The Political Economy of Post-Conflict States Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

- **Analyze** the **political economy** of conflict and peacebuilding.
- **Diagnose** the **root causes** of state fragility and violence.
- **Map** power structures and **economic actors** in post-conflict settings.
- **Evaluate** the role of **illicit economies** and **natural resources** in conflict.
- **Design conflict-sensitive** development and governance interventions.
- **Identify** and manage **spoilers** and peace constituencies.
- **Strengthen public financial management** and anti-corruption measures.
- **Promote inclusive economic recovery** and livelihood diversification.
- **Understand transitional justice** from a political economy perspective.
- **Apply** a **holistic framework** to post-conflict stabilization.
- **Develop state-building** and institutional reform strategies.
- **Assess** the impact of **international aid** on local political economies.
- **Build resilience** and social cohesion through economic means.

Target Audience

1. Peacebuilding practitioners from international NGOs and UN agencies.
2. Policymakers and government officials working on post-conflict issues.
3. Development professionals and aid workers in fragile contexts.
4. Military and security sector personnel involved in stabilization.
5. Researchers and academics in peace and conflict studies.
6. Diplomats and staff of foreign affairs ministries.
7. Private sector consultants and investors operating in high-risk environments.
8. Journalists and media professionals covering conflicts and post-conflict transitions.

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Module 1: Foundations of Political Economy in Post-Conflict Settings

- Defining **Political Economy Analysis (PEA)** and its relevance to peacebuilding.
- Understanding the **causes of conflict**: greed vs. grievance debates.
- The concept of the **"war economy"** and its transformation.

- Mapping **power dynamics** and key actors (elites, armed groups, civil society).
- Case Study: The **Political Economy of Sierra Leone's Civil War** (Diamonds and rebel funding).

Module 2: Managing Illicit Economies and Natural Resources

- The role of **illicit trade** (drugs, weapons, smuggling) in sustaining violence.
- The **"resource curse"** phenomenon and its link to conflict.
- Developing strategies for **revenue transparency** and management of extractive industries.
- Disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (**DDR**) of ex-combatants into the economy.
- Case Study: **Coltan and Conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo** (The resource-conflict nexus).

Module 3: Governance, State-Building, and Institutional Reform

- Challenges of building legitimate and effective **state institutions**.
- **Corruption** and **patronage networks** as drivers of instability.
- Reforming **public financial management** and building transparent tax systems.
- The role of **power-sharing agreements** and decentralization.
- Case Study: **Bosnia and Herzegovina's Dayton Accords** and its governance structures.

Module 4: Economic Recovery and Livelihood Restoration

- Designing **inclusive economic growth** and job creation programs.
- Addressing **land rights** and property restitution.
- The nexus between **humanitarian aid** and long-term development.
- The role of the **private sector** in post-conflict recovery.
- Case Study: **Rwanda's Economic Transformation** Post-Genocide.

Module 5: Transitional Justice and Accountability

- Exploring **transitional justice mechanisms** (truth commissions, tribunals, reparations).
- The interplay between **justice and economic development**.
- Holding economic actors accountable for conflict-related abuses.
- The role of international financial institutions and sanctions.
- Case Study: **Economic Reparations in South Africa** post-apartheid.

Module 6: Security Sector Reform (SSR) and Political Economy

- Understanding how **security forces** can be economic actors.
- The challenge of demobilizing and professionalizing security forces.
- Linking **security sector reform** to broader governance and economic goals.
- Addressing the informal security sector (militias, warlords).
- Case Study: **Security Sector Reform in Liberia**.

Module 7: Gender and Political Economy of Conflict

- The differential economic impact of conflict on **women and men**.
- Analyzing women's roles in both **war economies** and **peace economies**.
- Promoting **gender-responsive** economic recovery and empowerment.
- Addressing gender-based violence and economic marginalization.
- Case Study: **Women's Economic Empowerment in Northern Uganda**.

Module 8: The Role of International Actors and the "Peace Industry"

- The **political economy of international aid**.
- Critiques of the "liberal peace" model.
- Ensuring **national ownership** and avoiding dependency.
- **Donor coordination** and the effectiveness of development assistance.
- Case Study: **International Intervention in Afghanistan** (Aid, warlords, and parallel economies).

Training Methodology

This course employs a **highly interactive and practical methodology** designed to maximize learning and skill development. It will combine:

- **Lectures and expert presentations** on core theoretical frameworks.
- **Case study analysis** and group discussions.
- **Role-playing and simulations** to apply concepts in realistic scenarios.
- **Practical exercises** on political economy analysis (PEA) tools.
- **Peer-to-peer learning** and networking opportunities.
- **Mentored group projects** to design real-world interventions.
- **Q&A sessions** with seasoned practitioners.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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