



NEW SECURITY CHALLENGES

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COURSE AIMS

Focussing on a different issue/topic each week (taught by a lecturer who is expert in the particular field), the module addresses the contemporary politics of security and insecurity through a broad theoretical and policy-oriented approach. On completing the course a student should be able to:

- Understand the varied meanings of security and insecurity
- Formulate academically informed opinions about, and demonstrate knowledge in depth of, a broad range of contemporary security issues
- Be able to discuss and critically evaluate contending academic and other viewpoints on the issues addressed by the course
- Demonstrate knowledge of the kinds of actors, processes, and strategies typically involved in contemporary security policy

COURSE CONTENT:

Course content might change to reflect contemporary issues and faculty availability. Typical topics include:

- Terrorism, Counter-terrorism, and Insurgency
- Social Fascism, Neoliberalism, and Authoritarianism
- Gender and War/Conflict
- Environmental Insecurity and Climate Change
- War and Military Intervention
- Arms Control
- Health and Bio-Security
- The Security/Development Nexus
- Religion, Violence, Security
- Area Specific topics (US Foreign Policy, Russia and Ukraine etc.)

TEACHING AND LEARNING

- The course is taught in a 3 hour weekly workshop taught by a different lecturer (and convened and attended by course convener)
- Workshops will include a variety of teaching and learning activities and methods including lectures, group exercises, and discussions.
- Workshops are led by a faculty member with a research specialism in that week's topic
- The course is examined by a 5,000 word term paper

QUESTIONS?

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