Radboud University Nijmegen
Radboud University Nijmegen is one of the leading academic institutions in the Netherlands. The Dutch Ministry of Education recently called Radboud University the top research university in the Netherlands. Renowned for its beautiful campus, modern buildings and state-of-the-art equipment, it has eight faculties and over 16,000 students enrolled in approximately 90 study programmes (40 Bachelors programmes and more than 50 Masters programmes).

The city of Nijmegen was founded by the Romans (its original Latin name, Noviomagus, means New Market) and is thought to be the oldest city in the Netherlands. It is situated near the German border on the banks of the Waal river, a branch of the Rhine delta.

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‘How can violent conflicts be analysed and addressed?’ is a recurring question, particularly giving the ongoing violence in countries like DR Congo, Colombia and Afghanistan, and the outbursts of civil conflict in Iraq and Ukraine more recently. Contemporary violent conflicts concern issues as diverse as geopolitics, territory and resources, but also issues like identity, imperialism, and the ways in which the state is organized. While at first sight most violent conflicts take place within the borders of a state, many conflicts exceed national agendas and involve stakeholders from afar. Likewise, their resolution is a concern to a huge variety of local and (inter)national actor who take a variety of approaches ranging from military operations and humanitarian aid to community reconciliation and statebuilding interventions.

What you will study
If you choose the master programme Conflicts, Territories and Identities, you will engage with the study of (inter)national conflict, and the territorial boundaries and borders in the minds of people involved. The program addresses not only the roots of violent conflict, but also the dynamic nature of conflict, and the political and social construction of conflicts, territories and identities.

You will also become familiar with the theory and practice of those organizations, such as NGOs and the UN, who intervene in violent conflict and its aftermath, as well as the efforts by local actors to transform and resolve conflict.

Studying Conflicts, Territories and Identities at the Radboud University Nijmegen
The master specialisation Conflicts, Territories and Identities is a joint project of the Centre for International Conflict Analysis & Management (CICAM) and Department of Human Geography in Nijmegen School of Management, Radboud University. The program seeks to provide you with the state-of-the-art knowledge and skills in the field of conflict analysis and management, which you will need in your future career as a scholar, (inter)national policy or decision maker, conflict manager, or journalist. Through the master program, you will be able to apply scholarly ideas and concepts to complex, contemporary conflict situations.

You will be taught by academics who study these issues through fieldwork in conflict and post-conflict societies and publish their findings in international academic journals and contribute to the public debate in the Netherlands and abroad. You will study theories, methods and instruments, but above all you will develop a critical attitude. You will learn that there are always multiple approaches to any conflict. The master specialisation Conflicts, Territories and Identities includes a variety of cases, individual and group assignments, lectures, seminars and an excursion to a (former) conflict zone. The programme gives you the opportunity to share experiences with other students and to link theory with practice.

You can further specialise by selecting specific elective courses and by choosing a topic for your master’s thesis. There are excellent opportunities for interesting and challenging internships.

Programme
From the start of the master specialisation on, you will spend time on the writing of your final thesis. This process starts with intensive (individual) training on designing your master research. One part of the programme consists of four compulsory courses, providing you with the necessary scholarly background.

These courses are:
• Geopolitics of Borders
• Conflicting theories: applying theoretical approaches of conflicts, territories and identities
• Political and geographical conflict resolution: theory and practice
• Excursion to a (post)conflict region, such as Bosnia-Herzegovina, Northern Ireland, Cyprus or Israel.

Furthermore you can choose one relevant elective course for your master research.

Usually you will conduct your master thesis research in the framework of an internship with a development organisation, academic institute, or government. In this way you get a feeling of professional life in the field and enhance your chances on the job market.

Admission
In the past there have been some extra admission requirements for this master specialisation, but currently the requirements are equal to the requirements of the other master specialisations of this programme:

The requirements for admission are either:
• a bachelor degree in Human Geography
• a bachelor degree in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Management
• a bachelor degree in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Social Sciences or
• another relevant bachelor degree

More information can be found on the website: www.ru.nl/masters/cti.
For more information please contact the study advisor.