Syllabus

Security in the International Arena- Continuity and Change - 58828

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: international relations

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
The course offers a comprehensive review of different research approaches to the study of international security. The course will explore traditional approaches, as well as new approaches associated with critical security studies.

Course/Module aims:
Expose the students to the basic concepts in International Security Studies. Present in a comparative manner the main conceptual approaches in the field. Examine more specific theoretical issues in light of the different approaches.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
By the end of the course students should be able to:
1. Define and understand the basic concepts in the literature on international security, as well as the intellectual evolution of this field.
2. Critically compare different research approaches - positivist and critical.
3. Think critically about the concept of Security.
4. Be familiar with all the big theoretical debates on international security.
5. Understand the different manifestations of violence in the 21st century international arena.
6. Apply theoretical arguments in empirical research.
7. Form an opinion regarding the most useful tools to understand the security challenges of the 21st century.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: A combination of a lecture and students discussion. Students should come to class after they have done the reading and are willing to engage it.

Course/Module Content:
see om the su;abus below

Required Reading:
Topic 1-Security.
* Steven Walt, "The Renaissance of Security Studies" International Studies Quarterly
35 1991 [see also reply by Kolodiejc].
Buzan Barry and Hansen Lene, The Evolution of International Security Studies (Cambridge University Press, 2009), Chapter 1, NOT "Introduction".
Week 2: continuation


Week 4: Ontological security
Zarakol Ayse, "Ontological (In)security and State Denial of Historical Crimes: Turkey and Japan" International Relations 2010 24: 3.

Week 5: A Feminist approach to security:


Week 6: Classic debates- Realism, Balance of Power.


Expanding the concept of Balancing:

Is Balancing the prevalent state behavior?


Week 7: Unipolarity and Hegemony
(Unipolarity)

Special volume of World Politics 61(1) 2009:
William C. Wohlforth, "Unipolarity, Status Competition, and Great Power War."


Week 9: International Institutions as security providers:
Robert O. Keohane, After Hegemony- על מקלים מוסדות בו האופן על לטיעון הקלאסי הבסיס


Week 9: Systemic norms and security
Alexander Wendt, Social Theory of International Politics, chapter 6 (Three cultures of Anarchy)
Arie M. Kacowicz, The impact of Norm in International Society- The Latin American Experience 1881-2001 (University of Notre Dame,2005)
Week 10: Regional security norms and practices


Week 11: Domestic politics and Security
Jack Snyder, Myths of Empire- Domestic Politics and International Ambition (Cornel University Press, 1993), ch.1-2.


OR: Jack Snyder and Edward Mansfield, Electing to Fight: Why Emerging Democracies Go to War (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2005), ch. ??

Chaim Kaufmann, Threat Inflation and the Failure of the Marketplace of Ideas:
The Selling of the Iraq War, International Security 29 (1) (Summer 2004):
Christopher Gelpi, Peter Feaver, and Jason Reifler, "Success Matters: Casualty


Week 12: Identity and security. 


Week 13: Emotions and Security


Gadi Heimann, "What does it take to be a great power-The story of France joining the big Five" Review of International Studies September 2014, pp 1-22.


Week 14: Technology and Security


summary of the debate on missile defense.

Michael i. Boyle (2013) "The Costs and Consequences of Drone Warfare"
International Affairs 89(1): 1-29

Week 15: The privatization of security. New and Old Wars.
Oded Lxwenheim, Predators and Parasites -Persistent Agents of Transnational Harm and Great Power Authority (Michigan University Press, 200?) ch.??

Week 16: movie

Week 17: A-symmetric wars and counter-insurgency
OR HIS BOOK:

Staniland, Paul ▶Counterinsurgency is a bloody, costly business, ◀ Foreign Policy, November 24, 2009, http://afpak.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2009/11/24/counterinsurg ency_is_a_bloody_costly_business
http://muse.jhu.edu.proxy.library.nd.edu/journals/international_security/v032/32.4.jo nes.pdf
GIl Merom, How Democracies Lose Small Wars (Cambridge University Press, 2003?)

Week 18: The challenges of non-conventional weapons
Lupovici, Amir (2010). The Emerging Fourth Wave of Deterrence Theory ▶Toward a
Paul, James J. Wirtz and Patrick M. Morgan (eds.) Complex Deterrence: Strategy in
Add: Joseph Nye, "Nuclear Learning in US-Soviet Relations" article

Week 19: movie

Week 20: Coercive diplomacy
Thomas Schelling, Arms and Influence (Yale University Press, 1966), ch.1 "The
diplomacy of violence" קלאסית יצירה מערימה דם וברית
Bruce W. Jentleson and Christopher A. Whytock, Who Won Libya? The Force-
Diplomacy Debate and Its Implications for Theory and Policy, IS 30/3 (Winter
2005/06): 47-86.
Gordon A. Craig and Alexander George, "Coercive Diplomacy" (ch.15) in Force and
Statecraft- Diplomatic Problems of our Time (Oxford University Press, 1995).

Week 21: Environment and Security
Nils Petter Gleditch, "Environmental Change, Security, and Conflict" in: Crocker,
Hampson and Aall (eds.,) Turbulent Peace- The Challenges of Managing
Thomas Homer-Dixon, "On The Threshold: Environmental Changes as Causes of

pp.80-119.

Helga Haftendorn, "Water and International Conflict" Third World Quarterly Vol.21
(1) (February 2000), pp.51-68.

Week 22: Economics and Security

Norrin M. Ripsman, "False Dichotomies: Why Economics is High Politics", in: Peter
Dombrowski (ed.,) Guns and Butter- The Political Economy of International Security
(Lynn Rienner 2005), pp. 15-34.
Add an article on the Capitalist Peace- maybe the chapter of mor and myself?
Daniel Drezner, " Sanctions Sometimes Smart: Targeted Sanctions in Theory and
Etel Solingen (ed.,) Sanctions, Statecraft, and Nuclear Proliferation (Cambridge
University Press, 2012), ch.1 (Solingen), ch.8 (Haggard and Noland- Engaging North
Korea).

Week 23: Transnational challenges- terrorism and transnational crime:

Week 24: Second Image Reversed–

Israel Bar- Frey, "'הרשת הביטחונית' בישראל והשפעתה: גישה תיאורטית ואנליטית נueva", ב: גבריאל שפר, אורן ברק ויומיר אורה (עורכים), 'הצבא שיש לו מדינה': מבט מחודש על יחסים בין השבטים והאזרחים בישראל, ירושלים, כרמל, 2008


Week 25: Symposium on WWI
Jack Snyder, "Civil-Military Relations and the Cult of the Offensive, 1914 and 1984."


Additional Reading Material:
none
**Course/Module evaluation:**

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 50 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 30 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

**Additional information:**

The essay is the equivalent of a take-home exam.
Students have to hand in 3 integrative reports- each 10% of the grade
Active participation to be defined in class.

Program may change a bit.