

National Security and International Relations

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MA Optional Course
Course No: IS 557N

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Class Timings:

Monday 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Friday 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Course Syllabus

Content, Structure and Objectives

The aim of the course is to undertake and encourage critical engagements with the concept of security in general and the notion of national security in International Relations in particular. It does so by examining the concept of national security from historical, theoretical and critical perspectives even as it engages the various contemporary issues of the international system and the politics therein. This combination of historico-theoretical analysis and contemporary discourses on security will enable the students in gaining a comprehensive understanding of the subject. I hope that the course will help the students make informed critiques of various issues confronting the humanity today.

Course Requirements

The class will meet twice every week. Students are expected to be compulsorily present for the classes. The assignments include one book review two research papers and seminar presentations. While the final examination would account for 40-50% of the marks, internal assessment is going to take care of the rest.

All assignments are to be submitted both in hard copy as well as by email on specified dates failing which they won't be considered for grading. Students must contact the contact teacher prior to assignment due dates if they wish to request extensions which will be granted only in cases of emergency.

Grading

The break up of the internal assessment is as follows:

- Two research papers of approx. 3000-3500 words - 30%
- One Book Review of approx. 1000 words - 10%

Research Papers

Research papers should be approximately 3500 words in length, typed, and double spaced using a 12 point font, and must have footnotes/endnotes and a bibliography. All direct quotations and paraphrases must be cited. For a discussion of research methods, see Stephen Van Evera, *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*. SIS Research Manual may be consulted to know more about referencing styles in research papers:

http://www.jnu.ac.in/academics/schools/schoolofinternationalstudies/sis_research_manual.pdf.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism of any kind is to be avoided and the slightest hint of such behaviour will be dealt with sternly. Disciplinary measures will be initiated against students who are found engaging in such unfair and unethical practices.

Readings and Resources

Most of the required readings prescribed for the course would be available with the Teaching Assistant. You can collect them from him. In addition, we will try and get a course reading package ready. You would be able to purchase it from the photocopy shop located in the basement of SIS as soon as the course begins. Always bring the assigned readings for the class since we will often refer to specific sections in them. Needless to remind that students taking this course agree to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned reading.

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Readings

A. Historical and Conceptual Narratives

State Formation, Power, Legitimacy and Security

1. Charles Tilly, "War Making and State Making as Organized Crime", in *Bringing the State Back In*, Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol (Eds.), Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1985
2. Bryan Mabee, "Security Studies and the 'Security State': Security Provision in Historical Context," *International Relations* Vol. 17, No. 2, 2003: 135-151
3. Barry Buzan and Lene Hansen, "The Key questions in International Security Studies: The state, politics and epistemology", in *The Evolution of International Security Studies*, Cambridge University Press, 2009

4. Mohammed Ayoob, "State Making and Third World Security" in *The Third World Security Predicament: State Making, Regional Conflict, and the International System*, Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1995
5. Georg Sorensen, "War and State-Making: Why Doesn't it Work in the Third World?" *Security Dialogue* 32 (2001), 341-354.
6. Harold D. Lasswell, "The Garrison State", *The American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 46, No. 4 (Jan., 1941), pp. 455-468.
7. R.B.J. Walker, "Security, sovereignty, and the challenge of world politics" *Alternatives* 15(1990), pp. 3-27
8. David A. Baldwin, "The Concept of Security", *Review of International Studies*, 23 (1997): 5- 26.

Evolution of Security Studies

9. Gwyn Prins, "The Four-stroke Cycle in Security Studies" *International Affairs*, Vol. 74, No. 4, 1998: 781-808
10. Stephen M. Walt, "The Renaissance of Security Studies", *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 35, No. 2: 211-239
11. Barry Buzan and Lene Hansen, "Widening and Deepening Security", in *The Evolution of International Security Studies*, Cambridge University Press, 2009

B. Conceptual Debates

Security vs. Power: What do states want?

12. E. H. Carr, *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations*, Macmillan, London, 1939 (Chapters to be decided)
13. Robert Jervis, "Realism, Neoliberalism, and Cooperation: Understanding the Debate", *International Security*, Vol.24, No.1: 42-63
14. John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, W.W. Norton, New York, 2001 (Chapters 1-2)
15. Evan Braden Montgomery, "Breaking Out of the Security Dilemma Realism, Reassurance, and the Problem of Uncertainty", *International Security*, Vol.31, No. 2: 151-185
16. Charles L Glaser, "Realists as Optimists: Cooperation as Self- Help", *International Security*, Vol.19, No.3: 50-90
17. Randall L. Schweller, "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back in", *International Security*, Vol.19, No.1: 72-107
18. Jeffrey W. Taliaferro, (2000-2001), "Security Seeking under Anarchy: Defensive Realism Revisited", *International Security*, Vol.25, No.3: 128-161.

National Interest, National Security and Security Dilemma

19. Jutta Weldes, "Constructing national interests", *European Journal of International Relations*, September 1996 vol. 2 no. 3
20. Charles L. Glaser, "The Security Dilemma Revisited", *World Politics*, Vol. 50, No. 1 (October 1997), pp. 171–201
21. Robert Jervis, "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma", *World Politics*, Vol.30, No.2: 167 -214
22. Ken Booth and Nicholas J. Wheeler, *The Security Dilemma: Fear, Cooperation and Trust in World Politics*, Palgrave, 2008, (Chaps to be decided)

C. Theoretical Aspects

Realism, liberalism and National Security

23. Edward A. Kolodziej, "Realism, neorealism and liberal institutionalism" in *Security and International Relations*, Cambridge University Press, 2005,
24. Patrick M. Morgan, "Liberalist and Realist Security Studies at 2000: Two Decades of Progress" in *Critical Reflection on Security and Change*, Stuart Croft and Terry Terriff, Frank Cass, 2000.

Constructivism and National Security

25. Edward A. Kolodziej, "Constructivism", in *Security and International Relations*, Cambridge University Press, 2005
26. Ronald L. Jepperson, Alexander Wendt, and Peter J. Katzenstein, "Norms, Identity, and Culture in National security", in Peter J. Katzenstein (ed.), *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics*, Columbia University Press, 1996

Critical Theory and National Security

27. Ken Booth, *Theory of World Security*, Cambridge University Press, 2007, (Chap. 3).
28. Booth, Ken (1991), "Security and Emancipation", *Review of International Studies* 17(4).
29. Ken Booth, "Deepening, Broadening and Reconstructing", *Theory of World Security*, Cambridge University Press, 2007

Subaltern Realism and National Security

30. Mohammed Ayooob, "Subaltern Realism: International Relations Theory Meets the Third World", in Stephanie G. Neuman (ed), *International Relations and the Third World*, St. Martin's Press, 1998.

Securitisation and Desecuritisation

31. Ole Weaver, "Securitization and Desecuritization" in Barry Buzan, Ole Weaver and J. de Wilde, *Security: a New Framework for Analysis*, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner)
32. Matt McDonald, "Securitization and the Construction of Security", *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 14(4): 563–587, 2008.

D. Nuclear Deterrence and Stability

Concept of Deterrence

33. Patrick M. Morgan (2003), "History: Deterrence in the Cold War", in *Deterrence Now*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Nuclear Stability

34. Scott Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, "More may be Better" (by Waltz) and "More will be worse" (by Sagan) in *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate Renewed*, W. W Norton and Company, New York, 2003

F. War in International Relations

Causes of War

35. Paul Williams, "War," in Paul Williams, ed., *Security Studies: An Introduction* (Abingdon, Oxford: Routledge, 2008), pp. 151-170. <http://hamdoucheriad.yolasite.com/resources/security%20studies.pdf>
36. John A. Vasquez, *The War Puzzle Revisited*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009. Chapter 1.
37. Jack S. Levy and William R. Thompson, *Causes of War*, Chichester, UK: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010. Chapter 1
38. John A. Vasquez, *The War Puzzle Revisited*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009. Chap. 2.
39. Jack S. and William R. Thompson, *Causes of War*, Chichester, UK: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010. Chap. 2.
40. 13. Robert I. Rotberg & Theodore K. Rabb, eds., *The Origin and Prevention of Major Wars*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1989. Pp. 39-52.

41. 14. Jack S. Levy, "Misperception and the Causes of War." *World Politics* 36 (October 1983): 76-99.

How to deal with war?

42. Paul F. Diehl and Gary Goertz, "The Rivalry Process: How Rivalries Are Sustained and Terminated" In John A. Vasquez, ed., *What Do We Know About War?* 2 ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000. Pp. 83-110
43. H. E. Goemans, "Theory of War termination", *The Causes of War Termination and The First World War*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000
44. Dan Reiter, "Bargaining, Information, and Ending Wars" in *How Wars End*, Princeton University Press, 2009 (Chapters to be decided)
45. Gordon A. Craig and Alexander L. George, "War termination", in *Force and statecraft: Diplomatic Problems of our Time*, OUP, 1983
46. John Mueller, "Conclusions" in *Retreat from Doomsday: The Obsolescence of Major War*, Basic Books, 1989.

Suggested

47. Steven Pinker, "A History of Violence." Excerpt on Sakai. Or watch the video at <http://edge.org/conversation/mc2011-history-violence-pinker>, focusing on the section on "The Long Peace," about a sixth of the way in, starting just before figure on "The 100 Worst Wars & Atrocities."