

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO**  
**Faculty of Graduate Studies**  
**Masters in Conflict and Peace Studies**  
**Semester I Examination, 2022/2023**

**MCPS 6102: Conflict and Peace Processes: Theories into Practice**

**Time: Two (02) Hours**

**Answer Three (03) Questions Only**

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1. Explore the role of external actors in implementing the liberal peacebuilding approach. How do international organizations, donor countries, and non-governmental organizations contribute to the reconstruction and development efforts in post-conflict societies? Discuss the potential benefits and drawbacks of external involvement in this context.
  
2. Explain the core concepts and principles of John Paul Lederach's conflict transformation theory. How does this theory differ from other approaches to peacebuilding, and what are its key contributions to the field? Support your answer with relevant examples.
  
3. Critically analyze the significance of local ownership in peace processes. How does local ownership contribute to the sustainability, effectiveness, and legitimacy of peacebuilding initiatives? Discuss the potential challenges and benefits associated with empowering local actors in the peace process.
  
4. Evaluate the role of non-state actors, such as civil society organizations and community leaders, in post-liberal peacebuilding. How do their contributions complement or challenge the role of formal institutions and international actors?
  
5. Analyze case studies or examples of illiberal peacebuilding in specific contexts. How have authoritarian practices and policies shaped the outcomes of peacebuilding efforts? What lessons can be learned from these cases?
  
6. Examine the role of women in peacebuilding by using a case study as an example, how have women contributed to conflict resolution, peace negotiations, and post-conflict reconstruction processes?

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