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Contemporary Issues in Conflict and Security Studies
(ICP 322)

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Course description

This course will examine contemporary issues in conflict and security studies, such as broadening the security agenda, communal conflicts, the political use of violence, security communities, the environment and security, and critical approaches to security studies. This course is designed to introduce students to important theoretical approaches to the study of security policies. The empirical part of course is focused on Central Asia.

Requirements

Activity	10%	More than 5 unexcused absences – drop
Quiz	10%	Students will write several unexpected quiz on the reading material.
Presentation and chairing	20%	15-20 min personal presentations will have a place. Presentations will be focused on the theme of the week. Students are free to choose their topic. Chosen topic must be delivered to instructor during the 2 nd week. Another student should chair the presentation: prepare an article as a reading material for class (distribute in advance right after the lecture), summarize and comment the presentation, put presentation in the framework of the article, run 20 min in-class discussion around presentation and article.
Book examination	30%	Buzan, Barry et al. <i>Security: A New Framework for Analysis</i> . London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc., 1998.
Final examination	30%	Open questions

NOTE: Plagiarism will be punished with an automatic F for the course.

NOTE: Changes may occur during the semester. You'll be warned duly of any such change.

W	Date	Topics	Additional readings
1	2, 5	Introduction	

National security			
2	9, 12	Security Studies as a science	Buzan, Barry et al. <i>Security: A New Framework for Analysis</i> . London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc., 1998. pp. 21-47.
3	16, 19	Individual Security and National Security	http://www.hsrgroup.org/ Yu-tai Tsai, <i>The emergence of human security: a constructivist view</i> , International Journal of Peace Studies, Volume 14, Number 2, Autumn/Winter 2009 Derian, James Der. "The Value of Security: Hobbes, Marx, Nietzsche, and Baudrillard," in Lipschutz, Ronnie D. ed. <i>On Security</i> . New York: Columbia University Press, 1995, pp. 24-45. Buzan, Barry. <i>People, States and Fear: The National Security Problems in International Relations</i> . Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1993, pp. 18-35. Kanti Bajpai, "The Idea of Human Security," <i>International Studies</i> 40, 3 (2003), pp. 195-227.
4	23, 26	National Security and the Nature of the State	Buzan, Barry. <i>People, States and Fear: The National Security Problems in International Relations</i> . Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1993, pp. 36-65.
5	30, 3 October	National (In-) security and the Nature of Threats	Buzan, Barry. <i>People, States and Fear: The National Security Problems in International Relations</i> . Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1993, pp. 73-92. Buzan, Barry et al. <i>Security: A New Framework for Analysis</i> . London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc., 1998. pp. 49-162.
6	7, 10	Communal Conflicts	Chaim Kaufmann, "Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars," <i>International Security</i> , 20:4 (Spring 1996), 136-175. V.P. Gagnon, "Ethnic Nationalism and International Conflict: The Case of Serbia," <i>International Security</i> , 19:3 (Winter 1994-95), 130-166. Stathis Kalyvas, "The Ontology of 'Political Violence': Action and Identity in Civil Wars," <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> , 1:3 (September 2003), 475-494. John Mueller, "The Banality of 'Ethnic War'," <i>International Security</i> , 25:1 (Summer 2000), 42-70. Paul Collier and Anke Hoeffler, <i>Greed and Grievance in Civil War</i> , World Bank Working Paper, 21 October 2001 (available at http://www.worldbank.org/research/conflict/papers/greedgrievance_23oct.pdf)
7	, 17	The Political Use of Violence and Terror	David Apter, "Political Violence in Analytical Perspective," in David Apter, ed., <i>The Legitimization of Violence</i> , 1-32. Elizabeth Picard, "The Lebanese Shi'a and Political Violence in Lebanon," in David Apter, ed., <i>The Legitimization of Violence</i> , 189-233. Adrian Guelke, <i>The Age of Terrorism</i> , 1-17, 143-161. Malcolm Deas, "Violent Exchanges: Reflections on Political Violence in Colombia," in David Apter, ed., <i>The Legitimization of Violence</i> , 350-404. Bruce Hoffmann, "The Logic of Suicide Terrorism," <i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> , June 2003. Mary Anne Weaver, "The Real bin Laden," <i>The New Yorker</i> , 24 January 2000. Bernard Lewis, "License to Kill: Usama bin Ladin's Declaration of Jihad," <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , November/December 1998. Various documents on Al-Qaeda.
International Security			
8	21, 24	Environment and Security	Thomas Homer-Dixon, "Environmental Scarcities and Violent Conflict: Evidence from Cases," <i>International Security</i> , 19:1 Summer 1994), 5-40. Valerie Percival and Thomas Homer Dixon, " <u>Environmental Scarcity and Violent Conflict: The Case of Rwanda</u> ", occasional paper, Project on Environment, Population and Security, University of Toronto (1995). Charles Barber, "The Case Study of Indonesia," occasional paper, Project on Environmental Scarcities, State Capacity, and Civil Violence," University of Toronto, 1997. Nils Peter Gleditsch, <i>Armed Conflict and the Environment: A Critique of the</i>

			Literature,” <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 35:3 (May 1998), 381-400. Karen Litfin, “Constructing Environmental Security and Ecological Interdependence,” <i>Global Governance</i> , 5 (1999), 359-377. Simon Dalby, “Ecology and Security Studies,” <i>Environmental Security</i> , 143-162.
9	28, 31	Security and the International economic System	Buzan, Barry. <i>People, States and Fear: The National Security Problems in International Relations</i> . Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1993, pp. 93-155.
10	4 November	National and International Security: The Policy Problem	Buzan, Barry et al. <i>Security: A New Framework for Analysis</i> . London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc., 1998. pp. 195-213. Buzan, Barry. <i>People, States and Fear: The National Security Problems in International Relations</i> . Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1993, pp. 214-258.
11	11, 14	A Theoretical Approach to International Security Regime Formation	Oye, Kenneth. “Explaining Cooperation Under Anarchy: Hypotheses and Strategies,” <i>World Politics</i> 38, 1, Oct. 1985. Stein, Arthur A. “Coordination and Collaboration Regimes in an Anarchic World,” <i>International Organization</i> 36, 2, Spring 1982. Lipson, Charles. “International Cooperation in Economic and Security Affairs,” <i>World Politics</i> 37, 1, Oct. 1984.
Central Asian Security issues			
12	18, 21	Local level	Ethnic tensions
13	25,	National level	Civil war in Tajikistan, violent elite changes in Kyrgyzstan
14	2, 5 December	Sub-regional level	Ferghana valley: the security puzzle
15	9, 12	Regional level	Terrorism, extremism, separatism, drug trafficking, water issue, etc.
16	16, 19	Final exam	