

University of Haifa
Peace and Conflict Management Master Program [Spring Semester –
February/June 2019] Wednesdays 4:15-8:45 pm

**METHODS OF NONVIOLENT ACTION: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE AND ITS RELEVANCE
TO THE ISRAELI PALESTINIAN CONFLICT**
Room 4026 Terrace building

INSTRUCTORS:

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Over close to a century of violent conflict [nearly each decade and the last decade three violent confrontations – 2009-2012 and 2014, Arabs and Jews in Palestine/Eretz Israel have been involved in wars, that increasingly the majority of the victims are non-combatants. The young are over-represented among the victims and victimizers. At the same time, some small groups of individuals in both societies have been advocating a non-violent strategy towards a “just and lasting peace”. These two terms are not only worded in the UN Security Council Resolution 2424 accepted internationally and included by both governments. And yet, the prospects of achieving such goal seem to be more elusive than ever. While many concrete points of agreement have been achieved in governmental and nongovernmental negotiations [Oslo Accords, Geneva Accords and Clinton parameters] the main issue of contention is how can we bring the two people to contribute towards such shared vision. The issue of MEANS becomes nowadays more of a priority than the already studied GOALS, and the futile use of weaponry to reach an imposed solution from outside powers or from Israeli and Palestinian governments are not offering any substantial hopes nowadays and possible for the short term future. Therefore, the challenge of including a serious and systematic analysis of the relevance of nonviolent action should be a welcoming experiment to what now is not only a conflict between governments but much deeper- between the people of the two nations. The added value of the course being offered by a Palestinian and Israeli professors who have been for three decades engaged both alone - and specifically together in teaching, researching, publishing academic articles and op-eds, media interviews and more - are hopefully provide a constructive building bloc at Haifa University.

We invite graduate students campus-wide to join us in the Spring semester and share this unique experiment in team teaching our own conflict, this time studying the relevance of nonviolence in the protracted Israeli/Arab Conflict.

Mubarak Awad and Edward Edy Kaufman - Academic Cooperation

Through three decades there has been a consolidated joint academic cooperation in theory and praxis of advancing the relevance of nonviolent action, cross- fertilization and personal friendship.

The overall cooperation included experiences of team teaching in North America, Israel/Palestine and South Africa.