



Course Syllabus
Politics, Security and Crisis

Politik, säkerhet och kris

Course Code	2SS065	Main Field of Study	Political Science: Security Studies
Valid from Semester	Spring 2022	Department	Department of Political Science and Law
Education Cycle	Advanced level	Subject	Political Science
Scope	15.0	Language of Instruction	The teaching is conducted in English.
Progression	A1N	Decided by	The Research and Education Board's Course Syllabus Committee at the Swedish Defence University
Grading Scale	Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction	Decision date	2022-01-01
Revision	1.1		

Entry Requirements

Accepted to the Master's Programme in Politics and War

Course Content and Structure

The course shall give the student a qualified social scientific understanding of politics, security and crisis at the interface between recognised academic fields such as security studies and crisis management. While the course presupposes certain prior knowledge in adjacent fields, it shall offer a broad introduction of contemporary theories of security and crisis management. The theories shall be supplemented with a wide range of empirical issues and concrete cases in contemporary security policy and crisis management. The empirical part of the course aims to highlight central analytical themes in the course literature, and link these themes to political and administrative practice.

Intended Learning Outcomes

After completing the course, the student is expected to be able to:

- distinguish between, reproduce and problematize assumptions belonging to rival theoretical approaches with regard to politics, security and crisis.
- critically evaluate possibilities and limitations in foreign and security policy problem solving and the handling of serious crises and societal stressors
- in written and verbal form, present analyses that contain well-developed arguments and critical reasoning with clear support in the course literature
- based on the theoretical perspectives, convincingly formulate relevant analyses of empirical issues and concrete cases in contemporary security policy and crisis management.

Type of Instruction

Instruction primarily takes place through mandatory seminars. There may also be lectures and scenario exercises.

Assessment

Examination

Scope: 15.0

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

Assessment takes place through active participation in mandatory seminars and individual written examination.

The examiner may decide to allow supplementation in order to achieve a passing grade. The examiner may decide that absence from max. two mandatory seminars may be compensated by submitting a written supplementary assignment.

Grading

Grades are set according to a three-grade scale: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

Restrictions in Number of Examinations

There is no limit on the total number of examination opportunities.

Restrictions Concerning Degree

The course cannot be part of a degree whose content matches the content of this course in whole or in part.

Transitional Provisions

When a course is no longer provided or when the content of a course has been significantly altered, the student has the right to be examined in accordance with this course syllabus once per semester over a period of three semesters.

Miscellaneous

The course is given within the Master's Programme in Politics and War.

- On completion of the course, an evaluation will be conducted under the auspices of the course director and will serve as the basis for any changes to the course.
- If a student has a decision from the Swedish Defence University regarding special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.

Reading List
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Books:

Boin, A., Stern, E., & Sundelius, B. (2016). *The politics of crisis management: Public leadership under pressure*. Cambridge University Press.

Articles and chapters in books

Adey, Peter (2009) "Facing Airport Security: Affect, Biopolitics, and the Preemptive Securitisation of the Mobile Body", *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 27(2): 274-295.

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Beck, U. (2016). *The Metamorphosis of the World*. Cambridge: Polity Press. [Chapter 3: How Climate Change Might Save the World, pp.35-48]

Bell, Colleen (2006) "Surveillance Strategies and Populations at Risk: Biopolitical Governance in Canada's National Security Policy", *Security Dialogue* 37(2): 147-165.

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Deverell, Edward. (2012). Investigating the Roots of Crisis Management Studies and Outlining Future Trajectories for the Field. *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*, 9(1): 1-18.

Deudney, Daniel and G. John Ikenberry (1999) "The Nature and Sources of Liberal International Order", *Review of International Studies*, 25(2): 179-96.

Elbe, Stefan (2006) "Should HIV/AIDS Be Securitized? The Ethical Dilemmas of Linking HIV/AIDS and Security", *International Studies Quarterly* 50, 119-144.

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- Hansen, Lene (2000) "The Little Mermaid's Silent Security Dilemma and the Absence of Gender in the Copenhagen School", *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 29(2): 285-306.
- Hollis, S. (2022). *Disasters in the Anthropocene: A Storm in a Teacup? Disasters*, forthcoming.
- Hollis, S., & Ekengren, M. (2023). Introduction to the special issue on contingencies: exploring an age-old concept for a new reality. *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*, forthcoming.
- Hood, C. (2002). The risk game and the blame game. *Government and opposition*, 37(1), 15-37.
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