

Dynamics of Reconciliation in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

Description:

This seminar will explore the theory and nature of reconciliation and will discuss the various concepts associated with reconciliation such as moderation, justice, peace, empathy, apology, forgiveness, transitional justice, and the role of leadership in reconciliation. It will discuss the impact of reconciliation in post-conflict areas such as South Africa, Rwanda, and Ireland. It will analyze the missing opportunities for reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. It will evaluate why major peace initiatives such as the Camp David Summit II of 2000 and the Arab Peace Initiative of 2002 failed to achieve peace and will analyze how to overcome enmity and hatred that is spreading political and religious extremism in the region.

About the Instructor:

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