

Online Course on Civil Resistance and Nonviolent Conflict

Course Description

15 August 2021- 11 September 2021

Week 1: Conceptualization of Civil Resistance and Nonviolent Conflict

Learning Objective: Inform participants on the foundational aspects of civil resistance and nonviolent conflicts, some core concepts, and its dynamics and directions.

Session 1: An overview of civil resistance and nonviolent conflict

This session initially makes participants familiar with key terminologies and their operational definitions frequently used during the study and practice of civil resistance and nonviolent conflict.

Session 2: Dynamics and direction of nonviolent civil resistance movements

This session mainly focuses on the evolution of nonviolent civil resistance movements from past to present and further highlights how their nature and characteristics in terms of organizing, participation composition, tools and techniques, approaches and strategies have been shifted over the periods.

Session 3: Civil resistance: Power, Consent, and Disobedience

This session focuses on the concept of power, consent, and disobedience in the study and practice of civil resistance and nonviolent conflict.

60 mins: Quiz and Discussion Forum

With the completion of all three sessions during the week, course instructor will post three discussion questions which participants are encouraged to respond in the discussion board. Likewise, course instructor will also post 6-8 quiz each week, which participants must respond for the final grading purpose of the course.

Week 2: Contextualization of Civil Resistance and Nonviolent Conflict

Learning Objectives: Familiarizes participants with civil resistance and nonviolent movements in South Asia from past to present. Aware participants on both political and social movements that have taken in the region and how their nature and characteristics in terms of organizing, participation composition, tools, and techniques, approaches and strategies have been shifted over the periods.

Session 4: The nature and characteristics of nonviolent movements in South Asia

This session familiarizes participants with various forms of civil resistance movements in South Asia including women participation into those movements.

Session 5: Civil resistance and popular movements in South Asia: A participant led session

This session provides participants an opportunity to share more about civil resistance and popular movements from South Asia which they are familiar with and take part in an interactive discussion with other participants.

Session 6: Women participation in civil resistance movements

This session familiarizes participants with the status of women participation in civil resistance movements in the global as well as South Asian context.

60 mins: Quiz and Discussion Forum

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Week 3: Contemporary Issues Impacting Civil Resistance Movements Around the World

Learning Objectives: This week familiarizes participants with contemporary issues impacting civil resistance movements around the world.

Session 7: Civil resistance and power politics

This session informs participants regarding the role of power politics in civil resistance movements.

Session 8: Future of civil resistance: Rise of populism and violent extremism

This session provides a critical perspective on the civil resistance in the face the rise of populism and violent extremism.

Session 9: Civil resistance in democracies and non-democracies

This session focuses on the conditions of the success civil resistance in various political environment.

60 mins: Quiz and Discussion Forum

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Week 4: Commitment to Action: Strategy and Tactics of Nonviolent Struggles

Learning Objectives: This week mainly educates participants on various tactics and strategies adopted during civil resistance movements from past to present and effectiveness of those strategies for obtaining a desired result. It further informs participants regarding the methods of organizing nonviolent campaigns for socio-political change.

Session 10: Organizing civil resistance campaigns: Knowing its dos and don't

This session educates participants in organizing and participating in civil resistance campaigns.

Session 11: Role of new and traditional media in civil resistance and citizen campaigns

This session educates participants regarding the best use of new and traditional media in various civil resistance and citizen campaigns around the globe.

Session 12: New approaches and strategies in nonviolent campaigns around the world

This session provides opportunities for participants to suggest new approaches and strategies for civil resistance campaigns and share those ideas in the discussion board.

60 mins: Quiz and Discussion Forum

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