



Full Course Overview | [DSS/X 5302: Global Security CRN | 28480/27128](#)

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Module 1 What is (and what was) Security Studies?	Objectives/Questions/Prompts	Deadlines and Reminders
<p>There's a lot of reading this week, which will be the case from here on in! Do as much of the core reading as you can, but feel free to focus on particular elements if you wish, rather than reading absolutely everything. Supplementary/topic readings are there for going deeper, and coursework material for pieces and papers!</p>	<p>Class Questions</p> <p>How will the course be structured? Expectations? Your questions?</p> <p>What is security? Who is security for? What are the major trends in Security Studies? What are the major concepts? What have been the major changes in</p>	<p>Introductory Post <i>Due 03.22.22 11.59pm</i></p> <p>Content Piece <i>Due 03.20.22 11.59pm/replies 03.22.22</i></p>

<p>Core Readings Alexandra Gheciu and William C. Wohlforth [eds] The Oxford Handbook of International Security (Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2018) – hereafter ‘Handbook’- ‘The Future of Security Studies (Gheciu and Wohlforth); ‘Security and “Security Studies” (Krause and Williams)</p> <p>Theories – Realism(s) and Liberalism(s) Handbook – ‘Realisms’ (Quinn); ‘Liberal Approaches’ (Owen)</p> <p>Supplementary/Topic Readings</p> <p>What is Security Studies?</p> <p>Barry Buzan, Ole Wæver and Jaap de Wilde Security: A New Framework for Analysis (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1997) hereafter ‘Buzan et al’ - Ch 1 and Ch 3</p> <p>Stephen Walt ‘The Renaissance of Security Studies’ <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 35 (1991) pp.211-239</p> <p>Excerpt from Barry Buzan <i>People, States, and Fear</i></p> <p>More on Theories</p> <p>Hans J. Morgenthau ‘Six Principles of Political Realism’</p> <p>Anne Marie Slaughter ‘Wilsonianism in the Twenty-First Century’</p> <p>Excerpts from Roland Dannreuther International Security: The Contemporary Agenda 2nd edn. (Malden, MA: Polity Press, 2013)</p> <p>Walter Russell Mead ‘The Return of Geopolitics? The Revenge of the Revisionist Powers’ <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 93, 4 (May/June, 2014)</p> <p>G. John Ikenberry ‘The Illusion of Geopolitics: The Enduring Power of the Liberal Order’ <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 93, 4 (May/June, 2014)</p> <p>(There’s a heavy caveat about these readings below, which I will explain in class! Basically this is a warning about theory, its</p>	<p>recent times?</p> <p>What are the classic theories of Security Studies?</p> <p>What is Realism? How does it approach Security Studies? What are its strengths and weaknesses in helping us understand the history and contemporary nature of global security?</p> <p>And the same for Liberalism...</p> <p>What is the liberal international order? Is it breaking down?</p> <p>Content Piece Prompt(s)</p> <p>Thinking about the U.S. national security paradigm, do you think it is more Realist or Liberal – or something else?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Do you think Mead and Ikenberry are realist, or liberalist? Explain your choice!</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Are the Putin regime’s actions in Ukraine commensurate with realism?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Will liberalism restrain Putin’s regime?</p>	<p>Weekly Discussion</p> <p><i>Credit opportunity!</i></p>
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<p>limits, and how people can make claims in the name of theory!)</p> <p>Stephen Walt ‘Liberal Illusions Caused the Ukraine Crisis’ <i>Foreign Policy</i> (January 19th, 2022)</p> <p>Seva Gunitsky ‘There’s Plenty of Blame to go around on Ukraine’ <i>Foreign Policy</i> (January 24th, 2022)</p>		
<p>Module 2</p> <p>“The New Security Agenda” - Sectors of Security, and Securitization</p>		<p>03.21.22</p>
<p>Core Readings Buzan et al Ch 2</p> <p>Handbook – ‘Constructivism’ (Barnett)</p> <p>The Future of International Security Norms’ (Vinjamuri)</p> <p>Supplementary Readings Excerpts from Dannreuther</p> <p>Handbook – ‘Feminist Security and Security Studies’ (Sjoberg); ‘Critical Security Studies’ (Hendershot and Mutimer); ‘Images and International Security’ (Hansen)</p>	<p>Class Questions</p> <p>What is the “new security agenda”? How does it relate to contemporary global security?</p> <p>What is the relationship between the study of security, and ‘changes’ in “the real world out there”?</p> <p>What is ‘securitization’?</p> <p>What are some the various new approaches to security? Why has Security Studies deepened its view of what security is?</p> <p>Has this helped or hindered our understanding of security? What do these approaches add to Security Studies and our understanding of contemporary security? What do they miss?</p>	<p>Content Challenge: Due 03.27.22</p> <p>Weekly Discussion Credit Opportunity!</p>
<p>Module 3</p> <p>Wars Old and New, and How to Stop Them...</p>		<p>Class 03.28.22</p>
<p>Core Readings If you’d like you can choose to focus on great power competition <i>or</i> new wars/humanitarian intervention in your core reading. Again, don’t feel you need to do all of these, but <i>do</i> read Copeland, and one other piece minimum</p> <p><i>On Systemic War, Great Powers, and War</i></p>	<p>Class Questions</p> <p>Is war still the primary security threat in the world today? How have states practiced and responded to war? Is war changing post-1945 / post-Cold War?</p> <p>Is great power war back on the</p>	<p>Content Piece! Due 04.03.22/replies 04.05.22 11.59pm</p> <p>Weekly Discussion Credit Opportunity</p>

<p><i>Trends</i></p> <p>Handbook – ‘Systemic Theory...’ (Copeland); ‘Trends in Conflict’ (Clauzet and Gleditsch); ‘Great Powers’ (Buzan); ‘Nuclear Proliferation’ (Solingen)</p> <p>DoD ‘Summary of the 2018 National Defense Strategy of the United States of America’</p> <p>U.S. White House ‘Interim Strategic Guidance’</p> <p>Joint Xi-Putin Statement (looking for non-Kremlin link!)</p> <p>Watch this space for some readings on Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. The U.S. is delaying some strategic documents based on this turn of events.</p> <p>I will also try to share some relevant readings on the nuclear factor in the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the stability/instability paradox</p> <p><i>On New Wars and Intervention</i></p> <p>Mary Kaldor ‘In Defence of New Wars’ <i>Stability: International Journal of Security and Development</i> 2:1 (2013) p. 1-16</p> <p>Edward Newman ‘The “New Wars” Debate: A Historical Perspective is Needed’, <i>Security Dialogue</i> 35:2, (2004) p. 173 – 189</p> <p>Handbook – ‘Humanitarian Intervention’ (Welsh)</p> <p><i>Supplementary Readings</i></p> <p>This is a huge topic and lots of ways to come at it. Don’t feel like you have to read all of these! However, if you can dip into them it will be both help in this course, and be some good preparation for later courses (Strategic Survey of Africa especially)</p> <p><i>On New War Issues, Humanitarian Intervention and Peacekeeping</i></p> <p>Handbook – ‘Religion and International Security’ (Philpott); ‘Counter Insurgency’ (Long)</p> <p>‘Peace Operations in Africa’ <i>Council on Foreign Relations</i></p>	<p>horizon?</p> <p>Is there such a thing as a ‘new war’? What defines a ‘new war’?</p> <p>How effective are collective and regional security at stymieing war?</p> <p>What is humanitarian intervention? What is R2P? Who and what drives them? Have they been successful? Are they part of the future of international security?</p> <p><i>Content Piece Prompt(s)</i></p> <p>Does the U.S. national security apparatus work within “the new security agenda”?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Apply a constructivist lens to one of the following: PRC island building in the South China Sea; North Korea’s nuclear program; U.S.-China tensions; the invasion of Ukraine</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Would critical security studies include the Flint Water crisis in its purview? Why/why not?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Choose a topic you think has been or is being “securitized”, and explain why and how securitization has happened / is happening;</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Briefly examine the consequences – positive and negative – of “securitizing” a topic of your choice.</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>What can feminist security studies reveal that other approaches cannot?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Have we returned to great power</p>	
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<p>What is R2P?</p> <p><i>On Great Power Competition</i> Check Blackboard for a section on this! Arguably it has exploded into full view. Yet we also have to grapple with Russia’s underwhelming (but still awful) application of power compared to its capabilities, and the powers that have been revealed within “the liberal core”</p> <p><i>On Collective and Regional Security</i> Handbook – Alliances (Rynning and Schmitt); ‘The UN Security Council’ (Hurd); ‘Regional Security Complexes’ (Legrenzi and Lawson); ‘The Global South and International Security’ (Abrahamsen and Sandor); ‘Changing Geography of Global Security’ (Adamson);</p> <p><i>Nukes</i> Kenneth N. Waltz, "Why Iran should get the Bomb: Nuclear balancing would mean stability," <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 91, no. 4 (July/August 2012): 2-5.</p> <p>Scott D. Sagan, "How to keep the bomb from Iran," <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 85, no. 5 (September/October 2006): 45-59.</p> <p>Daniel Byman and Jennifer Lind “Pyongyang’s Survival Strategy: Tools of Authoritarian Control in North Korea.” <i>International Security</i> 35, 1 (2010)</p> <p>Ernest J. Moniz and Sam Nunn ‘The Return of Doomsday’ <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 98, 5 (September/October, 2019)</p>	<p>competition?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Discuss a conflict you think matches the concept of a ‘new war’. Explain why</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Should the international community have “saved strangers” in Syria? Why / why not?</p> <p>Can North Korea be deterred from keeping its nuclear weapons, or from using them...?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Should Iran have the bomb?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Do we need a 21st Century nuclear grand bargain?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Explore the nuclear element of the Russian invasion of Ukraine</p>	
<p>Module 4</p> <p>The ‘New’ Threats? Global Terrorism, Transnational Crime to Energy Security</p>		<p>Class 04.04.22</p>
<p>Core Readings Again, there is rather a lot of reading this week. You can be selective, especially around a topic of <i>your</i> focus.</p> <p>Handbook – ‘The Great Debate’ (Deudney); ‘Terrorism’ (Cronin); ‘Energy Security’ (Bros);</p>	<p>Class Questions</p> <p>Has non-proliferation worked? Are nukes stabilizers? How does nuclear deterrence work?</p> <p>What is terrorism? How do we meet the challenge of terrorism? How effective has the Global War on Terror</p>	<p>Content Challenge: Due 04.10.22</p> <p>Weekly Discussion Credit Opportunity</p>

<p>'The Crime Scene' (Jakobi)</p> <p>Supplementary Readings</p> <p><i>Terrorism</i></p> <p>J. M. Berger 'Extremist Construction of Identity: How Escalating Demands for Legitimacy Shape and Define In-Group and Out-Group Dynamics' <i>International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague</i> (April, 2017) - esp. 'Introduction and Overview'!</p> <p>Ruth Blakeley 'State Terrorism in the Social Sciences: Theories, Methods and Concepts' in Richard Jackson, Eamon Murphy, Scott Poynting (eds), <i>Contemporary State Terrorism</i>, (Routledge Critical Terrorism Studies, London: Routledge, 2009), pp.12-27 (NB. See Blackboard)</p> <p>Shadi Hamid and Rashid Dar 'Islamism, Salafism, and Jihadism: A Primer' <i>Brookings</i> (July 15th, 2016)</p> <p>Seth G. Jones <i>et al</i> 'The Evolution of the Salafi-Jihadist Threat' <i>CSIS</i> (November 20th, 2018)</p> <p>Jason Blessing and Elise Roberts 'The Rhetoric of White Supremacist Terror: Assessing the Attribution of Threat'</p> <p><i>Energy Security</i></p> <p>Selection from Stokes and Raphael on U.S. Energy Security</p> <p><i>Transnational Organized Crime (TOC)</i></p> <p>Phil Williams 'Transnational Criminal Networks' in <i>Networks and Netwars: The Future of Terror, Crime, and Militancy</i> (RAND Corporation, 2001)</p> <p>James Bergeron 'Transnational Organized Crime and International Security' <i>The RUSI Journal</i> 158, 2 (2013) p.6-9</p> <p>The White House National Security Council 'Transnational Organized Crime: A Growing Threat to National and International Security' (from the Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime, 2011 – feel free to read it all!)</p>	<p>been? Are ISIS a terrorist threat, or something else? Can states be terrorists?</p> <p>How important is energy security? How is it achieved? Are the U.S. energy security interests unique?</p> <p>What is TOC? If it is a security issue, who is it a security issue for? How, and by whom, should it be tackled? What are the other darker elements of globalization? Is there a link between TOC and terrorism?</p>	
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<p>Module 5</p> <p>Broadening Security: Health, the Environment, and Human Security</p>		<p><i>Class 04.11.22</i></p>
<p>Core Readings</p> <p>Once again, pick two minimum!</p> <p>Buzan et al Ch 4</p> <p>Handbook – ‘Environmental Security’ (Busby); ‘Global Health and Security’ (Peterson); ‘International Security and Development’ (Tschirgi)</p> <p>Supplementary Readings</p> <p><i>Health Security</i> Colin McInnes & Kelley Lee ‘Health, Security and Foreign Policy’ <i>Review of International Studies</i> 32: 1 (2006) p. 5-23</p> <p>Stefan Elbe ‘AIDS, Security, Biopolitics’ <i>International Relations</i> 19:4 (2005) p.403-419</p> <p>I will share some readings on the COVID-19 situation here. Note the links between security sectors!</p> <p><i>Environmental Security</i> Joshua W. Busby ‘Who Cares about the Weather? Climate Change and U.S. National Security’ <i>Security Studies</i> 17: 3 p. 468-504</p> <p>IPCC ‘Global Warming of 1.5C’</p> <p>IPCC ‘Climate Change and Land: Summary’</p> <p>Jonathan Blitzer ‘How Climate Change is Fueling the US Border Crisis’</p> <p><i>Human Security</i> Roland Paris ‘Human Security: Paradigm shift or hot air?’, <i>International Security</i>, 26:2 (2001), p. 87-102.</p> <p>Mary Martin and Taylor Owen ‘The second generation of human security: lessons from the UN and EU experience’ <i>International Affairs</i> 86:1 (2010), p. 211-224</p>	<p>Class Questions</p> <p>What is environmental security? What is its relative importance? On what levels does it operate? Whose responsibility is it?</p> <p>What is the relative importance of health security? Is it part of societal security, or something else? Should health be ‘securitized’? What are the implications of securitizing health? What other things does this open securitization up to?</p> <p>Is global poverty a security issue? How should it be dealt with if so?</p> <p>What is human security? Does it help us understand global security? Does it help us better achieve global security, or otherwise? What are the implications of shifting the referent of security from states to people?</p> <p>Content Piece Prompts</p> <p>Briefly discuss the similarities and differences between international salafi-jihadist and white supremacist/far right terrorism, and how that affects designing counterterrorism approaches.</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Has radicalization escaped our ability to prevent it in the digital age?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Can states be terrorists?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Does the US have a bigger domestic than international terrorism challenge?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p>	<p>Final Assignment Plan: Due 04.15.22, 11.59pm</p> <p>Content Pieces: 04.18.22/replies 04.20.22 (extra day from normal – let me know if the deadlines are a challenge this week)</p> <p>Weekly Open Discussion Extra Credit</p>

	<p>Is there a growing risk of resource war/s?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Is TOC a national security threat? Why/why not?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Why was health security not taken seriously enough as a global security threat?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Can health security OR environmental security and economic security be reconciled?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Would it help global security for environmental security to be securitized?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Is global poverty a security issue?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Can human security be a radical new operating principle for global security?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Would a human security approach helps us tackle environmental security on global and/or local scale?</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>Is TOC more a human security threat than a national one?</p>	
<p>Module 6</p> <p>The Deeper Roots? Economics, Politics, and Society</p>		<p><i>Class 04.18.22</i></p>
<p>Core Readings Read two of the Buzan chapters, and one handbook chapter of your choice minimum</p>	<p>Class Questions What is economic security? Who is it</p>	

<p>Buzan et Chs 5, 6 and 7</p> <p>Handbook - 'The Politics of National Security' (Krebs); 'Leaders, Leadership, and International Security' (Horowitz); 'The Economics of War and Peace' (Caverley); 'Nationalism and International Security' (O'Leary and Sambanis); 'Migration' (Klotz); 'Religion and International Security' (Philpott)</p> <p>Supplementary Readings You can be selective!</p> <p><i>Global Economy</i> Carla Norrlof 'Hegemony, Hierarchy, and Unipolarity: Theoretical and Empirical Foundations of Hegemonic Order Studies' <i>Oxford Research Encyclopedia: World Politics</i> (July, 2017)</p> <p>Peter Dicken 'What in the World is Going On?' in <i>Global Shift: Mapping the Changing Contours of the World Economy</i> The Guilford Press, 2015)</p> <p>Peter Dicken 'The Centre of Gravity Shifts: Transforming the Geographies of the Global Economy' in <i>Global Shift</i></p> <p>'Maritime Security' Percy</p> <p><i>Migration and Border Security</i> Fiona B. Adamson 'Crossing Borders: International Migration and National Security' <i>International Security</i> 31:1 (2006) p. 165-199</p> <p>Excerpts from Gabriel Popescu 'Bordering and Ordering in the Twenty-First Century' (see Blackboard)</p> <p>John Washington 'What would an Open-Borders World Actually Look Like'</p> <p><i>Economic, Societal and Political Security</i></p> <p>George Orwell 'Notes on Nationalism'</p>	<p>for? What is its link to national security?</p> <p>What are societal and political security (and regime security)? Who are they for? Are they national security? Are they rational?! Do they respond to clear threats in a proportionate manner? What else determines these sectors?</p> <p>Should borders be secured? Against what? Is movement/migration a security issue, or as big a security issue, as it is increasingly treated? What <i>kind</i> of security issue is it? Whose security matters at borders?</p>	<p>Content Challenge: Due 04.24.22 11.59pm</p> <p>Weekly Discussion Credit Opportunity</p> <p>Class Evaluation should appear around this time Complete for extra credit!</p>
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<p>Module 7</p> <p>A World on Fire? Improving Global Security, and Role of Security Studies</p>		<p><i>Class 04.25.22</i></p>
<p>Core Readings</p> <p>This will be a summary class in many ways, but do complete the core reading, as it will help center our discussions, and remind us of core things from the course overall – as well as prepare you for the final Content Challenge!</p> <p>I'll try to explain my module title choice in a blog!</p> <p>Buzan et al – Chs 8-9</p> <p>Handbook – 'Expertise and Practice' (Neumann and Jacob Sending)</p>		<p>Weekly Discussion <i>Credit Opportunity</i></p> <p>Final Assignment: Due <i>05.01.22, 11.59pm</i></p>