

PEACEKEEPING AND PEACEBUILDING

(PCS 805)

CHs: 3.0

1. **Course Objectives:** Peacekeeping missions have evolved over the years. Peacekeeping was originally the presence of the UN but now regionally blocs like AU are also performing peacekeeping duties. Peacekeepers are sent to a conflict zone with the Security Council mandate to ensure the security space that is important for humanitarian and peace-building spaces. In 1988, the UN Peacekeeping Forces were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for Peace. This course examines UN's complex peacekeeping and peace-building operations since the early 1950s and how it has changed since the end of the Cold War.

2. **Outcomes:** Students should be able to

- a. Demonstrate analytical and systematic thinking about peacekeeping and peace-building; and
- b. Understand theoretical and policy debates surrounding peacekeeping and peace-building.

3. **Contents**

- a. Theories on the nature of conflict and types of peace operations;
- b. Survey of the major UN missions e.g. Somalia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, DRC etc.;
- c. International legal basis for interventions by external actors, state interests, capacity, mandate, strategies, and obstacles;
- d. Politics of peacekeeping and peace-building;
- e. Relationship between peace-building and state-building;
- f. Normative debates on justice and ethics;
- g. Indigenous peace-building
- h. Cooperation and coordination with multiple actors, especially NGOs, regional organizations, donor agencies, and multinational coalitions.
- i. The motivation of South Asian countries to participate in peacekeeping operations.

4. **Reference Books:**

- a. Bothe, Michael and Kondoch, Boris 2002. *International Peacekeeping: The Yearbook of International Peace Operations*. The Hague: Kluwer Law International.
- b. Bellamy, Alex and Williams, Paul 2010. *Understanding Peacekeeping*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- c. F. Diehl, Paul 2008. *Peace Operations*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- d. Whitworth, Sandra 2006. *Men, Militarism and UN Peacekeeping: A Gendered Analysis*. New Delhi: Viva Books Private Limited.
- e. Khan, Shaharyar M. *The Shallow Graves of Rwanda* (New York: I.B. Tauris, 2000)