

Evaluation-form

Course-code: PECOS4010

Course title: Conflict and state building

Language:  Norwegian  English

The liaison for PECOS 4010 reported that her classmates were for the most part satisfied with the course. The lectures were clear, and the topics covered interesting. She also reported that the two guest lectures by Solveig Hillesund and Nina Maureen Cadorn were excellent.

Suggestions for improvements:

1. Information on the term paper could have been clearer. Given that there will be no term papers in the future, this is a moot point. I will, however, add that this was a curious complaint since I have never received this complaint and have used the same assignment for over 5 years teaching this class.
2. Information regarding the closed book nature of the exam could have been communicated earlier. I shall state this on the Canvas site and on the syllabus.
3. The timing of the term paper due date and the exam date was the subject of complaint as well. The problem is these dates are not determined by me or the department. There will always be complaints about the exam date when the course ends so close to the Christmas holidays.
4. The comment was also made about the amount of reading for the course, but the readings were deemed to be important, and they were well covered in the lectures. I do not feel that this is a problem for the course.