

PEACEBUILDING

PWAD 490 Section 040



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This course will examine the challenges that must be addressed when the fighting has stopped. Once a peace agreement is signed, the hard work of building a lasting peace begins. Former rebels negotiate with their military commanders about relinquishing arms and working for a living; communities look for “peace dividends,” refugees weigh options to return home; Governments try earnestly to assert authority despite how weakened they have become or new to the role they are to play; and compatriots who opposed the peace settlement relentlessly try to undermine it. The international community, which often leads the warring parties to the table, takes on a new role as well, informing and sometimes deforming outcomes. Building a durable peace after conflict requires awareness of the changing priorities of the signatories as well as of the constituencies for whom the peace was achieved. Anchored in — but not limited to — the UN-supported peace agreement implementation process in Mali, this course will consider peacebuilding processes from the perspectives of the formerly warring parties, diplomats, NGOs, and civil society, providing students an opportunity to begin to catalogue strategies for building durable peace following conflict.