Course Syllabus

Politics, security and crisis

Politik, säkerhet och kris

Course Code	2PK054	**Main Field of Study**	Political Science: Security Studies
Valid from Semester	Autumn 2018	**Department**	Department of Security, Strategy and Leadership
Education Cycle	Advanced level	**Subject**	Political Science: Security Studies
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	Pass with Distinction, Pass, Fail	**Decision date**	2018-03-11
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: Pass with Distinction, Pass, Fail

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.

Miscellanous

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.

This is a modified version of the course syllabus, created to transfer the original to the education database Kursinfo. For originals, contact the archives.

Reading List

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Other Information

(Minor changes can occur and some articles might be deleted or added before the course starts. However, no books will be deleted or added, only articles.)

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. [22 pages]

Adler, Emanuel (1997) "Seizing the Middle Ground: Constructivism in World Politics", European Journal of International Relations, 3(3): 319–363. [45 pages]

Agamben, Giorgio (2000) "What is a camp?" in Means without End: Notes on Politics, trans. Vincenzo Binetti and Cesare Casarino, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 37-44. [8 pages]

Butler, Judith (2006) "Explanation and Exoneration, or What We Can Hear", in Butler, Precarious Life: The Powers of Mourning and Violence. London: Verso, pp. 1-18. [18 pages]

Baudrillard, Jean (2002) "The Spirit of Terrorism" ("L'Esprit du Terrorisme"), translated by M. Valentin, The South Atlantic Quarterly 101(2): 403-415. [13 pages]

Bell, Colleen (2006) "Surveillance Strategies and Populations at Risk: Biopolitical Governance in Canada's National Security Policy", Security Dialogue 37(2): 147-165. [19 pages]

Buzan, Barry (1997) "Rethinking Security after the Cold War", Cooperation and Conflict 32(1): 5-28. [24 pages]

Chan, Steve (1997) "In Search of Democratic Peace: Problems and Promise", Mershon International Studies Review, 41(1): 59-91. [33 pages]

Cohn, Carol (1987) "Sex and Death in the Rational World of Defense Intellectuals", Signs 12(4): 687-718. [32 pages]

Dalby, Simon (1996) "The Environment as Geopolitical Threat: Reading Robert Kaplan's 'Coming Anarchy'", Ecumene 3(4): 472-496. [25 pages]

Derrida, Jacques (2003) "Autoimmunity: Real and Symbolic Suicides", in G. Borradori, Philosophy in a Time of Terror: Dialogues with Jürgen Habermas and Jacques Derrida. Chicago: Chicago University Press, pp. 85-99. [16 pages]

Deudney, Daniel and G. John Ikenberry (1999) "The Nature and Sources of Liberal International Order", Review of International Studies, 25(2): 179–96. [18 pages]

Dillon, Michael and Luis Lobo-Guerrero (2008) "Biopolitics of Security in the 21st Century: An Introduction", Review of International Studies 34(2): 265–292. [28 pages]

du Plessis, Gitte (2018) "When Pathogens Determine the Territory: Toward a Concept of Non-human Borders", European Journal of International Relations, 24(2): 391–413. [21 pages]

Elbe, Stefan (2006) "Should HIV/AIDS Be Securitized? The Ethical Dilemmas of Linking HIV/AIDS and Security", International Studies Quarterly 50, 119-144. [26 pages]

Foucault, Michel (1978) "Right of Death and Power over Life", in History of Sexuality Volume 1, trans. Robert Hurley. New York: Pantheon Books, pp. 130-159. [30 pages]

Fukuyama, Francis (1989) "The End of History?", The National Interest, 16: 3-18. [16 pages]

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. [22 pages]

Huysmans, Jef (2014) Security Unbound: Enacting Democratic Limits. London: Routledge. [190 pages]

Huysmans, Jef (2000). "The European Union and the Securitization of Migration", Journal of Common Market Studies, 38(5): 751-77. [27 pages]

Huysmans, Jef (1998). "Security! What Do You Mean? From Concept to Thick Signifier", European Journal of International Relations 4(2): 226-255. [30 pages]

Kaplan, Robert (1994) "The Coming Anarchy", The Atlantic Monthly, 273(2): 44-76. [33 pages]

Kennan, George (1947) "The Sources of Soviet Conduct", Foreign Affairs 25(4): 566-582. [17 pages]

Lake, David A. (2001) "Beyond Anarchy: The Importance of Security Institutions", International Security, 26(1): 129-160. [32 pages]

Linklater, Andrew (2005) "Political Community and Human Security", in K. Booth (ed.), Critical Security Studies and World Politics. London: Lynne Rienner, pp. 113-131. [18]

Mackinder, Halford J. (1904) "The Geographical Pivot of History", The Geographical Journal, 23(4): 421-437. [17 pages]

Marhia, Natasha (2013) "Some Humans Are More Human Than Others: Troubling the 'Human' in Human Security from a Critical Feminist Perspective", Security Dialogue 44(1): 19-35. [17 pages]

Massumi, Brian (2005) "Fear (The Spectrum Said)", Positions 13(1): 31-48. [18 pages]

McSweeney, Bill (1999) "The Meaning of Security", in Security, Identity and Interests: A Sociology of International Relations. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 13-22. [10 pages]

Mearsheimer, John (1994) "The False Promise of International Institutions", International Security 19(3): 5-49. [45 pages]

Mearsheimer, John (2019) "Bound to Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Liberal International Order", International Security 43(4): 7-50. [44 pages]

Mitzen, Jennifer (2006) "Ontological Security in World Politics: State Identity and the Security Dilemma, European Journal of International Relations, 12(3): 341–370. [30 pages]

Moravcsik, Andrew (1997) "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics", International Organization, 51(4): 512–553. [42 pages]

Morgenthau, Hans J. (2014 [1946]) "The Moral Blindness of Scientific Man", in C. Elman and M.A. Jensen (eds.) Realism Reader. London: Routledge, pp. 47-52. [6 pages]

Morgenthau, Hans J. (2014 [1985]) "A Realist Theory of International Politics", in C. Elman and M.A. Jensen (eds.), Realism Reader. London: Routledge, pp. 53-59. [7 pages]

Petersen, Ulrik Enemark (1999) "Breathing Nietzsche's Air: New Reflections on Morgenthau's Concepts of Power and Human Nature", Alternatives: Global, Local, Political, 83-118. [36 pages]

Pichler, Hans-Karl (1998) "The Godfathers of 'Truth': Max Weber and Carl Schmitt in Morgenthau's Theory of Power Politics", Review of International Studies 24(2): 185-200. [16 pages]

Schmitt, Carl (1996/2007 [1932]) The Concept of the Political, translated and with an introduction by G. Schwab. Chicago: Chicago University Press, pp. 3-79. [77 pages]

Sjoberg, Laura (2009). "Introduction to Security Studies: Feminist Contributions", Security Studies 18(2): 183-213. [31 pages]

Stern, Maria (2006) "'We' the Subject: The Power and Failure of (In)Security", 37(2): 187-205. [29 pages]

Tickner, J Ann and Jacqui True (2018) "A Century of International Relations Feminism: From World War I Women's Peace Pragmatism to the Women, Peace and Security Agenda", International Studies Quarterly 62(2): 221–233. [13 pages]

Vaughan-Williams, Nick (2007). "The Shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes: New Border Politics?", Alternatives: Global, Local, Political 32(2): 177–195. [19 pages]

Wæver, Ole (1995) "Securitization and Desecuritization", in R. Lipschutz (ed.), On Security. New York: Columbia University Press, pp. 46-86. [40 pages]

Walt, Stephen (1991) "The Renaissance of Security Studies", International Studies Quarterly 35(2): 211-239. [19 pages]

Waltz, Kenneth (1988) "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory", Journal of Interdisciplinary History 18(4): 615-628. [14 pages]

Waltz, Kenneth (2000) "Structural Realism after the Cold War", International Security 25(1): 5-41. [37 pages]

Weldes, Jutta (1996) "Constructing National Interests", European Journal of International Relations, 2(3): 275–18. [44 pages]

Wendt, Alexander (1994) "Collective Identity Formation and the International State", American Political Science Review 88(2):

384-396. [13 pages]

Williams, Michael C. (2003) “Words, Images, Enemies: Securitization and International Politics”, International Studies Quarterly 47(4): 511–31. [21 pages]

Žižek, Slavoj (2015). “Slavoj Žižek on the Charlie Hebdo Massacre: Are the Worst Really Full of Passionate Intensity?”, New Statesman, 10 January. [3 pages]

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