

Political Science Unit

Academic Year 2009-2010

Contemporary Issues in Security Studies E 625

Autumn – 6 ECTS

Mondays 12:15 – 14:00 (Rothschild)

Course Description

This course will examine contemporary and conceptual issues in conflict and security studies. The course does not deal directly with “classical” issues in security studies (such as causes of war, strategy, deterrence, arms control or alliance theory), however it does presuppose some background knowledge of them. Instead, the course deals with contemporary themes and issues such as security communities, “securitisation”, communal conflicts, the political economy of conflicts, State collapse and reconstruction, and societal security. Overall, the course adopts a critical approach to security studies, and examines the twin pillars of Northern (European) and Southern (post-conflict) security challenges. While not comprehensive, the course is broad enough to allow students to explore a range of conceptual and practical issues within critical approaches to contemporary security studies.

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Syllabus

Introduction

This course will examine a selection of issues in contemporary security studies. The course does *not* deal directly with the “classical” issues (such as causes of war, strategy, deterrence, arms control or alliance theory), and does presume background knowledge of them. Instead, the course deals with contemporary themes and issues such as security communities, “securitization,” the political economy of conflicts, state collapse and reconstruction, and migration and societal security.

Each issue is selected to illustrate a particular concept or approach to conflict and security studies, and the course makes no claim to being exhaustive. Overall, the course adopts a critical approach to security studies, and examines issues from both Northern (European) and Southern (post-conflict) security challenges. While not comprehensive, the course is broad enough to allow students to explore a range of conceptual and practical issues within critical approaches contemporary security studies.

The course is also a prerequisite for “Political Violence,” (E 626), an in-depth research seminar scheduled for the second semester that focuses on contemporary manifestations of violence and violent conflict. Exceptions will only be made based on relevant background.

Since security studies cannot claim theoretical coherence or a governing orthodoxy, students will be expected to demonstrate familiarity with a wide range of approaches and concepts. Those interested in practical or descriptive knowledge will be required to provide conceptual grounding for their analyses; conceptually inclined students will be forced to acquire “local knowledge” wherever possible.

Full participation is expected of students in the seminar. This includes reading all the required readings – and this is a heavy reading course – as well as being prepared to discuss them critically. Final grades will in part be determined by the level and quality of seminar participation, and by presentations of the readings that will be scheduled according to the number of students in the seminar. Readings are *not* introductory-level, and presume some familiarity with main theoretical developments in International Relations. For those with too-little background, I recommend reading:

Michael Sheehan, International Security: An Analytical Survey
Edward Kolodziej, Security and International Relations
Peter Hough, Understanding Global Security.

These will not substitute for the course readings, but can bring you somewhat “up to speed.”

Assignments

The main assignment in the course is the research paper. This must be an empirically-grounded, theoretically-informed, exploration of a particular theme relevant to this course. It cannot be a mere review of theoretical literature, or simply a narrative account of a particular case. It must have an argument, a conceptual framework, an empirical “field” (case or cases, or data, etc.), and a coherent research strategy or method. Case studies that examine a particular theme in the context of a recent or current case are particularly welcome.

The large number of students in this course may make it impossible to assess an adequate participation grade for all students or to schedule class presentations for all students. I thus may use a slightly different grading scheme for different categories of students. If this is the case, I will announce the scheme we will use in week three (when numbers of students becomes clear).

Short analytic paper (six pages) (due 12 October)	20%
Literature review (six pages), due week material is discussed	20%
Participation/presentation	20%
Research paper (about 25 pages), due late December (tbd)	40%

Readings

The **required** readings for weeks four onwards will be made available in a “kit” or polycopie. The polycopie **must be ordered through the 'imprimerie minute'**. A packet of readings for weeks two and three is available for purchase from the course assistant (Jovana Carapic). You must do the readings to participate in (or do well in) the course.

Finally, some sessions of the seminar will have to be rescheduled to accommodate some unavoidable commitments on my part. I will provide as much warning as possible for this.

Intro: From Strategic, to Conflict, to Security Studies (September 21)

No readings.

(Re)Thinking Security (September 28)

Note: This session is rescheduled for Friday, 25 September, at 12:15-14:00.

Stephen Walt, "The Renaissance of Security Studies," International Studies Quarterly, 35 (1991), 211-239.

Barry Buzan, People, States and Fear, second edition, 1-34.

Keith Krause and Michael Williams, "Politics and Method in Neorealist Security Studies," Mershon International Studies Review, 40:supplement 2 (October 1996), 229-254.

C.A.S.E. Collective, "Critical Approaches to Security in Europe: A Networked Manifesto," Security Dialogue, 37:4 (December 2006), 443-487.

Theo Farrell, "Constructivist Security Studies: Portrait of a Research Program," International Studies Review, 4:1 (2002), 49-72.

Socialization, Community, and Western Security Practices (October 5)

Emanuel Adler and Michael Barnett, "Security Communities in Theoretical Perspective," in Emanuel Adler and Michael Barnett, eds., Security Communities, 3-28.

Frank Schimmelfennig, "NATO Enlargement: A Constructivist Explanation," Security Studies, 8:2-3 (1998), 198-234.

Vincent Pouliot, "The Logic of Practicality: A Theory of Practice of Security Communities," International Organization, 62 (Spring 2008), 257-288.

Emanuel Adler, "The Spread of Security Communities: Communities of Practice, Self-Restraint, and NATO's Post-Cold War Transformation," unpublished paper, 2007.

Alexandra Gheciu, "Security Institutions as Agents of Socialization? NATO and the "New Europe," International Organization 59:4 (2005), pp. 973-1012.

Security and "Securitization" Theory (October 12)

Please note: The readings are particularly heavy for this week, since they set the foundation for many of the weeks to follow.

First assignment due here.

Ole Waever, "Aberystwyth, Paris, Copenhagen: New Schools in Security Theory and Their Origins between Core and Periphery," unpublished paper, 2004.

Barry Buzan, Ole Waever and Jaap de Wilde, Security: A New Framework for Analysis, 21-47.

Didier Bigo, "Globalized (in)Security: the Field and the Ban-opticon," in Laurent Bonelli, et al, Illiberal Practices of Liberal Regimes: The (In)security Games, 5-49.

Michael C. Williams, "Words, Images, Enemies: Securitization and International Politics," International Studies Quarterly, 47 (2005), 511-531.

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

Thierry Balzacq, "The Three Faces of Securitization: Political Agency, Audience and Context," European Journal of International Relations, 11:2 (2005), 171-201.

Lene Hansen, "The Little Mermaid's Silent Security Dilemma and the Absence of Gender in the Copenhagen School," Millennium, 29:2 (2000), 285-306.

Holger Stritzel, "Towards a Theory of Securitization: Copenhagen and Beyond," European Journal of International Relations, 13:3 (2007), 357-383.

Securitization Theory Applied: Migration and Security (October 19)

Didier Bigo, "When Two become One: Internal and External Securitizations in Europe," in Morten Kelstrup and Michael C. Williams, eds., International Relations Theory and the Politics of European Integration: Power, Security, Community, 171-203.

Pinar Bilgin, "Individual and Societal Dimensions of Security," International Studies Review, 5 (2005), 203-222.

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

Ayse Ceyhan and Anastassia Tsoukala, "The Securitization of Migration in Western Societies: Ambivalent Discourses and Policies," Alternatives, 27 (2002), 21-39.

Christopher Rudolph, "Security and the Political Economy of International Migration," American Political Science Review, 97:4 (November 2003), 603-620.

HIV/AIDS and International Security (October 26)

Michel Foucault, Society Must be Defended, lectures at the Collège de France, 17 March 1976, 239-264.

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

Susan Peterson, "Epidemic Disease and National Security," Security Studies, 12:2 (Winter 2002/03), 43-81.

Alex de Waal, "How will HIV/AIDS Transform African Governance?" African Affairs, 102 (2003), 1-23.

P.W. Singer, "AIDS and International Security," Survival, 44:1 (Spring 2002), 145-158.

Stefan Elbe, "AIDS, Security, Biopolitics," International Relations, 19:4 (2005), 403-419.

Colleen O'Manique, "The 'Securitisation' of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa: A Critical Feminist Lens," in Sandra J MacLean, David R Black and Timothy M Shaw (eds), A Decade of Human Security, Global Governance and New Multilateralisms, 24-47.

Environmental Security (November 2)

Thomas Homer-Dixon, "Environmental Scarcities and Violent Conflict: Evidence from Cases," International Security, 19:1 Summer 1994), 5-40.

Nils Peter Gleditsch, "Armed Conflict and the Environment: A Critique of the Literature," Journal of Peace Research, 35:3 (May 1998), 381-400.

Günther Baechler, "Why Environmental Transformation Causes Violence: A Synthesis," Environmental Change and Security Project, 4 (Spring 1998), 24-44.

Jon Barnett and Neil Adger, "Climate change, Human Security and Violent Conflict," Political Geography 26 (2007), 639-655.

Clionadh Raleigh, Henrik Urdal, "Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Armed Conflict," Political Geography, 26 (2007) 674-694.

Daniel M. Schwartz, Tom Deligiannis, and Thomas F. Homer-Dixon, "The Environment and Violent Conflict: A Response to Gleditsch's Critique and Some Suggestions for Future Research," Environmental Change and Security Project Report, 6 (Summer 2000), 77-94.

State-building and Southern Security Dynamics (November 9)

Charles Tilly, "War Making and State Making as Organized Crime", in Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, Theda Skocpol, eds., Bringing the State Back In, 169-191.

Charles Tilly, Coercion, Capital and European States, AD 990-1990, 192-225.

Brian Taylor and Roxana Botea, "Tilly Tally: War-Making and State-Making in the Contemporary Third World," International Studies Review, 10:1 (March 2008), 27-56.

Georg Sorensen, "War and State-Making: Why Doesn't it Work in the Third World?" Security Dialogue 32 (2001), 341-354.

Anna Leander, "Wars and the Un-Making of States: Taking Tilly Seriously in the Contemporary World," forthcoming in Stefano Guzzini and Dietrich Jung, eds, Copenhagen Peace Research: Conceptual Innovations and Contemporary Security Analysis.

Michael Niemann, "War Making and State Making in Central Africa," Africa Today, 53:3 (Spring 2007), 21-39.

State Collapse and Failure (November 16)

"The Failed States Index 2009," Foreign Policy, 173 (July-August 2008), 80-84.

Also: read the Fund for Peace Failed State Index country profiles available at:

<http://www.fundforpeace.org>, and the Foreign policy website at:

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/06/22/the_2009_failed_states_index

William Reno, "The Politics of Violent Opposition in Collapsing States," Government and Opposition, 40:2 (Spring 2005), 127-151.

David Carment, "Assessing State Failure: Implications for Theory and Policy," Third World Quarterly, 24:3 (2003), 407-427.

Christopher Clapham, "The Challenge to the State in a Globalized World," in Jennifer Milliken, ed., State Failure, Collapse and Reconstruction, 25-44.

William Reno, "Congo: From State Collapse to 'Absolutism' to State Failure," Third World Quarterly, 27:1 (2006), 43-56.

Gary King and Langche Zeng, "Improving Forecasts of State Failure," World Politics, 53 (July 2001), 623-658.

The Political Economy of Conflict (November 23)

Paul Collier, "Economic Causes of Civil Conflict and their Implications for Policy," World Bank Working Paper, 15 June 2000.

Peter Andreas, "The Clandestine Political Economy of War and Peace in Bosnia," International Studies Quarterly, 48 (2004), 29-51.

Philippe Le Billon, Fuelling War: Natural Resources and Armed Conflict, Adelphi Paper 373 (March 2005), 7-49.

Benedikt Korf, "Rethinking the Greed-Grievance Nexus: Property Rights and the Political Economy of War in Sri Lanka," Journal of Peace Research, 42:2 (2005), 201-217.

Sabrina Grosse-Kettler, External Actors in Stateless Somalia, BICC paper 39 (2004).

Christopher Cramer, "Does Inequality Cause Conflict," Journal of International Development, 15 (2003), 397-412.

Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Peacebuilding (November 30)

James Scott, Seeing like a State, 1-8, 342-357.
Roland Paris, "International Peacebuilding and the 'mission civilisatrice'," Review of International Studies, 28 (2003), 637-656.
Marina Ottaway, "Rebuilding State Institutions in Collapsed States," in Jennifer Milliken, ed., State Failure, Collapse and Reconstruction, 245-266.
Béatrice Pouligny, "Civil Society and Post-Conflict Peace Building: Ambiguities of International Programs Aimed at Building 'New Societies'," Security Dialogue, 36:4 (December 2005), 495-510.
Christopher Cramer and Jonathan Goodhand, "Try Again, Fail Again, Fail Better? War, the State and the 'Post-Conflict' Challenge in Afghanistan," in Jennifer Milliken, ed., State Failure, Collapse and Reconstruction, 131-155.
Toby Dodge, "Iraq: the Contradictions of Exogenous State-building in Historical Perspective," Third World Quarterly, 27:1 (2006), 187-200.

Gender and (In)Security (December 7)

Joshua Goldstein, War and Gender, 1-58.
Eric Blanchard, "Gender, International Relations, and the Development of Feminist Security Theory," Signs, 28:4 (2003), 1289-1312.
Lene Hansen, "Gender, Nation, Rape," International Feminist Journal of Politics, 3:1 (April 2001), 55-75.
Mary Caprioli, "Primed for Violence: The Role of Gender Inequality in Predicting Internal Conflict," International Studies Quarterly, 49 (2005), 161-178.
Lori Handrahan, "Conflict, Gender, Ethnicity and Post-Conflict Reconstruction," Security Dialogue, 35:4 (2004), 429-445.
Sherill Whittington, "Gender and Peacekeeping: The United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor," Signs, 28:4 (2003), 1283-1288
Miranda Alison, "Women as Agents of Political Violence: Gendering Security," Security Dialogue, 35:4 (2004), 447-463.

Human Security (December 14)

Gary King and Christopher Murray, "Rethinking Human Security," Political Science Quarterly, 116:4 (2001-02), 585-610.
Fen Hampson et al, Madness in the Multitude: Human Security and World Disorder, 1-61.
Taylor Owen, "Human Security – Conflict, Critique and Consensus: Colloquium Remarks and a Proposal for a Threshold-Based Definition," Security Dialogue, 35:3 (2004), 373-387.
David Roberts, "Human Security or Human Insecurity? Moving the Debate Forward," Security Dialogue, 37:2 (2006), 249-261.
Gunhild Hoogensen and Svein Vigeland Rottem, "Gender Identity and the Subject of Security," Security Dialogue, 35:2 (2004), 155-171.
Kyle Grayson, "Human Security as Power/Knowledge: The Biopolitics of a Definitional Debate," Cambridge Review of International Affairs 21(3): 383-401.
Tara McCormack, "Power and Agency in the Human Security Framework," Cambridge Review of International Affairs, 21:1 (March 2008), 113-128.