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CONFLICTS AND PEACEBUILDING IN AFRICA

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NOTE: Grades are based on class participation and three papers. No tests!

Here is a unique opportunity for any students interested in Africa to critically examine war and peace in this complex continent. Taught by Francis Abugbilla,* students will learn aspects of conflict and peacebuilding from first-hand and studied perspectives, including:

- What are the root causes of conflicts in Africa?
- What roles do local/traditional leaders play in African conflicts and resolutions?
- What interests do foreign powers have in these conflicts?
- Are Africans cursed by their own abundance of natural resources?
- What do religion and ethnicity have to do with African wars?
- How are war victims restored in post conflict societies?
- What roles do reparations play in national reconciliation?
- How might the recurring civil wars on the Ivory Coast continue after the October 2020 elections?

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