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

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Course Outline
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 the nature of the EU, notably as a global actor; challenges + opportunities of CSDP developments; Brexit & EU Foreign and Security Policy; small states in EU security policy; EU strategy; EU foreign policy and popular Arab aspirations for democracy and human rights; various aspects Of EU border(ing); EU-Russia relations; NATO in European security; NATO & the EU; the USA, NATO & Russia; Ukraine and European 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 Activities/Teaching Methods
The course is seminar-based but will include regular short lectures on relevant concepts and topics. The sessions involve student participation in the form of short presentations and seminar-style discussions and case studies based on the course literature.

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 related to European security;
✓ be able to distinguish between facts and opinions concerning the EU’s quest for its own international security role;
✓ be able to compare, contrast and evaluate different accounts of the driving forces behind EU security policy;
✓ be able to critically reflect upon and evaluate EU foreign and security policy.

Method of Assessment
The final grade is made up of the following components:
1. Seminar attendance (mandatory) and participation: 10%
2. Oral presentation of assigned texts: 15%
3. Written assignment 1: 20%
4. Written assignment 2: 25%
5. Written assignment 3: 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 – What Sort of Normative Power 1?**

Further Readings:

5. **Seminar: The EU – What Sort of Normative Power 2?**

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


7. **Seminar: EU – Competing Liberal Perspectives**


**Further Readings:**


8. **Seminar: The EU – A Historical Materialist Perspective**


   - Streeck, Wolfgang 2014: Buying Time, chapter 4

**Further Readings:**


PART II: Policy

9. **CSDP Development – Challenges + Opportunities:**

10. **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

11. **Seminar: Small States in EU**

Further Readings:

12. **Seminar: The 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,
13. **Seminar: Resilience – Promises + Perils**
- Ana E. Juncos (2016): Resilience as the new EU foreign policy paradigm: a pragmatist turn?, *European Security*

Further Readings:

14. **Seminar: EU & Popular Arab Aspirations – The EU Trade-Off Between Order, Democracy and Human Rights**
- 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:

15. **Seminar: EU Border(ing) 1 – The EU Ethos Of Migrant Containment**

Further Readings:
16. Seminar 14: EU Border(ing) 2 - The Political Psychology Of EU Securitization + Desecuritisation:

Further Readings:
Beck, Martin, 2017: "Securitization of the Recent Influx of Refugees from the Middle East to Europe", Syddansk Universitet Center for Møllemoststudier
Crawley, Heaven, and Dimitris Skleparis, 2018: "Refugees, Migrants, Neither, Both: Categorical Fetishism and the Politics of Bounding in Europe’s ‘Migration Crisis’." Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies 44, no. 1, 48-64.
Brad Blitz, 2017: Another Story: What Public Opinion Data Tell Us About Refugee and Humanitarian Policy,

17. Seminar: NATO

Further Readings:

18. Seminar: NATO & EU

Further Readings:


19. Seminar: The USA, NATO & Russia
- 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, Bloosmbury

20. 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

Further Reading:

21. 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:

22. Seminar: China & EU Foreign and Security Policy
- Hongjian, Cui, 2018: "China - EU Relations: Structural Changes and Future Prospects", *China International Studies*

23. Seminar: Wrap-up