

## **Conflict Studies and Management Program (CSMP) at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy**

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The Conflict Studies and Management Program (CSMP) is a study and research program at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy on the Master's, doctoral and post-doctoral level. The CSMP looks at conflict management with a special interest in how policy-making and public policy as a research perspective (discipline) need to be re-thought in the context of conflict management and post-conflict reconstruction. Originally, the key concepts in public policy were based on the implicit assumption of strong institutions and stable political conditions. However, it is becoming apparent that these conceptions need to be revised to understand the special conditions and policy-challenges in regions of conflict.

### **Master of Public Policy in Conflict Studies and Management**

The MPP in Conflict Studies is a selective track in the Brandt School's Master of Public Policy program (MPP). The Master of Public Policy is a two-year, practice-oriented degree program taught in English designed for students seeking a career in the public or non-profit sector. During their course of studies, students learn to understand the theoretical underpinnings of political processes and develop critical, analytical and practical abilities. For this purpose, the core curriculum combines quantitative and qualitative approaches to public policy-analysis with elements dedicated to the advancement of personal skills and systematic practical training. By choosing two out of four specialization options, students may develop their individual profiles. The MPP offers specialization options in Public and Non-profit Management, European Public Policy, International Political Economy, International Affairs and **Conflict Studies and Management**.

The area of specialization in Conflict Studies and Management is designed for students who wish to pursue a career in any sector involving conflict management, including the public sector, non-governmental and international organizations. It provides students with a sound theoretical basis for analyzing contemporary conflicts and developing responses to them. Furthermore, it conveys practical skills to assess policy interventions critically and contrive approaches to conflict resolution.

Different from all other specialization areas in the MPP, the CSMP consists of two modules (Conflict Management 1 and Conflict Management 2) and may not be combined with a second area of specialization.

The specialization:

- Provides a coherent overview of conflict studies and conflict management theory and practice;
- Provides different theoretical frameworks that may be used to organize historical knowledge and interpret contemporary policymaking;
- Examines theories and models of state-, institution, and peace-building and evaluates attempts to manage, resolve, or transform conflicts;
- Provides an ambitious example of the manner in which the multi-disciplinary approach associated with Conflict Studies can overcome the limitations associated with studying conflict through any single disciplinary lens.

### **PhD program in Conflict Studies and Management**

High-achieving students striving for an academic career may choose to pursue their studies in the PhD program in conflict studies and conflict management. The PhD program is a three-year-track combining independent research and course work on an advanced level.

Candidates holding an appropriate Masters degree or an equivalent degree may apply to the program. Applicants need to compose a sound research proposal. Selection is based on the strength of the research proposal.

In their first year of their doctoral studies students deepen their basic methodological and theoretical competences and work on their language skills. They are required to complete two courses per term, which are arranged with their academic advisors in advance. In addition, students work on their research project in independent study units.

In the second year, doctoral students focus on their own research project. Candidates may conduct field research and they may do research abroad either at one of our partner institutions or at an appropriate institution of their own choice or gain teaching/lecturing experience.

In their third year, doctoral students will work towards completing their doctoral thesis. The degree is conferred after the public oral defense is completed, and final revisions are submitted.

### PhD Program in Conflict Studies and Management

	<b>A: Interdisciplinary Seminars</b>	<b>B: Research</b>	<b>C: Soft Skills</b>
<b>1st Semester</b>	PhD Colloquium	Advanced Research Methods Course Elaboration of Research Design	Language Skills (English Academic Writing/German)
<b>2nd Semester</b>	PhD Colloquium	Advanced Research Methods Course Elaboration of Research Design	Language Skills (English Academic Writing/German)
<b>3rd Semester</b>	PhD Colloquium	Preparation for Field Research/Interviews	Lecturing/Organization of a Workshop/Conference/Presentations/ Publications
<b>4th Semester</b>	Visiting Fellowship	Field Research	Lecturing/Organization of a Workshop/Conference/Presentations/ Publications
<b>5th Semester</b>	PhD Colloquium	Data Evaluation and Writing of PhD thesis	Lecturing/Organization of a Workshop/Conference/Presentations/ Publications
<b>6th Semester</b>	PhD Colloquium	Writing-up of PhD thesis	

## **Fellowship Program in Conflict Studies and Management**

The Brandt School invites international fellows to carry out research in the CSMP. Researchers will also have to fulfill a teaching commitment of two semester hours per week.

The fellowship program aims at providing opportunities for international researchers to conduct cooperative research with the faculty of the Brandt School and the University of Erfurt. The fellowship will be awarded for a period of up to one year, with an extension possibility of up to another year (maximum total funding 2 years).

Selection is based on the strength of the proposed research topic as well as profound experience in an academic environment. Another key factor is the explicit objective of the research and its relationship to the Brandt School's research goals and priorities.

The fellowship program supports innovative practice-oriented research projects, striving at identifying effective policies related to conflict management, international peace and security, and peace building and conflict resolution.

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## Overview of the Master's, PhD and Fellowship Program in Conflict Studies and Management in 2011

	Master's Program	PhD Program	Fellowship Program
<b>Number of scholarships</b>	Up to 5 scholarships for international students with an excellent Bachelor's degree	Up to 5 Scholarships for international students with an excellent Master's degree	Up to 4 Fellowships for international researchers
<b>Duration and structure of the program</b>	Two-year study program in the Master of Public Policy with specialization in conflict studies and conflict management	Three-year study and research program	Duration: 6-12 months (extension to up to 24 months possible), teaching commitment of 2 hours per semester
<b>Application requirements</b>	Completed Bachelor's degree or equivalent; proof of English language proficiency (e.g. TOEFL: 577/233/90)	Completed Master's degree or equivalent (at least four years of study); proof of English language proficiency (e.g. TOEFL: 577/233/90)	Completed doctorate / Ph.D.; proven research experience of at least 2 years after the doctorate in an appropriate field and institution; work experience at institutions of higher education or at a research institute
	For more detailed information on application requirements, please see DAAD scholarship announcement: <a href="http://www.daad.de">www.daad.de</a>		
<b>Eligible countries</b>	Applications are open to candidates from countries in the Middle East, Central Asia, South Asia, South East Asia, Africa and Latin America.		