Samme som ordinær eksamen / same form as ordinary exam

Type of examination in special cases

- Explain and evaluate, using relevant terminology, the advantages and disadvantages of various theories within the aspect of a subject area that is dealt with in the specialisation course
- Confidently and independently, select and apply relevant theories in relation to a specific issue
- Analyse and reflect critically on the course material
- Discuss in a creative and solution-oriented manner conflict scenarios from the course
- Communicate knowledge in language that is technically precise, well-structured and well-argued.

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## Course days:

**Hold: 1**

### Power, Conflict and Justice (GDS)

time 10-02-2023 10:15 til  
10-02-2023 12:00

location 06.1-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Laust Schouenborg ( lausts@ruc.dk )

### Power, Conflict and Justice (GDS)

time 24-02-2023 10:15 til  
24-02-2023 12:00

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location 25.3-005 - teorirum 25.3 (80)

Teacher Line Engbo Gissel ( lgissel@ruc.dk )

### **Internship information (voluntary)**

time 24-02-2023 12:15 til  
24-02-2023 14:00  
location 25.3-005 - teorirum 25.3 (80)  
Teacher Louise Wiuff Moe ( lousiewm@ruc.dk )  
Markus-Michael Müller ( muellerm@ruc.dk )

### **Power, Conflict and Justice (GDS)**

time 03-03-2023 10:15 til  
03-03-2023 12:00  
location 25.2-005 - teorirum 25.2 (80)  
Teacher Laust Schouenborg ( lausts@ruc.dk )

### **Power, Conflict and Justice (GDS)**

time 10-03-2023 10:15 til  
10-03-2023 12:00  
location 25.2-005 - teorirum 25.2 (80)  
Teacher Line Engbo Gissel ( lgissel@ruc.dk )

### **Power, Conflict and Justice (GDS)**

time 17-03-2023 10:15 til  
17-03-2023 12:00  
location 25.3-005 - teorirum 25.3 (80)  
Teacher Lars Buur ( lbuur@ruc.dk )

### **Power, Conflict and Justice (GDS)**

time 24-03-2023 10:15 til  
24-03-2023 12:00  
location 25.3-005 - teorirum 25.3 (80)  
Teacher Laust Schouenborg ( lausts@ruc.dk )

### **Power, Conflict and Justice (GDS)**

time 14-04-2023 10:15 til  
14-04-2023 12:00  
location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Lars Buur ( lbuur@ruc.dk )

### **Power, Conflict and Justice (GDS)**

time 20-04-2023 12:15 til  
20-04-2023 14:00  
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location 25.3-005 - teorirum 25.3 (80)  
Teacher Line Engbo Gissel ( lgissel@ruc.dk )

### **Power, Conflict and Justice (GDS)**

time 21-04-2023 10:15 til  
21-04-2023 12:00  
location 25.2-005 - teorirum 25.2 (80)  
Teacher Lars Buur ( lbuur@ruc.dk )

### **Power, Conflict and Justice (GDS)**

time 28-04-2023 10:15 til  
28-04-2023 12:00  
location 25.3-005 - teorirum 25.3 (80)  
Teacher Laust Schouenborg ( lausts@ruc.dk )

### **Project work and future employment (voluntary)**

time 28-04-2023 12:01 til  
28-04-2023 14:00  
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forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 25.3-005 - teorirum 25.3 (80)

### **Power, Conflict and Justice - Exam (GDS)**

time 15-06-2023 10:00 til  
15-06-2023 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

## **Power, Conflict and Justice - Reexam (GDS)**

time	16-08-2023 10:00 til 16-08-2023 10:00
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