

Seminar CMINT – Foreign and security policies- International security challenges in a turbulent world”

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This 20-hours class aims at introducing students to the main questions raised in the area of foreign and security policy by our contemporary multipolar world. The class focusses on understanding the major debates and challenges on international security issues and the players involved. It is based on a multi-faceted approach combining international relations, political science and international public law. The lectures will mix theoretical aspects and case studies on foreign policy and security issues in the 21st century. The class will be organised in 10 lessons of 2 hours each.

Each sequence is articulated around a main topic and will be developed as follows:

- International press quiz (warm up exercise)
- Introduction of the topic by the professor
- Students activities (debates, readings, presentations...)
- Complementary elements

For each lesson, at least one article or reading will be compulsory. Two students will have to present the article(s) to the class by explaining the article and debating the ideas. The presentations of the readings will be distributed during the first sequence, so that every student has enough time to prepare his oral presentation. The pair of student in charge of presenting the article(s) will prepare a Power Point presentation.

The final grade will be based on the following :

- Oral presentation of a scientific article	40 %
- Written exam (end term)	50%
- Oral participation and punctuality	10%

Part 1. Theorizing foreign and security policies

Sequence 1 : Introduction to the study of foreign policy : why study international relations and foreign policy, and how ?

1. *IR as a discipline : some highlights*
 - 1.2. Place of IR in the history of ideas

- 1.2. Studying IR and international security as a social science
- 2. *The 3 levels of analysis in IR and the state system in perspective*
 - 2.1. The state system : origins and characteristics
 - 2.2. The individual in IR
 - 2.3. The global system

Distribution of article presentation (2 students per article)

Sequence 2 : Theories in foreign and security policies : what lenses to use to look at world politics ?

- 1. *Foreign Policy Analysis*
 - 1.1. *National Interest and foreign policy: an analysis at state level*
- 2. *The individual level in foreign policy analysis*
 - 2.1. The Rational Actor Model
 - 2.2. Actors cognitive frames : Preferences and Beliefs
- 3. *Explaining Foreign Policy from an organizational point of view: Allison's model*
 - 3.1. The "Rational Actor" Model
 - 3.2. The Organizational Process Model
 - 3.3. The "Bureaucratic Politics" Model
 - 3.4. Critics
- 4. *Case studies : Cuban Missile Crisis (1962); Yugoslavian Wars (1990s)*

Debate : What theoretical model can help us make sense of Putin's foreign policy since 2022 ?

Compulsory reading :

AGGESTAM, Karin et TRUE, Jacqui. Gendering foreign policy: A comparative framework for analysis. *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 2020, vol. 16, no 2, p. 143-162.

Sequence 3 : War and peace in today's world: evolving in a changing warfare

- 1. *Definition of war : what is war and what it is not*
 - 1.1. War as organized violence between political entities
 - 1.2. The place of war in Western history : brief overview from Antiquity until recently
- 2. *Peace and what it means*
- 3. *Irregular wars and global terrorism: a new conflictuality frame ?*

Debate : Can war be a moral/ legitimate means to reach a state's ends ?

Compulsory reading :

TZENIOS, Nikolaos. Case Study: Just War Doctrine. *Open Journal of Political Science*, 2023, vol. 13, no 1, p. 1-17.

Part 2: Actors of contemporary foreign and security policies

Sequence 4 : State as an obstinate actor (1)

1. Introducing the role of states in foreign and security policies
2. Case study 1: US foreign policy since in the contemporary era

Compulsory reading:

HADFIELD, Amelia et WHITMAN, Richard G. The diplomacy of 'Global Britain': settling, safeguarding and seeking status. *International Politics*, 2023, p. 1-22.

Sequence 5 : State as an obstinate actor (2)

1. Main features of French foreign policy
2. Making sense of Germany's evolving security policy since 2022
3. Elements of the BRICS foreign policies

Compulsory readings:

PETIDIS, Pavlos. The Sahel intervention as a case study of France's security policy in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Policy*, 2024.

FREAR, Matthew et MAZEPUS, Honorata. Security, civilisation and modernisation: Continuity and change in the Russian Foreign policy discourse. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2021, vol. 73, no 7, p. 1215-1235.

Sequence 6 : Multilateral organizations and international security

1. *International law and multilateralism : cooperating under anarchy*
 - 1.1. International public law as a law of nations
 - 1.2. The sources of international public law
 - 1.3. Enforcing international law through multilateral cooperation
2. *The UN system in contemporary IR*
 - 2.1. Short historical overview
 - 2.2. Organization of the United Nations
 - 2.3. The UN Charter and the maintaining of international peace and security
 - 2.4. The recurring question of UN reform

Debate: Is the UN system obsolete ?

Compulsory reading :

LUNDGREN, Magnus et KLAMBERG, Mark. Selective attention: The United Nations security council and armed conflict. *British Journal of Political Science*, 2023, vol. 53, no 3, p. 958-979.

Sequence 7 : Regional actors in foreign and security policies : the case of the EU as a global actor

1. The EU as an international security actor
2. NATO's evolution: from a cold war Alliance to a global military actor

Compulsory reading:

DESCHAUX-DUTARD, Delphine. European defence in an inter-polar context: explaining the limitations of French-German contribution to European strategic autonomy. *Defence Studies*, 2022, vol. 22, no 4, p. 591-608.

Sequence 8 : Non-state actors of foreign and security policies

1. NGOs and international relations and conflict in the contemporary era
2. Is war becoming a private activity ? The case of Private Military Companies

Compulsory reading :

FOLEY, Emmet et KAUNERT, Christian. Russian private military and Ukraine: Hybrid surrogate warfare and Russian state policy by other means. *Central European Journal of International and Security Studies*, 2022, vol. 16, no 3, p. 172-192.

Part 3: Contemporary foreign policy and security challenges

Sequence 9 : Asymmetric wars and new areas of conflict

1. Terrorism as an international security challenge
2. The case of cybersecurity and cyberdefence

Compulsory reading:

LINDSAY, Jon R. War Is from Mars, AI Is from Venus: Rediscovering the Institutional Context of Military Automation. *Artificial Intelligence*, 2023, vol. 7, no 1, p. 2024.

Sequence 10 : Post-war policies : the case of international justice

1. International justice : a brief historical overview
2. The International Criminal Court: functioning and challenges

Compulsory readings :

LEFRANC, Sandrine. A critique of "bottom-up" peacebuilding: Do peaceful individuals make peaceful societies?. In : *Peacebuilding, Memory and Reconciliation*. Routledge, 2013. p. 34-52.

BUFACCHI, Vittorio. War crimes in Ukraine: is Putin responsible?. *Journal of Political Power*, 2023, vol. 16, no 1, p. 1-6.

Main books suggested :

- Baylis, John, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens, eds. *The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations*. Oxford University Press, 2017.
- Devetak, Richard, Jim George, and Sarah Percy, eds. *An introduction to international relations*. Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- Dorussen, Han, ed. *Handbook on peacekeeping and international relations*. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022.
- Jackson, Robert, Sorensen George, *Introduction to International Relations : theories and approaches*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2016, 6th ed.
- Jørgensen, Knud Erik. *International relations theory: A new introduction*. Macmillan International Higher Education, 2017.
- Galbreath, David J., and John R. Deni, eds. *Routledge handbook of defence studies*. London, New York: Routledge, 2018.
- Kaarbo, Juliet, and Cameron Theis, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis*. Oxford University Press, 2024.
- Kaufman, Joyce P. *Introduction to international relations: Theory and practice*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2018.
- Mansbach Richard, Rafferty Kirsten, *Introduction to global politics*, London, Routledge, 2008.
- Nau Henry, ed., *International Relations in Perspective: A Reader*, CQ Press, 2010.