

Course Code: IRE 4105

Course Title: INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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Course Objective:

The aim of this course is to explore the mainstream approaches and current cases in international security studies from both theoretical and policy-orientated perspectives. The course will introduce the evolution of security studies and provide an understanding on the different definitions of security. Mainstream realist and liberal approaches, Copenhagen School, and Human Security approach will be examined, followed by analyses of such security issues such as international terrorism, regional security, energy security, weapons of mass destruction and environmental security.

Learning Outcomes:

- 1 Demonstrate understanding of traditional and alternative views on international security in order to comprehend the security studies literature
- 2 Demonstrate understanding of the main current international security issues to understand their impact on international affairs
- 3 Comprehend knowledge on contemporary international security problems for the purpose of conducting case study analysis
- 4 Be able to acquire skills to conduct research as a team member for the purpose of preparing an oral presentation
- 5 Be able to acquire presentation skills to present the group work

Prerequisites and Co-requisites: None

Course Contents & Weekly Schedule

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Theoretical Approaches (What is security Realism & Liberalism)

- Collins pp.15-48, Aydın Ch. 9 / pp.153-164

Week 3: Theoretical / Conceptual Approaches (Human Security & Securitization)

- Collins, pp. 122-150, Aydın Ch. 15 / Ovali

Week 4: Theoretical / Conceptual Approaches (Types of Security: Societal, Environmental, & Economic Security)

- Collins, pp. 202-256, Aydın Ch. 14 Waever, Aydın Ch. 16 Dalby

Week 5: Energy Security / Coercive Diplomacy

- Collins, pp. 277-298, pp.378-394

Week 6: Institutions and Security

- Hough, pp. 285-335

Week 7: Russia, China, and Security in Africa

- Hough, pp. 348-358, Hough, pp. 358-366

Week 8: Security Problems / Weapons of Mass Destruction

- Collins, pp. 320-337, Smith pp. 125-149

Week 9: Security Problems / Terrorism and International Crimes

- Collins, pp. 338-358, Collins, pp. 428-445

Week 10: Case Studies / Student Presentations

Week 11: Case Studies / Student Presentations

Week 12: Case Studies / Student Presentations

Recomended or Required Reading:

- Alan Collins, Contemporary Security Studies, Oxford University Press, Oxford & New York, 2010.
- Michael E. Smith, International Security: Politics, Policy, Prospects, Palgrave Macmillan, London, 2010.
- Mustafa Aydın et. al., Uluslararası İlişkilerde Çatışmadan Güvenliğe, İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları, İstanbul, 2012.
- Peter Hough et. al., International Security Studies, Theory and Practice, Routledge, London, 2015.

Assessment Methods:

- Midterm 40%
- Assignment 40%
- Presentation 20%