EU Security Policy (MA, 4 credits, winter term)

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Course Description
The course focuses on key topics of contemporary European security policy, with a clear focus on the EU. The course will examine concepts & theories used to make sense of EU security policy; big & small states in EU security policy; EU strategy; resilience as a principle of EU security policy; the Arab spring and EU foreign policy; refugees and EU foreign policy; EU & the securitisation of refugees; EU – Russia relations; NATO in European security; Ukraine and European security; EU + NATO; Brexit + EU security; China and EU foreign and security policy.

Aims
- The aim of the course is to provide students with a thorough empirical knowledge of EU security policy so as to make them experts in one of the most dynamic areas of European integration;
- equip them with the conceptual tools to examine EU security policy;
- equip them with the cognitive skills to critically engage with the policy domain;
- enable them to develop their own standpoint with regard to the pros and cons of the institutionalisation of collective European security policy and the challenges and opportunities faced by the EU as it evolves its international security role.

Learning Outcomes
- By the end of the course students will have the factual knowledge to understand and discuss the key actors, institutions, decision-making processes, policies and achievements/failures of European security policy;
- distinguish between facts and opinions concerning Europe’s quest for its own international security role;
- compare, contrast and evaluate different accounts of the driving forces behind the EU security policy and the determinants of its policy processes;
- critically reflect upon and evaluate EU interventions abroad.

Teaching Method
This course combines short lectures by the course convenor with student-driven seminar discussions and other activities. Seminar discussions are structured around a short presentation (15-20 minutes) of the assigned texts, in which the presenters summarise and critically evaluate the readings. This is followed by class discussions of the various points raised by the readings. For the quality of these discussions, it is crucial that all come to class having done the required readings and being fully prepared to take part in a dialogue. Given the subject matter of the class, there is not necessarily always a right answer. Besides getting the facts right it is therefore important to focus and critically reflect on what the authors think and how they argue.

Method of Assessment
The final grade is made up of the following components:
1. Seminar attendance (mandatory) and participation: 20%
2. One oral presentation of assigned texts: 20%
3. One paper on presentation – 2000 words: 30%
4. Final quiz, or term paper: 30%

Schedule of Seminars & Readings
1. **Seminar: Course Intro**
The first seminar will act as a brief introductory seminar where the nature of the course will be discussed, together with the goals and expectations of both the students and the course convenor. Moreover, student presentations will be assigned.

2. **Seminar: no class – preparatory reading**

PART I: Theories

3. **Seminar: EU Security Policy – A Brief History;**
- no readings!

4. **Seminar: The EU – A Constructivist Cut**

Further Readings:

5. **Seminar: The EU - A Realist Cut**

Further Readings:
Andrej Kreutz (2016): Russia's Place in the World


6. Seminar: EU – A Liberal Cut

Further Readings:

7. Seminar: The EU – Marxian Cuts
- Streeck, Wolfgang 2014: Buying Time, chapter 4

Further Readings:

PART II: Policy

8. Seminar: Big States in EU

Further Readings:

9. Seminar: Small States in EU

Further Readings:

10. Seminar: EU Strategy
- Sven Biscop (2016) All or nothing? The EU Global Strategy and defence policy after the Brexit, Contemporary Security Policy, 37:3, 431-445
- Nathalie Tocci (2016) The making of the EU Global Strategy, Contemporary Security Policy, 37:3, 461-472,

11. Seminar: Resilience
- Ana E. Juncos (2016): Resilience as the new EU foreign policy paradigm: a pragmatist turn?, European Security

Further Readings:
Wolfgang Wagner & Rosanne Anholt (2016): Resilience as the EU Global Strategy’s new leitmotif: pragmatic, problematic or promising?, Contemporary Security Policy, 37:3, 414-430

12. EU & Arab Spring
- Chris Meikle, 2016: Ethical Norm Promotion in European Union Foreign Policy: Responding to the Arab Uprisings in the Southern Neighbourhood, PhD diss
- Tobias Schumacher, 2015: Uncertainty at the EU's borders: narratives of EU external relations in the revised European Neighbourhood Policy towards the southern borderlands, European Security Vol. 24(3)

Further Readings:

13. Seminar: EU & Refugees: Mobility & The Power of Naming

14. Seminar 14: EU & Refugees: Securitisation and the Terrorism-Migration Connection
- Alex P. Schmid, 2016: Links between Terrorism and Migration: An Exploration, ICCT Research Paper
- Beck, Martin, 2017: "Securitization of the Recent Influx of Refugees from the Middle East to Europe", Syddansk Universitet Center for Mellemoststudier

Further Readings:
Brad Blitz, 2017: Another Story: What Public Opinion Data Tell Us About Refugee and Humanitarian Policy,

15. Seminar: NATO

16. Seminar: NATO – EU
**Further Readings:**


**17. Seminar: The US, NATO & Russia Connections**

- Svetlana Savranskaya and Tom Blanton, 2017: NATO Expansion: What Gorbachev Heard, Briefing Book #613

**Further Reading:**

- Petersson, Magnus (2015): The US NATO Debate From Libya to Ukraine, Bloomsbury

**18. Seminar: EU & Russia**

- Cristian Nitoiu (2016) Russia and the EU’s quest for status: the path to conflict in the post-Soviet space, Global Affairs, 2:2, 143-153

**19. Seminar: Ukraine & European Security**

- Elias Götz (2016) Russia, the West, and the Ukraine crisis: three contending perspectives, Contemporary Politics, 22:3, 249-266
Further Readings:

20. Seminar: China & EU Foreign and Security Policy

21. Seminar: Brexit & EU Foreign and Security Policy

Further Reading:
Benjamin Martill and Uta Staiger, eds, 2018: Brexit and Beyond: Rethinking the Futures of Europe, UCL Press

22. Seminar: Wrap-up