

Sociology of Armed Conflicts I

**ECTS** : 6

**Description du contenu de l'enseignement :**

- (in class) An empirical and analytical study of conflict dynamics in the Middle East region: sectarian, political-islam related, foreign-intervention related, and political/economic conflicts.
- (in class) Exploring and questioning notions and common ideas about violent conflicts, whether domestic or extra-national.
- (through readings): Comparative readings that help explore the dynamics of conflicts worldwide and through time.

**Compétence à acquérir :**

- A better empirical knowledge of current conflicts.
- A better analytical understanding of the mechanisms of political violence and the levers required for conflict resolution.

**Mode de contrôle des connaissances :**

- An analytical report on a documentary/film about a particular violent, political episode (10% - material provided by instructor)
- Homeworks and participation (15%)
- Final written examination (3 hrs, series of questions on content of class and readings - 75%)

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