Introduction
This renowned Master’s specialisation offers students insights into the origins, causes, and the processes of conflict and conflict resolution. Recognising that contemporary conflicts cannot be understood without taking both domestic and international politics into account, the programme draws on comparative politics, international relations and conflict studies. Students critically explore themes such as the determinants of political violence and warfare; the links between ethnic violence, nationalism and war; how international regulations affect efforts to acquire peace; and which ethical dilemmas arise in such situations. This Master’s specialisation is offered in collaboration with the Centre for International Conflict Analysis & Management (CICAM).

Why should you choose Conflict, Power and Politics in Nijmegen?
• Our Master’s programme is consistently ranked as the best Political Science programme in the Netherlands
• Teaching takes place in a stimulating, collegial and interactive setting of small groups
• The programme is unique for the Netherlands in being taught by both political scientists and conflict specialists
• You can focus on a theme of your interest
• The international staff has a wide range of expertise, is approachable, has strong links to policy and practice, and involves students in their research projects

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs), structured as follows:
• Five specialisation courses (30 ECs)
• One course in research methodology (6 ECs)
• One elective course (6 ECs)
• Master’s thesis (18 ECs)

Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc) in Political Science.

Maren Backbier
Student of the Master’s specialisation Conflict, Power and Politics

‘What I like most about the programme is that it connects political science with conflict analysis and conflict resolution. By combining classes of both disciplines in one specialisation you learn the role of politics in conflict and vice versa. Furthermore, the small classes provide the opportunity for discussion and interaction with the teacher.’
Changing perspective
Conflict, Power and Politics at Radboud University teaches you to go beyond the surface of daily news items and to disentangle deeper causes of conflict, study its consequences, and assess possible solutions. We challenge you to view and assess conflicts from the perspective of different stakeholders, while understanding the social, economic and political structures and institutions enabling or hindering these stakeholders in pursuing their objectives. Within the programme you can further specialise by choosing from the many elective courses offered by Radboud University or by doing an internship. The Political Science Department offers two elective courses: Changes in World Politics: The Rise of the BRIC Countries and Gender, Conflict and International Institutions.

Career prospects
In this specialisation, students are prepared for a career as academic, (inter)national policy or decision maker, or journalist. Our programme links research skills to practical abilities, which emphasises the value of a good, research-based methodological and theoretical training for the job market. Students acquire skills for positions as policy makers in NGOs, media, international organisations, political parties, national ministries, or supranational institutions. They may also work as consultants for profit and non-profit organisations and as researchers at think tanks or universities. Our graduates obtain the skills that employers covet, such as sound research and analytical skills, excellent writing and oral communication skills, and experience in working in teams and working independently.

Admission requirements
You are required to have a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from a Dutch university, or an equivalent degree from a university outside the Netherlands (with sufficient coverage of research methods). A substantial part of the courses in the Bachelor’s degree must be in Conflict Studies, International Relations or Political Science. You must also have sufficient proficiency in English. For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/cpp.
In case your educational background does not grant you direct admission to the Master’s programme, then you can enrol in a one-year pre-Master’s programme. For more information, please visit: www.ru.nl/pre-masters/polsci.

Application deadlines
The programme starts on 1 September. The application deadline is 1 April for students from non-EU/EEA countries and 1 May for students from within the EU/EEA. Successful international applicants who apply before these dates will be guaranteed accommodation and support with the visa and residence permit application. We will consider EU/EEA applications until 1 July and provide assistance where possible, but accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

How to apply?
You can start your application by creating a request for enrolment in Studielink via: www.studielink.nl. The remaining steps depend on your previous education. For more information on the application procedure, be sure to visit: www.ru.nl/masters/cpp.

The best Political Science Master’s programme
Radboud University offers the best Political Science Master’s programme in the Netherlands and is officially rated as a Top Programme. This is the conclusion of the 2018 edition of the Dutch information guide ‘Keuzegids Masters’ and the 2017 edition of the Dutch magazine ‘Elsevier’.

After reading all the information, we hope you are interested and enthusiastic about Conflict, Power and Politics at Radboud University and that we may welcome you soon!

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