

European Security Dilemmas and Intelligence

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Study Tour: Berlin

Major Disciplines: International Relations, Political Science

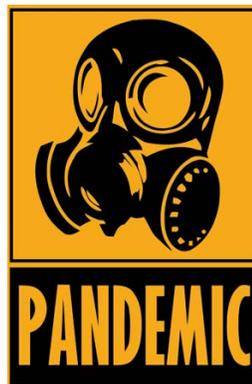
Pre-requisite: An international relations or political science course at university level.

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Description of Course:

Cyber terrorists can shut off entire cities and leak classified information from government and multinational businesses. A series of terrorist attacks in major European cities have already rattled citizens and politicians alike, and there is also the risk of a pandemic.

Europe is under pressure, and what constitutes a security threat is changing as well. We are witnessing an increased Russian presence, and European governments struggling to respond in unison to the increasing numbers of refugees.

How are threats to European security defined and are responded to in this changing political landscape where President Donald Trump is (maybe) introducing a new security agenda? How do these responses influence other's sense of security? What would you do if you were a security analysts?

Drawing on European schools of thought within international security studies, this course explores current European security dilemmas through conversations with high-ranking security analysts, scholars and politician, simulation games and visits to relevant organizations and agencies.

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Learning Objectives:

- Understand the complexity of the contemporary European security landscape and the impact of Europe's responses on other's security
- Learn to critically assess security threats through conversations with stakeholders, study tour visits, and simulation games putting you in the role of a security analyst
- Understand the concept of "securitization" in relation to dominant security theories

Required Texts (excerpts):

- Fabrizio Tassinari: "The Disintegration of European Security: Lessons from the Refugee crisis." http://cco.ndu.edu/Portals/96/Documents/prism/prism_6-2/Tassinari.pdf?ver=2016-07-05-104622-137
- Fabrizio Tassinari: "EU-US Cooperation in the European Neighborhood: Institutional Divergence and Normative Convergence"
- Ole Wæver: "European Security Identities"
- Timothy Garton Ash: "Europe's True Stories" <http://proyectos.cchs.csic.es/euroconstitution/library/working%20papers/Ash%202007.pdf>
- "Shared Vision, Common Action: A Stronger Europe - A Global Strategy for the European Union's Foreign And Security Policy" of the European Global Strategy, https://europa.eu/globalstrategy/sites/globalstrategy/files/eugs_review_web.pdf
- *The National Security Strategy*
- Senem Aydın and Fuat Keyman: "EU-Turkey Relations and the Stagnation of Turkish Democracy"
- Hiski Haukkala: "From Cooperative to Contested Europe? The Conflict in Ukraine as a Culmination of a Long-Term Crisis in EU–Russia Relations", *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 23:1, 25-40, 2015.
- Rosa Balfour "EU Conditionality after the Arab Spring" IEMED/Euromesco Working papers, 2012 <http://www.iemed.org/publicacions-en/historic-de-publicacions/papersiemed-euromesco/16.-eu-conditionality-after-the-arab-spring>
- Frank-Walter Steinmeier in the current issue of Foreign Affairs, "Germany's New Global Role" <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/europe/2016-06-13/germany-s-new-global-role>.

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Field Studies

Visit to the Swedish Institute of International Affairs for a conversation “from pandemics to refugees” with Mark Rhinard, Professor of International Relations at Stockholm University and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute. Mark is currently writing on the collective action problems facing the European Union in security matters, and publishes on the coordination challenges posed by transboundary crises.

Guest Lecturers

Conversation on the most burning issues facing Europe right now with Professor Ole Wæver, Copenhagen University. Ole is the founder of CAST – *Center for Advanced Security Studies* - and co-author with Barry Buzan of multiple books and articles on the Copenhagen School of Security Studies.

Core Course Week

Core Course Week is your first chance to truly dive into the complex nature of the European security landscape. We will meet with prominent international relations scholars and experts to discuss the current security dilemmas in Europe. We will use Sweden as a case study and inquire into Sweden’s security threats from extreme right wing movements, neighbouring Russia, and the risk of pandemics, etc. How is one country or region’s actions, to increase its sense of security, impacting others?

A part of the week will also be spent discussing security in the digital age. How is intelligence gathered through open online sources and cyber surveillance and which newer threats are posed to national or European security by hackers or e.g. Wiki-leaks?

Possible Activities:

- Engage in a game of simulated European security dilemmas with Swedish international relations students
- While the Nobel Peace Prize is handed out in Norway, we will visit with the Nobel Prize institute - founded in Sweden
- Hands-on workshop on open source intelligence gathering, cyber surveillance

Weeklong Study Tour to Berlin

Despite its painful and contentious history, Germany is again a dominant player in European security frameworks. On this long study tour, we will meet with relevant scholars, politicians, and analysts to explore the most pressing security concerns in Europe and Germany’s complex role today.

Possible activities:

- Meet with a corporate security team of a global business to hear about their security initiatives
- Visit the German Institute for International and Security Affairs
- Walk along the remnants of the Berlin Wall and visit a former KGB prison to understand Germany’s role in European history

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Approach to Teaching and Expectations:

This class is highly dependent on your active participation and we will engage in debates, simulation games and workshops. You are therefore required to be present for all classes, field studies and study tours.

Evaluation:

Class participation including mini presentations:	20%
Security simulation game:	20%
Intelligence workshop:	20%
European Security analysis (on a theme of your own choosing)	40%

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