

Course Title: Methodology of Peace Research			
Status: Compulsory	Semester: 1 st	ECTS credits: 6	Course hours per week: 1 lecture and 2 tutorials
Name of teachers (lecturers, profesors): Prof. Vasović Mirjana and Prof. Bešić Miloš (Belgrade) Prof. Danijela Širinić (Zagreb)			
1. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES	Providing essential knowledge in applied methods and techniques in the area of social sciences. After the course students will be able: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To define research question in accordance to theoretical framework • To use secondary data for their own research • To use basic statistical methods in their research • To use basic qualitative methods in their research 		
2. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING	Assessment of knowledge (maximum no. of points 100)		
	Pre-examination commitments	points	Final examination
	activity	12	written test
	practical teaching	24	oral examination
	colloquium(a)	14
	seminar(s)		
3. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE	1. Sources of data in peace researches (usage of international data sources, usage of secondary data) 2. Main epistemological issues in social research (objectivity, systematic, reliability, accuracy, empirical evidence; causality and functional relations as well as understanding) 3. The role of theory of peace in doing the research (conceptualization, creating theoretical framework, issue of theoretical adequacy) 4. Defining the research question (defining the problem of the research, main concepts, explicitly putting the research question) 5. Defining hypothesis (theoretical hypothesizing) 6. Operationalization and defining working hypothesis (transforming theoretical concepts into indicators) 7. Quantitative approach in social research (advantages and disadvantages, case analysis) 8. Basic statistical methods in social sciences – univariate and multivariate statistics, using scales in social research 9. Qualitative approach (advantages and disadvantages, main problems, epistemological basics) 10. Method: individual and group interview 11. Method: content analysis (structural and substantial) 12. Writing scientific paper		
4. COURSE READINGS	a) compulsory Høglund, K. and Oberg, M., 2011. Understanding Peace Research, Methods And Challenges, Routledge, London; Reader for the course (edited by Mirjana Vasović and Miloš Bešić); Abbott, A. 1998. 'The Causal Devolution' Sociological Methods Research (27) 2: 148-181 b) additional Druckman, D., 2005. Doing Research: Methods of Inquiry for Conflict Analysis, Sage Publications, London; Boudreau, T., 2012. When the killing begins: An Epistemic Inquiry into violent Human Conflict, Contested Truths and Multiplex Methodology, in Thomas Matyok, et. al. (eds) Critical Issues In Peace And Conflict Studies. Lanham: Littlefield Education, pp19-43; Wallensteen, P., 2011. Peace Research - Theory and Practice. Routledge, London; Bešić, M., 2009. Statistika u društvenim i političkim istraživanjima, Faculty of Political Science, Podgorica; Goldthorpe, J. H. 1996. 'The Quantitative Analysis of Large-Scale Data-Sets and Rational Action Theory: For a Sociological Alliance.' European Sociological Review 12: 109-26		