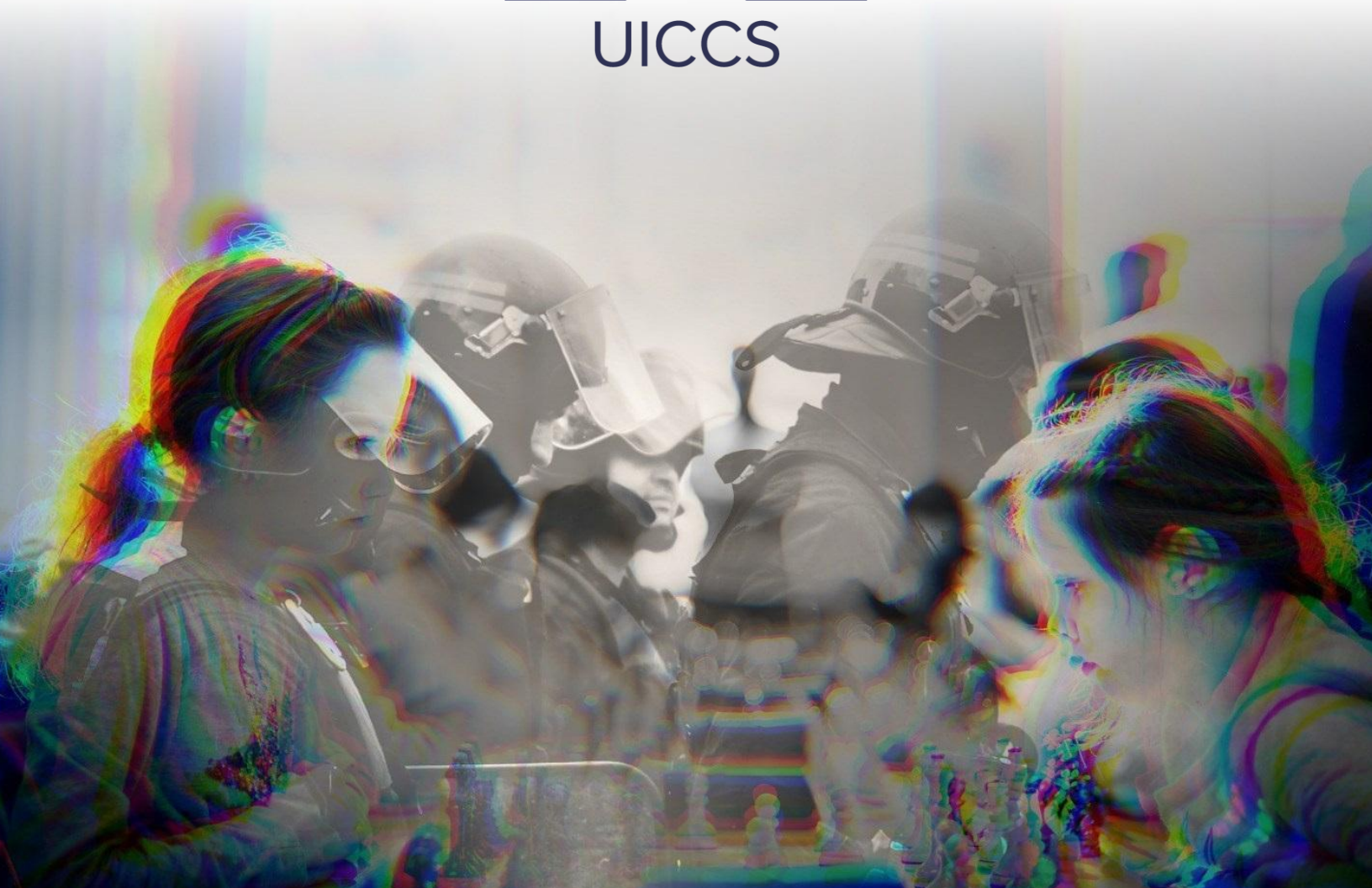# CONFLICT SIMULATION & NEGOTIATION

A historical & philosophical
yet practical and playful course
on (methods of) war and peace

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Play is battle and battle is play.

**Johan Huizinga**


In the whole range of human activities, war most closely resembles a game of cards.

**Carl von Clausewitz**


This is not a game! [Wargaming] is training for war! I must recommend it to the whole army.

**Karl von Müffling**


War is a matter of vital importance to the state; a matter of life or death, the road either to survival or to ruin. Hence, it is imperative that it be studied thoroughly.

**Sun Tzu**


[A prince] ought never, therefore, to have out of his thoughts this subject of war, and in peace he should addict himself more to its exercise than in war; this he can do in two ways, the one by action, the other by study.

**Niccolo Macchiavelli**


Wargaming is an act of communication. Designing a wargame is more akin to writing an historical novel than proving an algebraic theorem.

**Peter Perla**


The condition of man [...] is a condition of war of everyone against everyone.

**Thomas Hobbes**
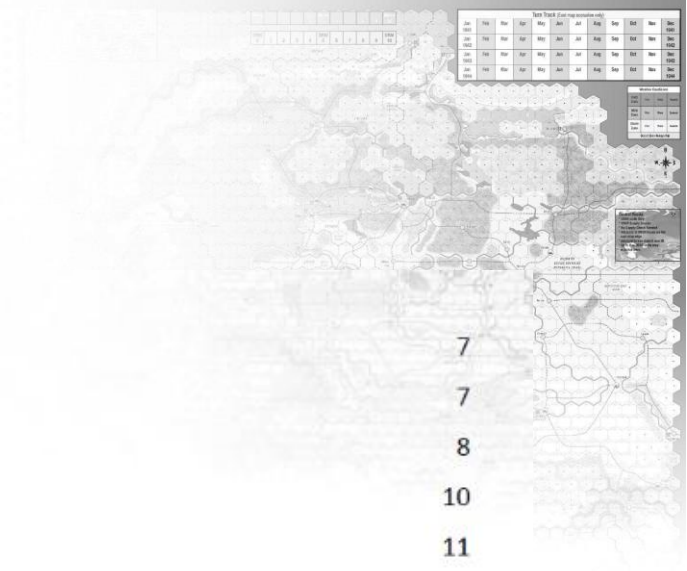

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**Loesje**

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## Objectives of the course

After completing the course, you will have mastered the most important developments, principles, trends and theories regarding:

- Causes and types of violent conflict on the international, societal and interpersonal level;
- Conflict resolution and specifically negotiation and mediation at the international, societal, and interpersonal level;
- Peacebuilding activities at the international and community-level, and their importance to diplomats, militaries, aid agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the UN.

Methodologically, you will be able to:

- Use and execute conflict games and simulations as a unique methodology and tool for analysis and training;
- Use and apply a conflict resolution skillset: understanding and using the most important negotiator and mediator roles, tactics and habits.

Through interactive and simulated learning, you will develop an understanding of decision-making on different levels in complex contexts. You will practically experience and learn:

- **How to handle complexity without being overwhelmed, and communicate effectively and professionally;**
- **Complex decision-making, strategic planning, prioritization, and program design in conflict-affected states;**
- Conflict resolution through negotiation, and mediation;
- Peacebuilding through interpersonal and community engagement;
- Active listening, public speaking, negotiation, diplomacy, team and information management, coalition building, and professional written communication.