



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Nuclear Energy in the 21st Century - 58879

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: International Relations

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This module will explore issues relating to nuclear energy in the 21st century, and will examine the relations between civilian nuclear technology and the proliferation of nuclear weapons. This will be accomplished by using historical and legal sources combined with the discussion of empirical cases, and the related IR theories. We will explore the relevant terminology and the basics of nuclear physics and its history in a manner relevant to students of Social Sciences. The module will also explore issues concerning nuclear proliferation, the relevant regimes and treaties, economic and financial issues relating to nuclear power development, environmental considerations and climate change, and issues relating to nuclear security and safety.

Course/Module aims:

The aim of this module is to explore how different issues relating to nuclear energy and nuclear proliferation affect the development of this field and its future.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- Interpret the effect of the considerations on the development of nuclear power around the world.*
- Classify and compare the relevant empirical and theoretical debates which impact the field.*
- Define the relevant terms relevant to the academic debates in this field.*
- Critically discuss the relevant arguments.*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Live lectures.

Course/Module Content:

- 1. Introduction to nuclear energy*
- 2. Nuclear physics, basics and history*
- 3. The Manhattan project*
- 4. Atoms for Peace and the IAEA*
- 5. Why states develop nuclear weapons*

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6. The 1960s and the NPT
 7. Technological assistance
 8. The 1970s and the NSG
 9. Nuclear deals and covert development
 10. Counterproliferation
 11. Economic considerations of nuclear power.
 12. Nuclear power: Israel and the Middle East
 13. Nuclear security and nuclear terror.
 14. Nuclear safety and nuclear accidents
 15. Environmental considerations and climate change
 16. Nuclear allergy, the Japanese case
 17. Plutonium, breeder reactors and fusion reactors.

Required Reading:

Reading material (list will be updated)

- Charles D. Ferguson, 'Nuclear Energy: What Everyone Needs to Know', Oxford University Press, 2011.
- Steven E. Miller and Scott D. Sagan, (Fall, 2009), Nuclear Power without Nuclear Proliferation? *Daedalus*, 138:4, On the Global Nuclear Future, Vol. 1, pp. 7-18
- Gabrielle Hecht, A Cosmogram for Nuclear Things, *Isis*, Vol. 98, No. 1 (March 2007), pp. 100-108.
- Richard K. Lester & Robert Rosner, The growth of nuclear power: drivers & constraints, (Fall, 2009), Nuclear Power without Nuclear Proliferation? *Daedalus*, 138:4, On the Global Nuclear Future, Vol. 1, pp. 19-30.
- James Mahaffey, 'Atomic awakening, a new look at the history and the future of nuclear power', Pegasus Books, New York, 2009. Pp. 1-92
- J. Samuel Walker, "Recent Literature on Truman's Atomic Bomb Decision: A Search for Middle Ground," *Diplomatic History*, Vol 29, No. 2 (2005), 311-334.
- Elisabeth Roehrlich (2016) The Cold War, the developing world, and the creation of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), 1953-1957, *Cold War History*, 16:2, 195-212
- Mara Drogan, 'The Nuclear Imperative: Atoms for Peace and the Development of U.S. Policy on Exporting Nuclear Power, 1953-1955', *Diplomatic History Advance Access published September 18, 2015*.
- Stephen Twigge, (2016), The Atomic Marshall Plan: Atoms for Peace, British diplomacy and civil nuclear power, *Cold War History*, 16:2, 213-230
- David Holloway (2016) The Soviet Union and the creation of the International Atomic Energy Agency, *Cold War History*, 16:2, 177-193.
- Scott D. Sagan. Why Do States Build Nuclear Weapons?: Three Models in Search of a Bomb, *International Security*, Vol. 21, No. 3 (Winter, 1996-1997), pp. 54-86
- Etel Solingen, "The Political Economy of Nuclear Restraint," *International Security* 19, No. 2 (1994): 126-169.
- Nuno Monteiro and Alex Debs, "The Strategic Logic of Nuclear Proliferation,"

International Security, Vol. 39, No. 2 (Fall 2014), pp. 7-51

- Ephraim Asculai, Chapter 1, "Nuclear Non-Proliferation: Past, Present, and Possible Future", pp. 1-24 in: *Rethinking the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime*, INSS Memorandum No. 70, June 2004 (available on-line).

- Swango, Dane. "The United States and the Role of Nuclear Co-operation and Assistance in the Design of the Non-Proliferation Treaty." *The International History Review* 36.2 (2014): 210-229.

- Matthew Fuhrmann, "Spreading Temptation: Proliferation and Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation Agreements," *International Security* 34, No. 1 (2009): 7-41.

- Matthew Kroenig, "Exporting the Bomb: Why States Provide Sensitive Nuclear Assistance," *American Political Science Review* 103, No. 1 (2009): 113-133.

- R. Scott Kemp, "The Nonproliferation Emperor Has No Clothes: The Gas Centrifuge, Supply-Side Controls, and the Future of Nuclear Proliferation," *International Security* 38, No. 4 (2014): 39-78.

- James Cameron, Or Rabinowitz, *Eight Lost Years? Nixon, Ford, Kissinger and the Non-Proliferation Regime, 1969-1977*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Published online: 05 Jan 2016

- William Burr (2014) *A Scheme of 'Control': The United States and the Origins of the Nuclear Suppliers' Group, 1974-1976*, *The International History Review*, 36:2, 252-276

- Joseph S. Nye (1981). *Maintaining a nonproliferation regime*. *International Organization*, 35, pp 15-38.

- Martinez, J. Michael, *The Carter Administration and the Evolution of American Nuclear Nonproliferation Policy, 1977-1981*, *Journal of Policy History*, Volume 14, Number 3, 2002, pp. 261-292

- Or Rabinowitz and Nicholas L. Miller, "Keeping the bombs in the basement", *International Security*, summer 2015 (Vol. 40, No. 1)

- Nicholas Miller "The Secret Success of Nonproliferation Sanctions." *International Organization* 68, No. 4 (2014): 913-944.

- Nicholas L. Miller (2014) *Nuclear Dominoes: A Self-Defeating Prophecy*, *Security Studies*, 23:1, 33-73.

- Sarah Kreps and Matthew Fuhrmann, "Attacking the Atom: Does Bombing Nuclear Facilities Affect Proliferation?" *Journal of Strategic Studies* 34, No. 2 (2011): 161-187.

- Malfrid Braut-Hegghammer, "Revisiting Osirak: Preventive Attacks and Nuclear Proliferation Risks," *International Security* 36, No. 1 (2011): 101-132.

- José Goldemberg, *Nuclear energy in developing countries*, in: *On the Global Nuclear Future*, Vol. 1 *Dædalus*, Fall 2009

- Harold A. Feiveson, *A skeptic's view of nuclear energy*, in: *On the Global Nuclear Future*, Vol. 1, *Dædalus*, Fall 2009

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 60 %

Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture/ Seminar / Pro-seminar / Research proposal 10 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 10 %

Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 10 %

Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture 10 %

Additional information:

Students will be required to submit 9 reading reports during the year, and to present them in class.

Student who take the module as a regular course will be asked to submit a final paper, 10 pages long.

Students who take the course as a seminar will be asked to submit a seminar paper, 25 pages long.