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MA Political Science PW-M7

Seminar: International Security and Human Rights

Tue 8-10, GW 2 B 3010

Goals

The seminar provides an introduction to post-Cold War international security with a special emphasis on the intersection of security and human rights. More specifically, the seminar will look at basic conceptual issues (“what is security?”, “what is the nature of human rights?”), discuss major sources of present-day insecurity (civil war, terrorism, migration), explore (nontraditional) security actors such as international organizations, NGOs, and private military companies, and study attempts to explain major security trends and practices such as humanitarian intervention, peacekeeping, transitional justice, or humanitarianism. Moreover, the seminar will touch upon pertinent normative issues such as the moral constraints on the use of force in anti-terrorism as well as the normative status of private military companies.

Schedule

Session	Time	Topic
1	5 April	Introduction
2	12 April	Security
3	19 April	Human Rights
4	26 April	Civil War
5	3 May	Terrorism
6	10 May	Migration
7	17 May	Humanitarian Intervention
8	24 May	International Organizations: The Case of the United Nations
9	31 May	Peacekeeping

10	7 June	Transitional Justice
11	14 June	Private Military Companies
12	21 June	Humanitarianism and Emergency Relief
13	28 June	Normative Perspectives: Updating Just War Theory
14	5 July	Conclusion

Note: session 4 takes place at the InIIS (UNICOM Haus Wien, 2nd floor) room 2210

Requirements

All participants are expected to read the assigned texts in preparation of the sessions. Participation without reading will not be beneficial.

MA Political Science (PW-M7)

- short oral presentation plus handout (15 min.) *or* short essay (5 pages)
- seminar paper (15-20 pages) (in *one* of the seminars belonging to the module)

The module is worth 12 CP.

General Studies

- MPL (3 CP): short oral presentation (15 min.) plus written elaboration (5 S.) *or* short seminar paper (8-10 pages)
- GPL (6 CP): seminar paper (15-20 pages)

Students who wish to obtain 6 CP in this seminar can reduce the expected length of the seminar paper to 12-15 pages by volunteering for an oral presentation (without written elaboration).

Note that the page numbers given above assume that the papers are formatted according to the rules laid down in the Institute of Political Science's "[Kompendium](#)" (sec. 4.1). The expected range of pages includes the bibliography (references) but not the cover sheet, the table of contents, and annexes (if applicable).

Students are required to gain the instructors' consent to their topic before they start writing. In other words, we may reject or downgrade a paper the topic of which we had not endorsed.

Papers (including elaborations of presentations) may be written in English or German and must be handed in by 30 September 2016 (both electronically and as a printout).

For more information on requirements see the "Information" section (tab) on the StudIP course site (visible only when you log in to StudIP via the desktop access!).

Topics and Readings

5 April 2016

1 – Introduction

12 April 2016

2 – Security

Required Reading:

Newman, Edward (2001): Human Security and Constructivism. In: *International Studies Perspectives*, 2 (3), 239-251.

Paris, Roland (2001): Human Security: Paradigm Shift or Hot Air? In: *International Security*, 26 (2), 87-102.

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3 – Human Rights

Required Reading:

Beitz, Charles R. (2003): What Human Rights Mean. In: *Daedalus*, 132 (1), 36-47.

Barkin, J. Samuel (1998): The Evolution of the Constitution of Sovereignty and the Emergence of Human Rights Norms. In: *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 27 (2), 229-252.

26 April 2016 (InIIS 2210)

4 – Civil War

Required Reading:

Kalyvas, Stathis N. (2001): “New” and “Old” Civil Wars: A Valid Distinction? In: *World Politics*, 54 (1), 99-118.

Walter, Barbara F. (2009): Bargaining Failures and Civil War. In: *Annual Review of Political Science*, 12 (1), 243-261.

3 May 2016

5 – Terrorism

Required Reading:

Pape, Robert A. (2003): The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism. In: *American Political Science Review*, 97 (3), 343-361.

Thayer, Bradley A./Hudson, Valerie M. (2010): Sex and the Shaheed: Insights from the Life Sciences on Islamic Suicide Terrorism. In: *International Security*, 34 (4), 37-62.

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6 – Migration

Required Reading:

Adamson, Fiona B. (2006): Crossing Borders: International Migration and National Security. In: *International Security*, 31 (1), 165-199.

Doty, Roxanne Lynn (1998): Immigration and the Politics of Security. In: *Security Studies*, 8 (2-3), 71-93.

17 May 2016

7 – Humanitarian Intervention

Required Reading:

Finnemore, Martha (1996): Constructing Norms of Humanitarian Intervention. In: Katzenstein, Peter (ed.): *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics*. New York: Columbia University Press, 153-185.

Bellamy, Alex J. (2015): The Responsibility to Protect Turns Ten. In: *Ethics & International Affairs*, 29 (2), 161-185.

24 May 2016 (InIIS 2210, 2-4 p.m.)

8 – International Organizations: The Case of the United Nations

Required Reading:

Johnstone, Ian (2003): The Role of the UN Secretary-General: The Power of Persuasion Based on Law. In: *Global Governance*, 9 (4), 441-458.

Thompson, Alexander (2006): Coercion Through IOs: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission. In: *International Organization*, 60 (1), 1-34.

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9 – Peacekeeping

Required Reading:

Luttwak, Edward N. (1999): Give War a Chance. In: *Foreign Affairs*, 78 (4), 36-44.

Fortna, Virginia Page (2004): Does Peacekeeping Keep Peace? International Intervention and the Duration of Peace After Civil War. In: *International Studies Quarterly*, 48 (2), 269-292.

7 June 2016

10 – Transitional Justice

Required Reading:

Vinjamuri, Leslie/Snyder, Jack (2004): Advocacy and Scholarship in the Study of International War Crime Tribunals and Transitional Justice. In: *Annual Review of Political Science*, 7 (1), 345-362.

Simmons, Beth A./Danner, Allison (2010): Credible Commitments and the International Criminal Court. In: *International Organization*, 64 (2), 225-256.

14 June 2016

11 – Private Military Companies

Required Reading:

Petersohn, Ulrich (2010): Sovereignty and Privatizing the Military: An Institutional Explanation. In: *Contemporary Security Policy*, 31 (3), 531-552.

Leander, Anna (2005): The Power to Construct International Security: On the Significance of the Emergence of Private Military Companies. In: *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 33 (3), 803-826.

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12 – Humanitarianism and Emergency Relief

Required Reading:

Barnett, Michael N./Snyder, Jack S. (2008): The Grand Strategies of Humanitarianism. In: Barnett, Michael N./Weiss, Thomas G. (eds.): *Humanitarianism in Question: Politics, Power, Ethics*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 143-171.

Cooley, Alexander/Ron, James (2010): The Political Economy of Transnational Action among International NGOs. In: Prakash, Aseem/Gugerty, Mary Kay (eds.): *Advocacy Organizations and Collective Action*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 205-228.

28 June 2016

13 – Normative Perspectives: Updating Just War Theory

Required Reading:

Walzer, Michael (2006): Terrorism and Just War. In: *Philosophia*, 34 (1), 3-12.

Pattison, James (2008): Just War Theory and the Privatization of Military Force. In: *Ethics & International Affairs*, 22 (2), 143-162.

5 July 2015

14 – Conclusion