

Building Security and Justice after Conflict

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**Giving Busy People
the Flexibility to
Study on the Move**

Taught Programme - MSc in Security, Conflict and International Development (SCID)

The Department of Criminology at the University of Leicester offers a Master's programme in Security, Conflict and International Development (SCID). This is an innovative distance-learning programme which focuses on how to meet the strategic security and justice challenges of countries emerging from conflict.

The course is designed specifically for those working – or hoping to work – in international development. The course is delivered by a bespoke App (and students are provided with an iPad as part of their course fees), as well as via an online platform. As such, this course revolutionises the delivery of distance learning programmes, giving busy people the flexibility to study on the move: the University of Leicester is the first university to send iPads to distance learning students and provide them with a specially-developed App for their materials. The App enables those working in the field of international development, many of whom move around frequently and work in hostile environments with limited internet access, to pursue their studies.

The programme is designed to develop skills, knowledge and understanding of conflict prevention and recovery with a particular emphasis upon ways in which security and justice can be developed after conflict, as well as ways in which to address the broader international security risks posed by conflict-affected countries.

The course also draws from the expertise of a Panel of Experts, comprised of over 80 leading international experts in the field of conflict prevention, management and recovery. Among other things, Panel members provide regular guest lectures, contribute to an annual SCID Reader and SCID Symposium, provide dissertation supervision and mark assignments, and students can interact with Panel members directly for study or career guidance. The course also incorporates a range of multi-media, interactive, social media and text-based resources in order to create a dynamic learning experience.



The portability and 'cool' look of the Course App on the iPad makes it a desire, not just an obligation, to study at the least opportunity. I cannot overemphasise how useful this development is to my study, especially as I often go on long-range patrols (as a peacekeeper) into remote areas where internet is non-existent.

UN Peacekeeper in Cote d'Ivoire (and former SCID student) – studying during a coffee break

Research Programme

The Department also warmly welcomes applications to pursue PhD research in the field of security, conflict and international development. Current PhD students are researching the relationship between terrorism and development in Iraq and the protection of children in armed conflict in South Sudan.

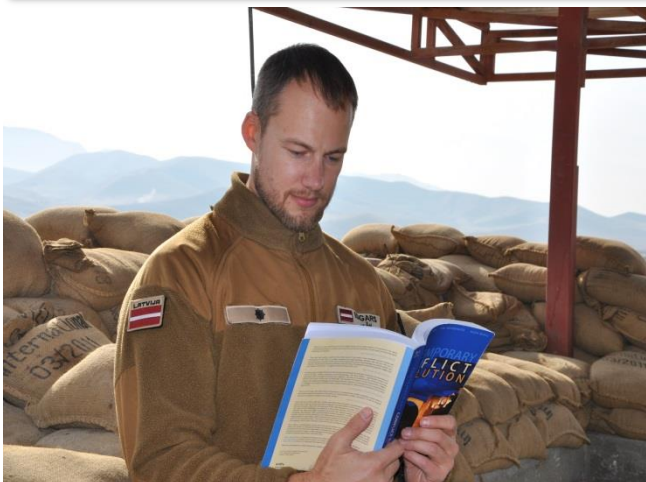
Research and Practice

Aside from delivering the SCID MSc and supporting PhD students, research is conducted in a number of SCID-related fields, including:

- Inclusive approaches to building security and justice after conflict
- Local ownership and gender equality in Security Sector Reform
- Women's engagement in armed groups
- Bottom-up and hybrid approaches to peacebuilding

Staff members are also engaged in providing consultancy services to organisations engaged in building security and justice after conflict, including international organisations such as the United Nations, international non-governmental organisations, and Governments.

This course provides students with the opportunity to develop their professional careers in an area of growing strategic importance.



For more information on SCID:

- SCID website - https://le.ac.uk/courses/security-conflict-and-international-development-msc-dl?uol_r=2a35ef18
- SCID Brochure - <http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/criminology/documents/SCID%20brochure.pdf>
- SCID on iTunes - <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/scid-course/id503579966?mt=8>
- SCID Panel of Experts Compendium - <https://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/criminology/documents/scid-panel-of-experts-compendium>
- SCID Blog - <http://uolscid.wordpress.com>
- SCID Email Discussion List - www.jiscmail.ac.uk/UOLSCID
- SCID LinkedIn Group - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8491050>
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