

Why can't we all play nicely? The search for world peace

Start date 31 March 2019**End date** 31 March 2019**Venue** Madingley Hall
Madingley
Cambridge**Tutor** Ian Shields**Course code** 1819NDX031**Director of Academic Centres** Sarah Ormrod**For further information on this course, please contact** Head of Academic Centre Administration, Zara Kuckelhaus
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Tutor biography

Ian Shields spent 32 years in the Royal Air Force as a navigator initially on the Vulcan bomber, but latterly on the Hercules transport aircraft. He deployed to theatres as diverse as the Falkland Islands and Afghanistan, and commanded No 47 Squadron from 2001 – 2003. In the latter stages of his military career he entered a very academic stream, gaining 2 post-graduate degrees and ending his career in an MoD think-tank where he led a team looking forward 40 years to consider the use of air and space power. Ian is presently working on his PhD on British Media-Government Relations, is a regular commentator in the Media, and is employed as a part-time lecturer and supervisor within the fields of International Relations and Security Studies

Course programme

09:30	Terrace bar open for pre-course tea/coffee
10:00 – 11:15	Session 1: The Rise (and Rise) of The State: The Solution or the Problem?
11:15	Coffee
11:45 – 13:00	Session 2: The Role of War in Society
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	Session 3: Future World, Future Threats
15:15	Tea
15:30 – 16:45	Session 4: Discussion: Why Can't We All Play Nicely?; Concluding Comments
16:45	Day-school ends

Course syllabus

We live in an ever more complex world with many of the challenges facing us, such as Mass Migration, Climate Change and Human Rights, no longer confined to the boundaries of individual nations. Moreover, this inter-connected, inter-dependent Globalised World seems almost to make a mockery of seemingly old-fashioned concepts of the State, and a State-based World Order. Are we on the verge of tearing up ideas such as the UN and starting afresh? If such questions, if International Politics is of interest to you, then this Day School might just be able to answer some of your questions – and maybe you can find an answer to World Peace: so why can't we all just play nicely?

Aims:

To examine the traditional understandings of the State, and the role of War, to ask whether the International System is still fit for purpose?

To explore the possible challenges the world might face in the next 40 – 50 years.

To consider whether we might find better solutions to global problems rather than either resort to violence (in the widest sense of the word) or stick with tried, tested but not always successful Diplomacy.

Content:

This is a general-interest course aimed at anyone wishing to explore the increasingly popular academic field of International Relations. Through a series of lectures and discussion sessions, we will consider the historic role of the State and of War, look at likely threats to the world and to world peace over the next few decades, and discuss how we might better address these globalised, international problems that seem to be challenging the very basis of the International Order – the State. The course would also be of particular interest to anyone considering undertaking the Certificate in International Relations.

Presentation of the course:

The course will be delivered through formal lectures, and a group discussion.

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

Develop their analytical skills through exploring the challenges facing the world order.

Explore some of the major issues the world is likely to face in the near future.

Identify potential solutions and new working practices that may better address emerging threats to the world order.

Reading and resources list

Listed below are texts that might be of interest should you wish to supplement your learning on the course. Any essential reading is marked with an asterisk *

Author	Title	Publisher and date
John Bayliss, Steve Smith & Patricia Owen	The Globalization of World Politics (7th Edition)	Oxford University Press (2016)
Christopher Coker	Ethics and War in the Twenty-First Century	Routledge (2008)
A C Grayling	War: An Enquiry	Yale University Press (2017)

Additional information

Venue

Details of how to find Madingley Hall can be found on our website:
<http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/who-we-are/how-to-find-the-institute>

Refreshments

Tea and coffee and lunch will be provided. If you have any specific dietary requirements or allergies and have not already advised us, please inform our Admissions Team on ice.admissions@ice.cam.ac.uk or +44 (0)1223 746262.

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