Theories of Security
LG1/333, Tuesday, 16:00–18:00 (s.t.)

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Course Description

Written off for a long time and almost exclusively dwelling on the North American continent, the theoretical debate about the concept of security swept to Europe, recently, and became one of the most fascinating and innovative fields of research in International Relations (IR). The course aims to give an overview on this debate and consists of three parts. The first part discusses the historical origins and the evolution of international security studies and sheds light on its major traditional theories (e.g. Realism, Liberalism). The second part introduces new, mainly continental-based theories of security which can be found in the realm of Critical Security Studies, the Copenhagen School or Poststructuralism. The third part examines practices of security in different fields such as the state, private security, health, migration and international law.

Workload / Credits

Upon successful completion of the course, students are awarded 3 (ECTS). According to examination rules Art.12 (1), students must register for the course within the first four weeks of class to be eligible to earn these credits.

Grading

Students will be graded based on the following assignments in accordance to the examinations rules Art.11 (5).

☐ Oral presentation with handout (1/3) and paper (2/3)

Assessment guidelines

A term paper should have a length of about 15 pages and include:
• an abstract,
• table of contents,
• scientific discussion,
• and a bibliography.
Relevant parts of the assigned literature are to be used in the paper, which is due on 20.08.2012. The paper should be sent to Filipe.dos_Reis@uni-erfurt.de and handed in at the main office. If you do not hand/send in your paper before the deadline, your paper will be regarded as failed (5.0). In the event that a student fails the examination, the form and date of the re-examination will be decided upon by the lecturer.

Written papers are to have the following format:

• 1½ line spacing
• Times New Roman / Arial font
• 2.5cm (default) margins on all sides
• Referencing is your personal choice, just be consistent.

Attendance
According to the examination and study rules for the MPP program [Art. 16 (2)], missing more than two classes in a course without an acceptable excuse automatically results in the student receiving a failing grade (5.0) for the class. If you have to miss a class, please send an e-mail stating the reason for your absence to both the instructor and publicpolicy@uni-erfurt.de prior to the session in question.

Academic Conduct
Plagiarism is using others’ ideas and words without clearly acknowledging the source of that information. This includes citing written words as well as graphs and statistics without giving proper credit. Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty and will therefore not be tolerated. According to the examination rules Act 17(3) and the Code of Conduct which students signed at the start of their studies, plagiarism will automatically result in the student failing (5.0) the course.

Disability Services
The Brandt School also provides support for students with disabilities. If this situation applies to you, please contact your lecturer as soon as possible so that s/he can make the necessary arrangements for you.

Literature
Schedule and Session Overview

1 | 17.04.2012 Introduction

Part I: Traditional Theories of Security

2 | 24.04.2012 Overview; Realism and Liberalism


Background:


01.05.2012 No class! Public holiday (Labor Day)!

3 | 08.05.2012 Republicanism


Background:


Part II: New Theories of Security

4 | 15.05.2012 Overview; Critical Security Studies


Background:

5 | 22.05.2012 Securitization; Paris School


Background:


6 | 29.05.2012 Poststructuralism; Feminism


Background:


Part III: Practices of Security

7 | 05.06.2012 Military Security


Background:


8 | 12.06.2012 Private Security

Background:


9 | 19.06.2012 Economic Security


Background:


10 | 26.06.2012 Security and International Law


Background:


11 | 03.07.2012 Health


Background:


12 | 10.07.2012 Migration

Background:


13 | 17.07.2012 Final Discussion