

SINCE THE SUMMER OF 2002, Olympia has been hosting, with growing success, an annual international graduate summer program in conflict studies. Thanks to the collaboration of Greek universities and institutions with Yale University's Program on Order, Conflict and Violence and the hospitality of the city of Ancient Olympia, the OSS bring together every year a highly diverse and talented group of graduate students, professionals, and professors from more than 20 countries from around the world.

The purpose of the seminars is to create a forum for high quality academic work in the unique setting of Olympia, and to provide opportunities for the creation and consolidation of scholarly networks of cooperation.

The 2010 program will offer two options. The first course (Cycle A) runs from July 4th until July 18th, 2010 and the second (Cycle B) from July 11th until July 18th, 2010. The application is competitive. Fees cover only part of the total cost of the program since OSS is generously supported by several sponsors. A number of scholarships are offered on the basis of merit and need. Participants have to choose one or the other course.

Course description

The study of conflict has made tremendous strides in the last ten years: new tools and new perspectives have advanced our understanding of its causes, dynamics, and consequences. The objective of the first course (Cycle A) is to cover this progress in a way that is simultaneously sophisticated and accessible. Topics will include the following: causes and dynamics of civil war, nationalism and ethnicity, large scale violence and genocide, ethnic and urban riots, historical and experimental approaches to the study of conflict. Our geographic focus will be very broad as well. At the end of this course, students will have a solid grasp of cutting edge research on conflict.

The second course (Cycle B) offers participants insights in the design of field research, its implementation as well as different tools to analyze and interpret results in conflict affected contexts. Advanced quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods used in different disciplines will be presented and illustrated with examples from a number of geographic contexts. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss and improve their own work throughout the course. At the end of the course, participants will have a sound grasp of a range of different methodological and analytic techniques, and understand how to apply them to their own research projects.

The faculty for the 2010 Conflict and Identity seminar (Cycle A) includes:

- **Fotini Christia (Ph.D. Harvard)**, Assistant Professor of political science, MIT (<http://web.mit.edu/polisci/faculty/F.Christia.html>)
- **Ivan Ermakoff (Ph.D. Chicago)**, Associate Professor of sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison (http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/soc/faculty/show-person.php?person_id=12)
- **Stathis Kalyvas (Ph.D. Chicago)**, Arnold Wolfers Professor of political science, Yale University; director of the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale (<http://www.yale.edu/polisci/people/skalyvas.html>)
- **Dimitris Keridis (Ph.D. Tufts)**, Associate Professor of international relations, University of Macedonia (<http://users.uom.gr/~keridis/>)
- **Ashutosh Varshney (Ph.D. Harvard)**, Professor of political science, Brown University (http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Political_Science/faculty/facultypage.php?id=1231360402)

The faculty for the 2010 Advanced Research Methods seminar (Cycle B) includes:

- **Richard Akresh (Ph.D. Yale)**, Assistant Professor in Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, United States (<https://netfiles.uiuc.edu/akresh/www>)
- **Ana Maria Ibáñez (Ph.D. Maryland)**, Associate Professor of Economics and Research Director of the Economics Department, University of Los Andes, Bogota, Colombia (http://economia.uniandes.edu.co/en/faculty/staff/Ibanez_Ana_Maria)
- **Stathis Kalyvas (Ph.D. Chicago)**, Arnold Wolfers Professor of political science, Yale University; director of the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale (<http://www.yale.edu/polisci/people/skalyvas.html>)
- **Teodora Karamelska (Ph.D. Sofia)**, Researcher at the Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria (http://www.microconflict.eu/aboutus/cv_teodora_karamelska.pdf)
- **Jeremy Seekings (Ph.D. Oxford)**, Professor of Political Studies and Sociology, Center for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town, South Africa and Visiting Professor at Yale University (<http://www.cssr.uct.ac.za/ssu/researchers/seekings>)
- **Philip Verwimp (Ph.D. Leuven)**, Associate Professor and holder of the Marie and Alain Philippson Chair in Sustainable Human Development, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, Belgium (www.hicn.org) and University of Antwerp.

Apply to Olympia Summer Seminars

Applicants should be (post-) graduate students working towards Masters or Ph.D degrees, but we usually admit some advanced undergraduates as well. All applicants should be fluent in English. An application should include a short bio, a letter of recommendation and a copy of university transcripts. Candidates for the Advanced Research Methods course are also required to send in a draft of a paper they are working on.

For all inquiries please visit www.uom.gr/olympia or www.navarinonetwork.org. You can e-mail olympia@uom.gr. Also you can contact Ms. Dimitriadou, tel.: +30 2310 891.474, fax: +30 2310 891.450. Please download the application form from the web and submit by e-mail **by April 9, 2010**. Early applications are strongly encouraged, especially if a request for financial aid is submitted. Places are limited and will be awarded on merit. Decisions will be mailed out by April 15, 2010. Admitted foreign students will be provided with all necessary documentation in support of a visa application, if this is needed.

Fees

All participants are expected to pay for their own travel to and from Athens. In addition, there is a 150-euro non-refundable registration fee to be paid in advance of the seminar to secure a place, in accordance with the instructions provided in the letter of admission. Tuition and board charges are 790 euros. This covers shared hotel accommodation in a double occupancy room, breakfast and dinner, all the reading material, transportation from Athens to Olympia and back, as well as cultural and social activities. A single room can be provided at an additional charge. A limited number of scholarships for the tuition and board charges are available and will be awarded on a merit and need basis.



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Cycle A: Conflict & Identity
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**Cycle B: Advanced Research
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