

International Relations/Political Science

Academic year 2019-2020

Peace Operations

RI-SP090 - Printemps - 3 ECTS

Course Description

Intervention is one of the most controversial topics in international politics, and UN peace operations remain its central form. This course focusses on the theory and practice of peace operations, as collective humanitarian interventions performed by the UN and regional arrangements. It touches on the balance between intervention and sovereignty, and shifts in this relationship, as well as on the morality and utility of the use of force as a tool for saving lives. It situates PKOs within the notion and practice of collective security, as well as the broader agenda of international security. It covers in detail the workings of both Chapters VI and VII of the UN Charter, as well as the practical mechanics of setting up and running missions within DPKO. It works through successive generations of operations focussing on issues such as the use of force, the security-development nexus in peacebuilding, and North-South relations and their impact. It provides extensive examples both historical and current.

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Syllabus

Course Requirements and Evaluation

1. Participation in class discussion will count for 30% of your grade for the class.
2. Each student will be asked to provide a synopsis of the readings for one class, to be divided equally depending on the number of students. This will count for 20% of your grade for the class.
3. A research paper between 15-20 pages, normal parameters, due 18.00 Geneva time, 6 April 2020. This will count for 50% of your grade for the class.

Session 1

Monday, 17 February 2020, 10h15-12h00, room

The intervention-sovereignty dilemma (Responsibility to protect and protection of civilians)

Jabri, Vivienne. *War and the Transformation of Global Politics*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2010; pp. 94-135.

Reus-Smit, Christian. "The concept of intervention". *Review of International Studies*. Vol. 39 (2013); pp. 1057-1076.

Bentley, Michelle. "The intervention taboo(s): Strategy and normative invalidation". *Review of International Studies*. Vol. 43, No. 3 (2017); pp. 557-580.

Session 2

Wednesday, 19 February 2020, 12h15-14h00, room

United Nations: Charter and organizational functioning

United Nations Charter.

Diehl, Paul. *Peace Operations*. Malden, MA: Polity Press, 2008; pp. 68-117.

Shimura, Hisako. "The role of the UN Secretariat in organizing peacekeeping". in Thakur, Ramesh and Albrecht Schnabel, eds. *United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: Ad Hoc Missions, Permanent Engagement*. New York: United Nations University Press, 2001; pp. 46-56.

Williams, Paul D. and Alex J. Bellamy. "The National Politics of Providing Peacekeepers: A Framework for Analysis". In Bellamy and Williams, eds. *Providing Peacekeepers: The Politics, Challenges and Future of UN Peacekeeping Operations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013; pp. 418-436.

Session 3

Monday, 24 February 2020, 10h15-12h00, room

Peace operations within the broader security agenda (gender) and global (North-South) power relations

Jansson, Maria e Maud Eduards. "The politics of gender in the UN Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security". *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. Vol.18, No. 4 (2016); pp. 590-604.

Carpenter, R. Charli. *"Innocent Women and Children": Gender, Norms, and the Protection of Civilians*. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2006; pp. 131-163.

Jabri, Vivienne. "Peacebuilding, the local and the international: a colonial or a postcolonial rationality?". *Peacebuilding* Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 3-16.

Session 4

Wednesday, 26 February 2020, 12h15-14h00, room

"Traditional" peace operations

Selection of case study by students

Fetherston, A.B. *Towards a theory of United Nations peacekeeping*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1994; pp. 1-44.

Bellamy, Alex and Paul D. Williams. *Understanding peacekeeping*. 2nd ed. Malden: Polity Press, 2010; pp. 155-213.

Boutros Boutros-Ghali. *An Agenda for Peace: Preventive diplomacy, Peacemaking and Peacekeeping*. Report of the Secretary-General. United Nations Document A/47/277-S/24111. 1992. Available online at <http://www.un-documents.net/a47-277.htm>.

Session 5

Friday, 28 February 2020, 14h15-16h00, room

Peace enforcement, stabilization and the use of force

Coleman, Katharina. *International Organisations and Peace Enforcement: the Politics of International Legitimacy*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007; pp. 19-72.

Karlsrud, John. "From Liberal Peacebuilding to Stabilization and Counterterrorism". *International Peacekeeping*. Vol. 26, No. 2 (2018); pp. 1-21.

Bode, Ingvild and John Karlsrud. "Implementation in practice: The use of force to protect civilians in United Nations peacekeeping". *European Journal of International Relations*. Vol. 25, No. 2 (2019); pp. 458-485.

Sessions 6-7

Monday, 2 March 2020, 10h15-14h00, room

Peacebuilding, transitional administrations and the humanitarianism-development-security nexus

Case study of complex peace operation to be decided by students

APPROVAL OF PAPER TOPICS

Doyle, Michael. "Kant, liberal legacies and foreign affairs". Parts I and II. In *Liberal Peace: selected essays*. London: Routledge, 2012; pp. 13-60.

Richmond, Oliver. "The problem of peace: understanding the 'liberal peace'". *Conflict, Security & Development*. Vol. 6, No. 3 (2006); pp. 291-314.

Autesserre, Séverine. *The Trouble with the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010; pp. 231-273.