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United Nations and Conflict Resolution

Undergraduate Course Syllabus

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PART 1

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

1.1 General information

- Course Title: United Nations and Conflict Resolution
- Type of the course: Compulsory
- Level of the course: B.A.
- Year of study:
- Number of ECTS credits allocated:
- Name and titles of the instructor: Prof. Dr. Alexander Nikitin, Director of the MGIMO Center for Euro-Atlantic Security, Honorary President of the Russian Political Science Association, member of the Scientific-Expert Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization
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1.2 Course Aims and Learning Outcomes

This course is devoted to the various forms of interference and intervention of the United Nations Organization and regional interstate organizations (OSCE, NATO, EU, CIS, CSTO) into international, intra-national, and domestic internationalized conflicts in the period since formation of the UN till modern times.

The course is subdivided onto 8 topics with the lecture and seminar on each topic.

The materials of the course include text descriptions, slides, attached videos and photos, required and recommended readings, recommended electronic sources, multiple choice tests.

The course aims and objectives:

The main **goal** of this course is to present a systemic overview of conflicts in a post-Soviet period, both conflicts on post-Soviet space and, for comparison, conflicts in same decades in the Middle East, Southern Europe, West Asia.

Course **objectives** are:

- Analyze theory and methodology of conflict studies and conflict resolution;
- Introduce the Charter, mechanisms, organs and structures of the United Nations and of major international organizations:

- Present to students basic notions and concepts of international interference and involvement in conflicts;
- Present historic background and chronology of major conflicts in the world and in post-Soviet space in recent decades;
- Differentiate between various legal grounds of involvement of great powers and great organizations into conflicts;
- Distinct legitimate involvements from illegitimate interventions (from the point of view of UN Charter and international law);
- Analyze major trends of Russia's involvement in conflicts;
- Compare roles of UN, OSCE, NATO, CIS, CSTO in various conflicts;
- Inspect possibility for a crisis response by Russia/other states and organizations in situations of conflicts.

1.3 Course Requirements and Grading Requirements

Course entering requirements

Students that start this course are supposed already to be acquainted with the basic facts of the modern history of Eurasia and of post-Soviet new independent states (NIS). They should possess general knowledge of main categories and notions of the political science. Students should possess basic skills of creating Power Point presentations.

Class work participation and homework

Class attendance is required. Unexcused absences will lower the participation grade. Students are expected to regularly do the homework reading and study according to the lists of sources (books, documents, electronic resources) designated by the program.

On seminars students are expected to take active part at the discussion and demonstrate good acquaintance with content of lectures, suggested readings, documents and at least part of optional literature.

Grading

Preparing student's presentation on selected topic – 15%
 Multiple choice Tests – 20% (5% each test)
 Role Game participation – 5%
 Final examination – 60%

PART 2. COURSE CONTENT

Course Content and Readings by Topic

Topic 1. United Nations Organization, War and Peace.

Lecture.

Typology of conflicts and wars. Statistics of wars in human history.
UN Charter and unrealized plan of the UN Permanent Armed Forces.
Shaping of the UN Conflict Resolution Practices.

Legal Aspects of Use of Force on Behalf of International Community and on behalf of a state.

Distinction between Peace-keeping and Peace Enforcement operations.
Modern typology of Peace operations.

General statistics of peace operations.

Principles of decision-making on security issues in UN Security Council, General Assembly and in G-8/G-7 format. Prospects for the UN reform

Regional security organizations under provisions of the Chapter 8 of the UN Charter. “Families” of regional security/political regional organizations on five continents. Relations and share of responsibilities and functions between the UN and regional inter-state organizations (RIOs).

Seminar.

General discussion on the topic.

Assignment: TEST 1.

Selecting topics for students’ presentations from suggested list.
Discussing formats and sources for presentations.
Organizing a calendar of presentations.

Required Readings

- 1. UN Charter, Chapter VI, VII, VIII (www.un.org).
- What Is Peacekeeping - UN Peacekeeping:
<https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/what-is-peacekeeping>

- Where We Operate – UN Peacekeeping:
<https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/where-we-operate>
- International Intervention in Conflicts. UN, OSCE, EU, NATO, CSTO Peacekeeping Policies (pp. 3-8)
<https://valdaiclub.com/files/14807/>

Recommended Readings

A Global Chronology of Conflict: From the Ancient World to the Modern Middle East / Ed. by S. C. Tucker. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO. 2009. 2777 p.

Conflict, Peace, Security and Development: Theories and Methodologies / Ed. by H. Hintjens. London, NY.: Routledge, 2015. 256 p.

Handbook of Peace and Conflict Studies / Ed. by C. Webel and J. Galtung. NY.: Routledge, 2007. 406 p.

Nye J. Jr., Welch D. A. Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation: An Introduction to Theory and History (Ninth Edition). London, NY.: Pearson, 2013. 384 p.

Topic 2. Evolution and Adaptation of the UN Conflict Resolution Principles and Practice.

Lecture.

UN operations on various continents.

Operations “Six-and-a-Half” and “Seven-and-a-Half”.

Debates Over a Responsibility to Protect.

HIPPO-2015 and New Horizon for Peacekeeping UN Reports.

UN lessons learned from engagements in conflicts.

New interpretation of the principles of impartiality, defense of the mandate, breaking through the “walls” of sovereignty.

New threats and challenges.

Policies of the UN and of major states towards separatism, self-determination and non-recognized states.

UN-mandated operations in the former Yugoslavia.

UN operations in Iraq.

UN operations in Afghanistan.

UN-mandated operation in Libya.

Seminar. General discussion on the topic and on the students' individual presentations.

Required Readings:

- United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – “Capstone Doctrine”
https://peacekeeping.un.org/sites/default/files/capstone_eng_0.pdf
- A New Partnership Agenda. Charting a New Horizon for UN Peacekeeping
https://peacekeeping.un.org/sites/default/files/newhorizon_0.pdf
- The Responsibility to Protect. Report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty. Ottawa, 2001. URL:
<http://responsibilitytoprotect.org/ICISS%20Report.pdf>
- Uniting Our Strengths — Policy, Partnerships, People. Report of the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations. June 16, 2015. URL:
https://peaceoperationsreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/HIPPO_Report_1_June_2015.pdf
- International Intervention in Conflicts. UN, OSCE, EU, NATO, CSTO Peacekeeping Policies (pp. 9-11)
<https://valdaicclub.com/files/14807/>

Recommended Readings:

Autesserre S. *The Crisis of Peacekeeping. Why the UN Can't End Wars.* – Foreign Affairs. 2019.
URL: <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2018-12-11/crisis-peacekeeping>

Todd Sandler. International Peacekeeping Operations: Burden Sharing and Effectiveness. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 2017, Vol. 61(9) pp. 1875-1897.

DOI: 10.1177/0022002717708601

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0022002717708601>

De Coning C., Peter M. *United Nations Peace Operations in a Changing Global Order*. Springer. 2018. 334 p.

Koops J., MacQueen N., Tardy T., Williams P.D. *The Oxford Handbook of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations*. OUP Oxford. 2015. 800 p.

Oswald B., Durham H., Bates A. *Documents on the Law of UN Peace Operations*. Oxford University Press. 2010. 608 p.

Topic 3. United Nations and Prevention of Nuclear Conflicts and of WMD Proliferation

Lecture.

Invention of nuclear weapons and dangers of WMD. Concept of nuclear deterrence. Strategic, middle range and tactical weapons.

Rise and fall of a system of international arms control, disarmament and confidence-building agreements and treaties. Non-Proliferation Treaty and problems with the NPT regime. Missile Technologies Control Regime (MTCR). IAEA and principles of its operation. Additional protocols and systems of IAEA inspections. Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).

UN Conference on Disarmament (CD).

UN Conventions and treaties on chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

Iranian nuclear program challenge to the NPT and JCPOA as a potential solution.

North Korean nuclear proliferation challenge.

UN role in meeting new challenges in new domains of outer-space security and information security.

Seminar. General discussion on the topic and on the students' individual presentations.

Assignment: TEST 2.

Required Readings:

- Zagorsky A. Arms Control Must Remain the Goal // *Arms Control Today*. 2022. Vol. 52, URL: <https://www.armscontrol.org/act/2022-04/features/arms-control-must->

remain-goal. Date of publication: 04.04.2022.

<https://www.imemo.ru/en/publications/info/arms-control-must-remain-the-goal>

- UN (2017) Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
<http://undocs.org/en/A/CONF.229/2017/8>.
- Nuclear Deterrence: A Guarantee for or Threat to Strategic Stability?
January 2021 DOI:[10.1007/978-94-6265-419-8_5](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-6265-419-8_5) / In book: NL ARMS
Netherlands Annual Review of Military Studies 2020 (pp.65-86). Can be
downloaded from:
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/347341095_Nuclear_Deterrence_A_Guarantee_for_or_Threat_to_Strategic_Stability
- Russia: arms control, disarmament and international security. IMEMO supplement to
the Russian edition of the SIPRI Yearbook 2020 / ed. by Alexey Arbatov, Sergey
Oznobishchev and Nadezhda Dudik. – Moscow: IMEMO, 2021. – 149 p. – ISBN 978-
5-9535-0595-6. – DOI 10.20542/978-5-9535-0595-6.

Recommended Readings:

Official Documents of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).
<https://www.un.org/disarmament/publications/library>

Russian Nuclear Weapons: Reason or Feeling? // Ethics and Armed Forces : e-journal. 2020.
Issue 1. P. 64-69. URL: <http://www.ethikundmilitaer.de/en/full-issues/20201-nuclear-deterrence/bogdanov-russian-nuclear-weapons-reason-or-feelings/>

Tilliu S., Schmalberger Th. *Coming to Terms With Security A Lexicon for Arms Control, Disarmament and Confidence-Building*. UNIDIR, 2001. 246 p.

Topic 4. Conflicts in the New Independent States Since 1990s and International Interferences in Central and South Asia.

Lecture.

Civil war in Tajikistan and the CIS peace operation in 1992-2000. UN observation operation in Tajikistan. Tajik Peace accords of 1997 and their implementation. Kyrgyz-Uzbek and Tajik-Kyrgyz interethnic and territorial conflicts in the 2000s and 2010s.

Kyrgyz revolutions in 2000s and 2010 sand reaction of the UN, NIS, CIS/CSTO.

Russian involvement in Afghanistan in 1979-1989. Regime of Taliban and preventive creation of the CIS Collective Rapid Response Forces in 2000. US and

UN operations on Afghanistan. Political aspects of the Western coalition actions in Afghanistan.

Role of Russia and CSTO in course of 2001-2014 operation of international UN-mandated coalition. Situation in the post-coalition Afghanistan in 2014-2023.

CSTO peacekeepers in stabilizing operation in 2022 in Kazakhstan.

Seminar. General discussion on the topic and on the students' individual presentations.

Required Readings:

- Blyakher L. Tajikistan: the Results of “The Parade of Sovereignties”. // In: Evolution of Post-Soviet Space: Past, Present and Future: An Anthology. — Moscow: NPMP RIAC, 2017. — 352 pages. ISBN 978-5-6040387-0-3.
<https://russiancouncil.ru/upload/iblock/5f5/evolutionofpostsovietspace.pdf>
- Berdakov D. Kyrgyzstan 2021: Living in Debt and According to the Code of the Neo-Feudal Elites. // In: Evolution of Post-Soviet Space: Past, Present and Future: An Anthology. — Moscow: NPMP RIAC, 2017. — 352 pages. ISBN 978-5-6040387-0-3.

Recommended Readings:

Peimani H. Conflict and Security in Central Asia and the Caucasus. ABC-CLIO, 2009. 373 p. (Chapters on Central Asia)

Collins J.J. *Understanding War in Afghanistan*. NDU Press. 2011. 137 p.

Hughes J, Sasse G. *Ethnicity and Territory in the Former Soviet Union: Regions in Conflict*. Routledge, 2014, 320 p.

Topic 5. Conflicts and International Involvements in the Caucasus.

Lecture.

Civil wars and revolutions in South and in North Caucasus in the 1990s. Conflicts in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, North Caucasus and respective policies of the UN and of the EU.

Russian-Georgian interstate agreements of 1992 and trilateral operation in South Ossetia (1992-2008).

CIS mandated operation in Abkhazia (1994-2008).

Georgian operation of restoring control over Ajaria (2005).

Tensions of 2007-2008 and 5-days Russian-Georgian war of 2008. Reactions of NATO, EU, UN, CSTO, CIS. International-legal aspects of the Russian-Georgian war.

Recognition and Development of South Ossetia and Abkhazia as Newest Independent States.

Karabakh in conflict.

Abortive attempt to organize the CSCE/OSCE peacekeeping operation in Karabakh. Russia's and Turkey's role in peacekeeping since 2020 in Karabakh.

Seminar. General discussion on the topic and on the students' individual presentations.

Assignment: TEST 3.

Required Readings:

- Gassanly M. zerbaijan in 2021: Reasserting Sovereignty. // In: Evolution of Post-Soviet Space: Past, Present and Future: An Anthology. — Moscow: NPMP RIAC, 2017. — 352 pages. ISBN 978-5-6040387-0-3.
<https://russiancouncil.ru/upload/iblock/5f5/evolutionofpostsovietspace.pdf>
- Mukhanov V. Armenia without the Union: a Twenty Year Long Journey. // In: Evolution of Post-Soviet Space: Past, Present and Future: An Anthology. — Moscow: NPMP RIAC, 2017. — 352 pages. ISBN 978-5-6040387-0-3.
<https://russiancouncil.ru/upload/iblock/5f5/evolutionofpostsovietspace.pdf>
- Silaev N. Georgia: a Time of Anticipation // In: Evolution of Post-Soviet Space: Past, Present and Future: An Anthology. — Moscow: NPMP RIAC, 2017. — 352 pages. ISBN 978-5-6040387-0-3.
<https://russiancouncil.ru/upload/iblock/5f5/evolutionofpostsovietspace.pdf>

Recommended Readings:

Zurche Ch. The Post-Soviet Wars: Rebellion, Ethnic Conflict, and Nationhood in the Caucasus. NY, London: NYU Press, 2009. 289 p.

Souleimanov E. Understanding Ethnopolitical Conflict. Karabakh, South Ossetia, and Abkhazia Wars Reconsidered. UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013. 250 p.

Peimani H. Conflict and Security in Central Asia and the Caucasus. ABC-CLIO, 2009. 373 p. (Chapters on Caucasus)

Fischer S. Abkhazia and the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict: Autumn 2009. ISS Analysis. December 2009. http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/Abkhazia_and_the_Georgian-Abkhaz_conflict.pdf

Hille Ch. M. L. State Building and Conflict Resolution in the Caucasus. Leiden, Boston: BRILL, 2010. 359 p.

Jafalian A. Reassessing Security in the South Caucasus: Regional Conflicts and Transformation. UK: Ashgate Publishing Ltd., 2011. 237 p.

Topic 6. The End of Post-Soviet Space and Ongoing Conflicts in the NIS, Conflict Resolution Potentials of the CSTO, SCO

Lecture.

Creation of competing integrative schemes on post-Soviet space. Multi-vector policies of most of the NIS. Re-configuration and erosion of post-Soviet space.

Civil war in Moldova in early 1990s and Russian-Moldavian interstate agreement of 1992. Trilateral Peace operation in Transnistria (1992-present). Later role of EU and OSCE. Moldova's special relations with the EU. Modern scenarios of conflict resolution for Moldova/Transnistria.

“Color” revolutions in Ukraine, Georgia, Kirgizstan and their political implications. Upgrade of crisis response coordination mechanism within the CSTO (2010s and 2020s).

Collective Security Treaty of 1992 and basic principles of security cooperation between the new independent states. Stages of political-military integration. CIS Military Cooperation Coordination Staff. Institutionalization of CSTO in 2002-2003. Dilemma of working with “new” and “old” security challenges. Impasse in CSTO-NATO relations. Achievements and problems of CSTO policies on various directions.

Creation of Shanghai Cooperation Organization on the basis of system of negotiations over the borders. Interests of Russia, China and Central Asian states regarding SCO. SCO “enlargement” (observers and partners). SCO as a new “Eastern Nine” challenging the old G7. Overlap of functions between CSTO and SCO. Shanghai Charter. SCO “undecidedness” on modern conflicts.

Seminar. General discussion on the topic and on the students' individual presentations.

Required Readings:

- Markedonov S. Goodbye Post-Soviet Space? // In: Evolution of Post-Soviet Space: Past, Present and Future: An Anthology. — Moscow: NPMP RIAC, 2017. — 352 pages. ISBN 978-5-6040387-0-3.
<https://russiancouncil.ru/upload/iblock/5f5/evolutionofpostsovietspace.pdf>
- Rekada S. The Baltics. Thirty Years after the Collapse of the USSR: The Point of no Return . // In: Evolution of Post-Soviet Space: Past, Present and Future: An Anthology. — Moscow: NPMP RIAC, 2017. — 352 pages. ISBN 978-5-6040387-0-3.
<https://russiancouncil.ru/upload/iblock/5f5/evolutionofpostsovietspace.pdf>
- International Intervention in Conflicts. UN, OSCE, EU, NATO, CSTO Peacekeeping Policies (pp. 18-20)
<https://valdaiclub.com/files/14807/>
- Nikitin A. Armed Interventions in Conflicts on a Post-Soviet Space and Russian-Western Contradictions over Peace Operations. In: Gerechte Intervention? / Ed. by S.Fenkart, H.Gartner, H.Swoboda. – Wien: Lit Verlag GmbH & Co. KG, 2017. ISBN 978-1-138-63443-5

Recommended Readings:

Trenin D. Russia and CIS Countries: the Relations Getting Mature. // In: Evolution of Post-Soviet Space: Past, Present and Future: An Anthology. — Moscow: NPMP RIAC, 2017. — 352 pages. ISBN 978-5-6040387-0-3.
<https://russiancouncil.ru/upload/iblock/5f5/evolutionofpostsovietspace.pdf>

Coyle J. J. *Russia's Border Wars and Frozen Conflicts*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, 333 p.

CSTO: Responsible Security. Report by I.Jurgens, A.Nikitin, Yu.Nikitina, S.Kulik. – INSOR: Moscow, 2011. – 62 p.

Popescu N. EU Foreign Policy and Post-Soviet Conflicts. Stealth Intervention. Abingdon: Routledge, 2011. 176 p.

Topic 7. Russia's Military Operations of Last Decades and Their Legal Grounds in the UN Charter and International Law

Lecture.

USSR/Russia's Participation in UN Peacekeeping.

Operations under the CIS mandate: Tajikistan and Abkhazia

Operations under inter-state agreements on military assistance: South Ossetia and Moldova/Transnistria

Operation under the trilateral inter-state agreement: Karabakh

Operation under the CSTO mandate: Kazakhstan.

Russia's military operation in Syria on the basis of inter-state agreement.

Russian Special Military Operation in Ukraine and role of the UN, NATO, EU in Ukrainian conflict.

Seminar. General discussion on the topic and on the students' individual presentations.

Assignment: TEST 4.

Required Readings:

- Russia's Participation in Peacekeeping Operations (Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation) URL: http://eng.mil.ru/en/mission/peacekeeping_operations.htm
- Official information of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation on the Special Military Operation in Ukraine.
https://function.mil.ru/news_page/country.htm?id=11123@egClassification&ra=egNews
- Boston University International Law Journal. Volume 28, Number 1, Spring 2010. The Russo-Georgian War of 2008: Developing the Law of Unauthorized Humanitarian Intervention After Kosovo. Gregory Hafkin
<http://www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/organizations/journals/international/volume28n1/documents/219-240.pdf>
- Naychuk AS. Ukraine after Thirty Years: Manoeuvring between Geopolitical Centres // In: Evolution of Post-Soviet Space: Past, Present and Future: An Anthology. — Moscow: NPMP RIAC, 2017. — 352 pages. ISBN 978-5-6040387-0-3.
<https://russiancouncil.ru/upload/iblock/5f5/evolutionofpostsovietspace.pdf>

Recommended Readings:

Evolution of Post-Soviet Space: Past, Present and Future: An Anthology. — Moscow: NPMP RIAC, 2017. — 352 pages. ISBN 978-5-6040387-0-3

Lynch D. *Russian Peacekeeping Strategies in the CIS: the Cases of Moldova, Georgia and Tajikistan*. Basingstoke: Macmillan, 2000, 265 p.

Koganov N.A. *Russia and the Syrian Conflict: Moscow's Domestic, Regional and Strategic Interests*. Gerlach Press. 2016. 136 p.

Topic 8. OSCE, NATO and European Union: Operations and Policies in Regional Conflicts.

Lecture.

CSCE/OSCE as a universal interstate organization for Eurasia. Results and weaknesses of the OSCE policies. CSCE/OSCE unfulfilled promises of conflict mediation and conflict resolution. OSCE Conflict Prevention Center in Vienna. OSCE missions in conflict areas.

Evolution of NATO's role in post-Soviet period. NATO's enlargement policy and conflicts.

NATO's operations in former Yugoslavia.

NATO's role in international operations in Afghanistan.

NATO operation in Libya. Rules and exceptions.

Dynamics of NATO-Russia relations in post-Soviet period. Crises in Russia-NATO relations in 1999, 2008, 2014, since 2022.

Two "editions" of NATO-Russia Council and principles of its operation. Interaction on Afghanistan.

Role of NATO in course of Russian Special Military Operation in Ukraine since 2022.

European Union: slow formation of joint foreign and military policy and respective institutions.

Above 35 missions of the EU in conflict areas. Above 10 operations of then EU with the involvement of military force.

Prospects for inter-state and inter-organization coordination of a conflict resolution policy and necessity for coordinated conflict response.

Seminar. Role Game – imitation of the debates /negotiations in the UN on the series of regional conflicts. Students get and play individual imitational roles of representatives of states and international organizations.

Required Readings:

- International Intervention in Conflicts. UN, OSCE, EU, NATO, CSTO Peacekeeping Policies (pp. 12-18)
<https://valdaiclub.com/files/14807/>
- NATO 2022 Strategic Concept. <https://www.nato.int/strategic-concept/>
- OSCE Conflict Prevention Center. <https://www.osce.org/cpc/13717>
- Regional Organizations in Conflict Mediation: Lessons of Experience & Cooperation with the United Nations. At the OSCE Internet-site, URL: <http://www.osce.org/>

Recommended Readings:

Popescu N. EU Foreign Policy and Post-Soviet Conflicts. Stealth Intervention. Abingdon: Routledge, 2011. 176 p.

International Security Organizations in Eurasia: Rivalry and Co-operation / Ed. by A. Nikitin, A. Kazantsev; Moscow: MGIMO, 2009. 110 p.

List of Recommended Topics for Students Presentations

(each presentation – 15-20 minutes, 7-15 slides (maps, schemes, illustrations, key points), list of used printed and electronic sources)

1. Typology of conflicts and wars.
2. Basic disarmament treaties.
3. UN principles of peace operations (in UN Charter, as well as in modern UN documents)
4. Typology of peace operations. Examples of types and variations of operations.
5. Conflict in Tajikistan and peace operations in Central Asia.
6. Conflict in South Ossetia/Georgia, peace-keeping operation in South Ossetia/Georgia
7. Events and consequences of the Russian-Georgian war of 2008.
8. Conflict in Abkhazia/Georgia, peace-keeping operation in Abkhazia/Georgia, events and consequences of the Russian-Georgian war of 2008.
9. Conflict in Moldova/Transnistria and trilateral peace operation.
10. Conflict in Bosnia and peace operations of the UN, NATO, EU in this region.
11. Conflicts around Iraq and international coalitions of 1991 and 2003-2020.

12. Conflict in Afghanistan, legal and political aspects of presence of international coalition in Afghanistan.
13. Definitions of terrorism and legal aspects of fight against terrorism.
14. Regional Security Organizations: their role, rights and responsibilities in conflict resolution
15. Evolution of NATO's policy regarding conflicts.
16. Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE/OSCE) and its role in conflict resolution.
17. European Union and its role in conflict resolution. Cases of EU operations.
18. Commonwealth of independent States (CIS) and its conflict resolution efforts.
19. Collective Security Treaty and Shanghai Cooperation Organization functions, history, problems.
20. Doctrinal documents of the Russian Federation: Russia's stand on military and conflict resolution policies.
21. Modern threats and risks to the Non-Proliferation of WMD regime.

Recommended Primary Sources and Websites

- 1. UN Charter, Chapter VI, VII, VIII (www.un.org).
- What Is Peacekeeping - UN Peacekeeping:
<https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/what-is-peacekeeping>
- Where We Operate – UN Peacekeeping:
<https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/where-we-operate>
- United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – “Capstone Doctrine”
https://peacekeeping.un.org/sites/default/files/capstone_eng_0.pdf
- The Responsibility to Protect. Report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty. Ottawa, 2001. URL:
<http://responsibilitytoprotect.org/ICISS%20Report.pdf>

- Uniting Our Strengths — Policy, Partnerships, People. Report of the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations. June 16, 2015. URL: https://peaceoperationsreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/HIPPO_Report_1_June_2015.pdf
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. Documents, statements, speeches. http://www.mid.ru/en/main_en
- Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC). Publications. <http://russiancouncil.ru/en/>

Relevant Web-resources of international organizations

The United Nations Organization

Official Portal of the United Nations

<http://www.un.org/>

Charter of the United Nations

<http://www.un.org/en/documents/charter/index.shtml>

(Устав ООН на русском языке - <http://www.un.org/ru/documents/charter/>)

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, December 10, 1948

<http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/> (на русском -

http://www.un.org/ru/documents/decl_conv/declarations/declhr.shtml)

European Union

Official Portal of the European Union

http://europa.eu/index_en.htm

Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community, signed at Lisbon, 13 December 2007

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:C:2007:306:SOM:EN:HTML>

Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (2010/C 83/02)

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:083:SOM:EN:HTML>

Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

<http://conventions.coe.int/treaty/en/Treaties/Html/005.htm>

North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Official Website of North Atlantic Treaty Organization

<http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/index.htm>

Washington Treaty and Associated Declarations, Resolutions and Protocols

<http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/57772.htm#II-A>

Active Engagement, Modern Defence. Strategic Concept for the Defence and Security of the Members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. 19 November 2010.

http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/official_texts_68580.htm

Commonwealth of Independent States

Official site of the CIS Executive Committee

<http://cis.minsk.by/>

CIS Internet- Portal

<http://www.e-cis.info/>

CIS Agreement

<http://cis.minsk.by/reestr/ru/index.html#reestr/view/text?doc=1>

CIS Charter

<http://cis.minsk.by/reestr/ru/index.html#reestr/view/text?doc=187>

Almaty Declaration 1991

<http://cis.minsk.by/reestr/ru/index.html#reestr/view/text?doc=4>

Collective Security Treaty Organization

Official site <http://odkb.gov.ru/>

CSTO' Charter

<http://odkb.gov.ru/b/azg.htm>

Collective Security Treaty 1992 <http://odkb.gov.ru/b/azb.htm>

Agreement on Legal Status of the CSTO <http://odkb.gov.ru/b/azh.htm>

Shanghai Cooperation Organization

Official SCO Portal <http://infoshos.ru/>

Shanghai Convention 2001 <http://infoshos.ru/ru/?id=86>

Shanghai Declaration <http://infoshos.ru/ru/?id=37>

Shanghai Charter

<http://infoshos.ru/ru/?id=33>

League of Arab States

The Alexandria Protocol; October 7, 1944

http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/alex.asp

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