

# Crisis and Conflicts in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: Sources and Nature

At the end of the Cold War, many believed in the beginning of a more peaceful era and in the spreading of worldwide values under the aegis of international organizations. After all, new conflicts broke out, some very similar to the ones of the 20<sup>th</sup> century but also some others which represent new challenges for international security.

This course aims to give a better understanding of 21<sup>st</sup> century-conflicts by focusing on their common patterns, nature and sources.

## Program:

- The end of History?
- The Arab Spring : understanding uprisings
- The Iran-Saudi Cold War : understanding Middle-East 1/2
- The Iran-Saudi Cold War : understanding Middle-East 2/2
- Causes and consequences of State failure
- Asymmetric warfare and terrorism
- UN Peacekeeping operations
- UN Peacekeeping operations – Case study
- Influence of global warming on human conflicts 1/2
- Influence of global warming on human conflicts 2/2
- Post-Soviet conflicts 1/2
- Post-Soviet conflicts 2/2
- Nuclear proliferation
- Cyberwarfare and Hacktivism

To validate this elective course, students will have to make a short oral press review and to write a paper on a topic decided in agreement with the lecturer.