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# Course Syllabus

**Course Title:** Politics, security and crisis

**Course Title in Swedish:** Politik, säkerhet och kris

**Course Code:** 2PK022

**Valid From:** HT 2017

**Confirmed by:** The Swedish Defence University Board of Research and Education 2017-02-16

**Department:** Department of Security, Strategy and Leadership

**Subject:** Political Science with a specialization in crisis management and security

**Level:** Second cycle

**Higher education credits:** 15 credits

**Entry requirements and specific admission requirements:**

Admitted to the Master's programme in politics and war

**Main field of study:**

Political Science with a specialization in crisis management and security

**Progressive specialisation:**

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**Level of specialisation:**

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**Course Content and Structure:**

The course will give the student a qualified social scientific understanding of politics, security and crisis at the intersection of recognized academic fields such as Security Studies and Crisis Management. While the course presupposes certain prior knowledge of these neighboring fields of study, it will offer a broad introduction to contemporary theories of security and crisis management. The theories are to be supplemented with a wide array of empirical issues and concrete cases relating to contemporary security policy and crisis management. The empirical part of the course aims to highlight central analytical themes in the course literature, as well as to connect these themes to political and administrative practices.

The course is taught primarily through mandatory seminars with the possible addition of lectures and scenario exercises.

**Intended Learning Outcomes:**

Having finished the course the student will be able to:

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- Distinguish between, give an account of and problematize statements pertaining to rival theoretical approaches with respect to politics, security, and crisis;
- Critically evaluate the possibilities and limitations of foreign- and security policy problem solving, and the management of serious crises and societal pressures;
- In written and oral form present analyses that contain well developed arguments and critical reflections with clear relevance to the course literature;
- On the basis of the theoretical perspectives, convincingly formulate relevant analyses of empirical issues and concrete cases relating to contemporary security policy and crisis management.

**Assessment and Examination:**

Examination is conducted through active participation in mandatory seminars and individual written examination.

The examining teacher may decide on supplementary tasks in order for the student to achieve a passing grade (G). The examining teacher may decide that absence from a maximum of two mandatory seminars may be compensated through the submission of written supplementary tasks.

**Number of examination sessions:**

There is no limit of the number of examination sessions.

**Grading:**

Grading is done according to a three-tiered scale: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G), and Fail (U).

**Reading list and study resources:**

See appendix 1.

**Interim Regulations:**

When the course is no longer offered or when the contents of the course have been changed in their essence a student has the right to be examined twice during the same academic year during a two year period according to this course syllabus.

**Miscellaneous:**

The course is given as a part of the Master's programme in politics and war.

The language of instruction is English.

An evaluation of the course will be made after the conclusion of the course, conducted by the course convenor. The evaluation is the basis of eventual changes to the course.

Course title	Politics, Security and Crisis
<b>Literature</b>	<p>Aldrich, Daniel P. and Michelle A Meyer (2015) "Social Capital and Community Resilience", <i>American Behavioral Scientist</i> 59(2): 254-269. [16 pages]</p> <p>Amoore, Louise (2006) "Biometric Borders: Governing Mobilities in the War on Terror", <i>Political Geography</i> 25(3): 336-351. [16 pages]</p> <p>Aradau, Claudia and Rens Van Munster (2007) "Governing Terrorism Through Risk: Taking Precautions, (un)Knowing the Future", <i>European Journal of International Relations</i> 13(1): 89-115. [27]</p> <p>Baudrillard, Jean (2002). "The Spirit of Terrorism" ("L'Esprit du Terrorisme"), translated by M. Valentin, <i>The South Atlantic Quarterly</i> 101(2): 403-415. [13 pages]</p> <p>Bell, Colleen (2006). "Surveillance Strategies and Populations at Risk: Biopolitical Governance in Canada's National Security Policy", <i>Security Dialogue</i> 37(2): 147-165. [19 pages]</p> <p>Boin, Arjen and Fredrik Bynander (2015). "Explaining Success and Failure in Crisis Management", <i>Geografiska Annaler</i> 97(1): 123-135. [13 pages]</p> <p>Boin, Arjen and Paul 't Hart (2003) "Public Leadership in Times of Crisis: Mission Impossible?", <i>Public Administration Review</i> 63(5): 544-553. [9 pages]</p> <p>Brummer, Klaus and Valerie M. Hudson (2017). "The Boundedness of Foreign Policy Analysis Theory?" <i>Global Society</i>, published online 4 January. [10 pages]</p> <p>Butler, Judith (2006). "Explanation and Exoneration, or What We Can Hear", in Butler, <i>Precarious Life: The Powers of Mourning and Violence</i>. London: Verso, pp. 1-18. [18 pages]</p> <p>Buzan, Barry (1997). "Rethinking Security after the Cold War", <i>Cooperation and Conflict</i> 32(1): 5-28. [24 pages]</p> <p>Cohn, Carol (1987). "Sex and Death in the Rational World of Defense Intellectuals", <i>Signs</i> 12(4): 687-718. [32 pages]</p>

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	<p>Saideman, Stephen M. (2016). "The Ambivalent Coalition: Doing the Least One Can Do against the Islamic state", <i>Contemporary Security Policy</i> 37(2): 289-305. [17 pages]</p> <p>Schmitt, Carl (1996/2007 [1932]). <i>The Concept of the Political</i>, translated and with an introduction by G. Schwab. Chicago: Chicago University Press, pp. 19-37. [18 pages]</p> <p>Sjoberg, Laura (2009). "Introduction to Security Studies: Feminist Contributions", <i>Security Studies</i> 18(2): 183-213. [31 pages]</p> <p>Stern, Maria (2006). "'We' the Subject: The Power and Failure of (In)Security", 37(2): 187-205. [29 pages]</p> <p>Vaughan-Williams, Nick (2007). "The Shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes: New Border Politics?", <i>Alternatives: Global, Local, Political</i> 32(2): 177-195. [19 pages]</p> <p>Walker, R.B.J. (1995). "The Subject of Security", in Walker, <i>Out of Line: Essays on the Politics of Boundaries and the Limits of Modern Politics</i>. London: Routledge, 82-96. [15 pages]</p> <p>Walker, Jeremy and Melinda Cooper (2011). "Genealogies of Resilience: From Systems Ecology to the Political Economy of Crisis Adaptation", <i>Security Dialogue</i> 42(2): 143-160. [18 pages]</p> <p>Walt, Stephen (1991). "The Renaissance of Security Studies", <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 35(2): 211-239. [19 pages]</p> <p>Waltz, Kenneth (2000). "Structural Realism after the Cold War", <i>International Security</i> 25(1): 5-41. [37 pages]</p> <p>Waltz, Kenneth (1988). "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory", <i>Journal of Interdisciplinary History</i> 18(4): 615-628. [14 pages]</p> <p>Wight, Martin (1966). "Why Is There No International Theory?", in H. Butterfield and M. Wight (eds), <i>Diplomatic Investigations</i>. London, George Allen &amp; Unwin, pp. 17-34. [18 pages]</p> <p>Žižek, Slavoj (2015). "Slavoj Žižek on the Charlie Hebdo Massacre: Are the Worst Really Full of Passionate Intensity?", <i>New Statesman</i>, 10 January. [3 pages]</p> <p>[Total: 1517 pages] (Minor adjustments of the literature can occur.)</p>
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