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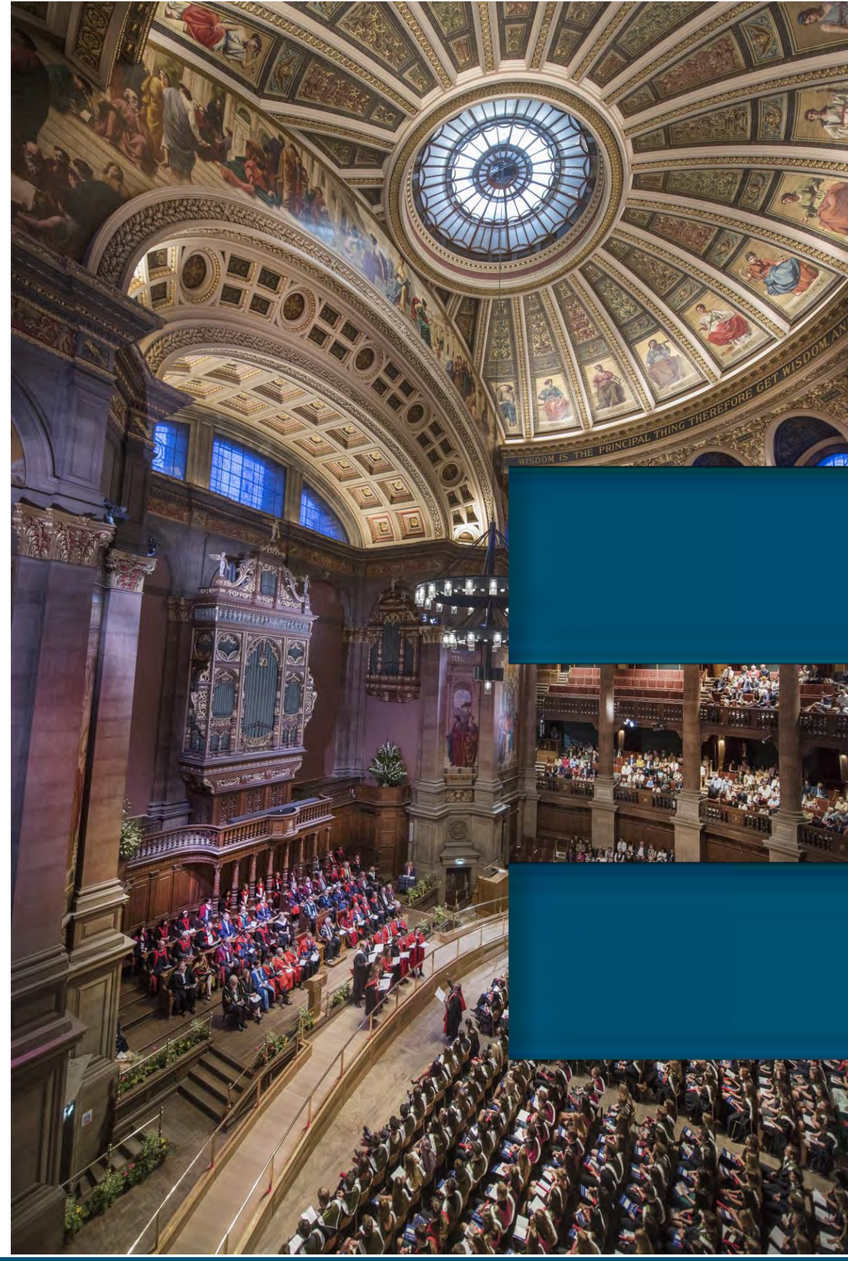
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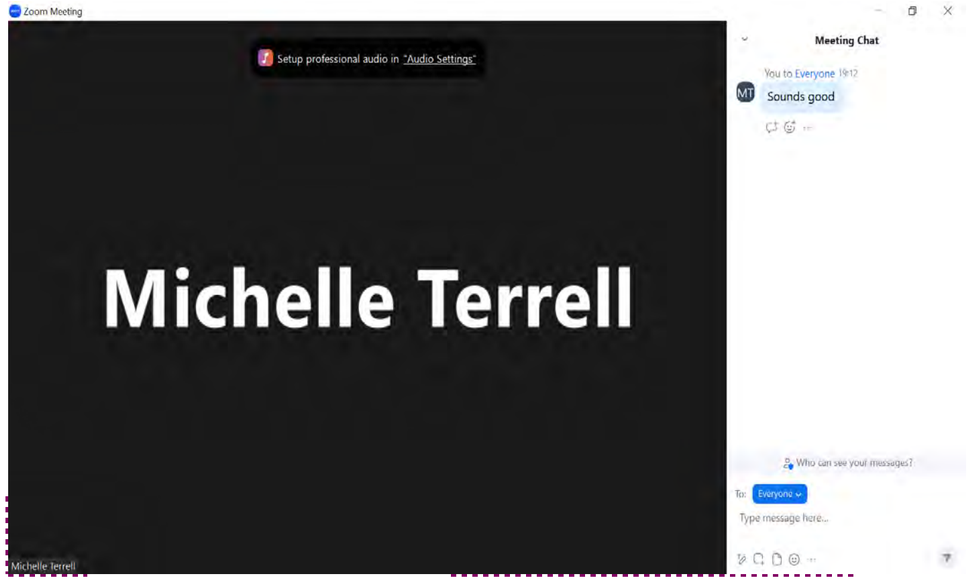
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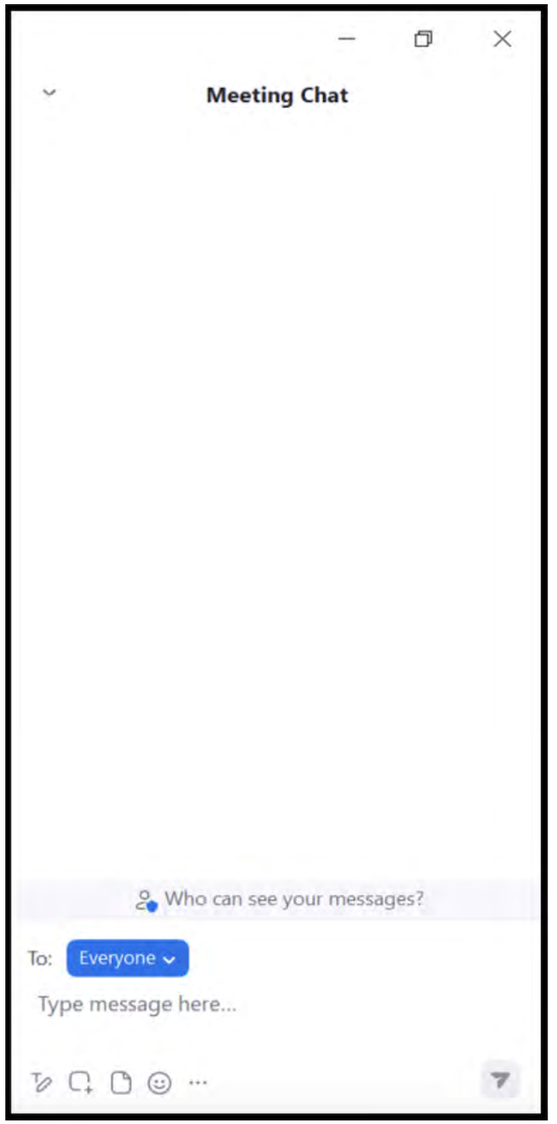
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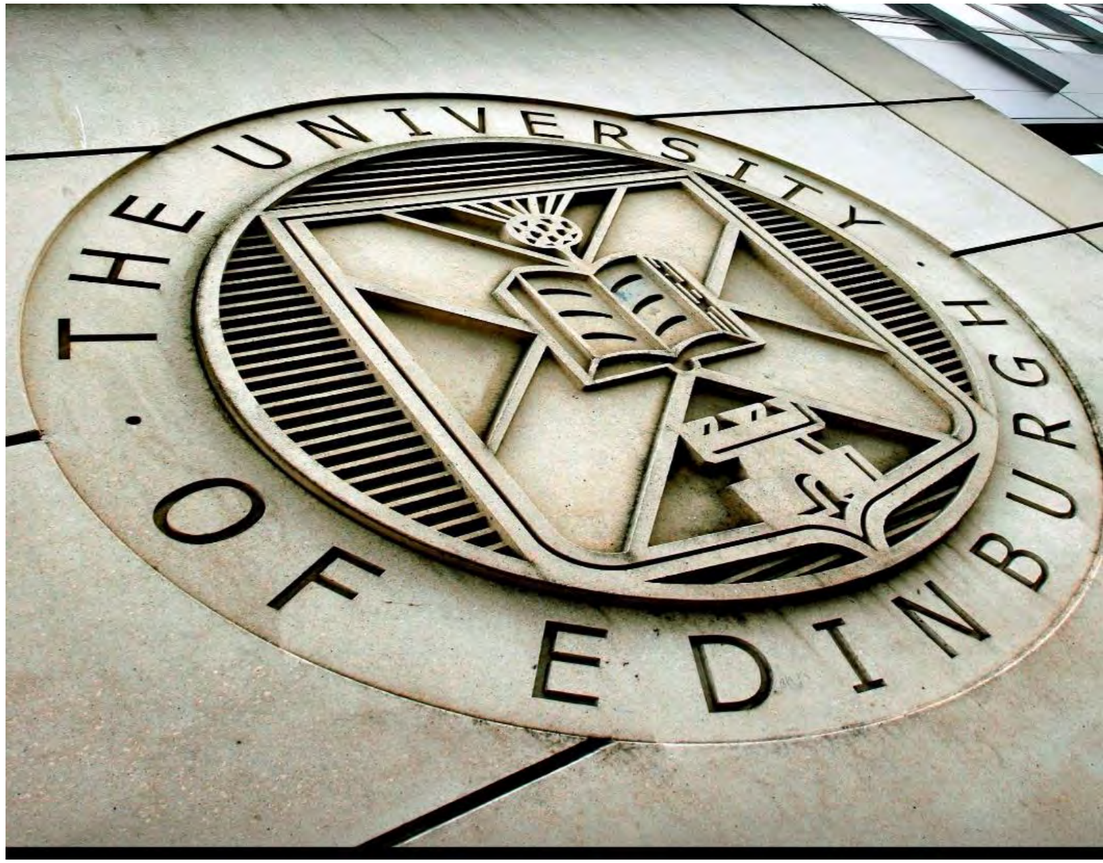


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Studying Conflict, Security and Development at the University of Edinburgh

- Flexible and cutting edge programme in one of the oldest and most international universities
- A very multidisciplinary approach to the study of the relationship between conflict and development
- It will be taught and directed primarily from the Centre of African Studies complimented by experts from other subject areas within the University



Programme Structure

Courses 2024-25

Compulsory courses

- Conflict, Security and Development (MSc/PGDip/PGCert)
- Politics and Theories of International Development (MSc/PGDip/PGCert)
- Conflict and Peace in Africa (MSc/PGDip/PGCert)
- Dissertation (MSc) The dissertation is written in the summer months (April to August) after the taught courses are successfully completed

Sample of Optional Courses

Select between 60 and 100 credits

- Resource Politics and Development
- Policing and Punishment: Global Perspectives
- Rethinking Africa: Space, Race, and Power
- Displacement and Development
- Pursuing Justice After Violence
- Key skills in Development Practice
- Research in Africa
- Business and Development
- Humanitarianism and the Media
- Terrorism in Global Politics
- War and Peace: Anthropological Perspectives
- International Security
- Gender and Development
- International Relations and Contemporary Conflict
- Gender, War and Peacebuilding

**Some courses have limited spaces*

CSD Standard Dissertation

- Extended piece of independent, in-depth scholarship on a topic selected by the student related to programme content
- Student's own endeavour, but with individual supervisor;
- up to 15,000 words
- Opportunity to choose area/topic of interest
- Excellent preparation for further academic, teaching, or policy work careers
- Preparatory intensive workshop held in spring
- Written between

CSD Policy-Focused Dissertation

- Extended piece of independent, in-depth scholarship on a topic with a policy focus
- Student's own endeavour, but with individual supervisor and advice from members of policy and practitioner community
- up to 15,000 words (13,500 main text and 1,500 policy briefing)
- Opportunity to choose area/topic of interest
- Aimed at those with interest in careers in policy and practitioner fields, provides experience pitching ideas to policy community and writing for policy audience
- Opportunity to build networks within professional fields of conflict, security and development and share dissertation findings with relevant policy audiences
- Preparatory intensive workshop held in spring

Submitting your course choices

- The teaching office will send you the course choice form in early August.

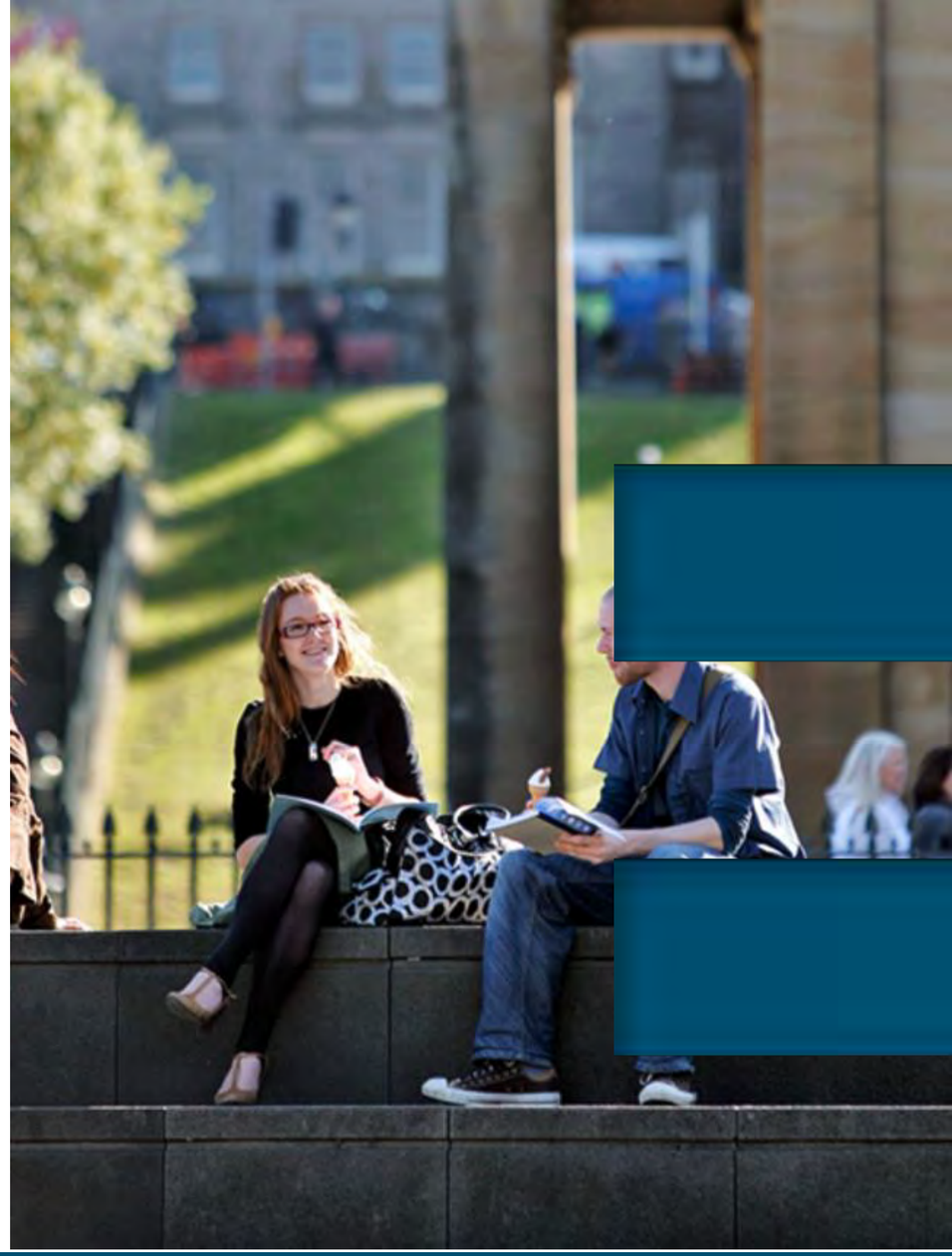
- If you want to get ahead, you can check your course options at - http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/24-25/dpt/drps_sps.htm



Studying and Learning

How we study & learn

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Case studies and exercises
- Self-led/Group Study
- Independent Research
- Dissertations



Support for learning and teaching

- Programme Directors
- Student Advisor
- Dissertation supervisor
- Student Development office: https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/students/postgraduate/new-students/development-office
- Institute for Academic Development: https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-acadsc-development/postgraduate
- Peer study groups

Life at The University of Edinburgh

- 5 elected full-time Sabbatical Officers, 5 elected part-time Liberation Officers, and 8 part-time Section Representatives* to represent your needs and interests

- Over 450 student Societies, Volunteering Groups and Peer Learning and Support Schemes

*Section Representatives represent students from the following groups: Commuter Students, International Students, Mature Students, Part-time Students, Student Carers, Student Parents, University-wide PGT representative and University-wide Postgraduate Research Representative



Once you've started in September, you can run as representative of your programme, or even the School-wide Postgraduate Taught (PGT) Rep

Life at The University of Edinburgh

- Over 70 Sports clubs and teams
- Competitively-priced student gym membership
- City-wide student discounts
- Student counselling service
- Learning support and disability service
- The Advice Place



Student Development Office

- Workshops on professional, personal and academic skill building
- 1:1 skills coaching
- Cohort Building activities
- Funding opportunities to support development
- Edinburgh Award and Professional Development Certificates
- School-wide events and activities

Summer reading

If you would like to get ahead with some reading over the summer, I'd suggest:

- Jackson, Paul C, and Danielle Beswick. *Conflict, Security and Development an Introduction / by Paul Jackson and Danielle Beswick.* Third edition. Boca Raton, FL: Routledge, an imprint of Taylor and Francis, 2018.
- Fisher, Jonathan and David Anderson. 2015. "Authoritarianism and Securitization of Development in Africa." *International Affairs* 91 (1): 131-151.
- Youssef Cohen, Brian R. Brown, A. F. K. Organski (1981). The Paradoxical Nature of State Making: The Violent Creation of Order, *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 75, No. 4, pp. 901-910



What happens next?

- Accept and meet conditions of offer
- Visa and immigration: StudentImmigration@ed.ac.uk
- Apply for accommodation: https://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/
- Check SPS New students webpage for info on accessing your timetable, welcome week and more

(Welcome Week starts Monday 9 September)



The student perspective

Talk to a current student

- Have you got a question you would like to ask a current student in the School of Social and Political Science?
- Chat with a student ambassador here:
  - www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/applicants/talk-to-current-students

The student perspective

- Our team of SPS student writers share their experiences and thoughts on the things that matter to them on our student blog.
- Check out the blog here:
  - blogs.ed.ac.uk/students-at-sps/

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Thank you
Any questions?

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Contact details for follow-up questions

We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session. If you have further questions that have not been answered, please contact us:

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