“THE EU AS A SECURITY ACTOR”

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Meeting Time: Wednesday from 2:00 PM to 4:40 PM
Location: CON 445

Major Assignments (in-class presentation, paper, readings):
Each student will have to make an oral presentation (of about 15 minutes). There are 16 subjects listed for the oral presentation. Students will be asked to present on one of these subjects in any given week.

Each student will have to write a research paper of about 20 pages (approximately 4,500 words, double space) with a bibliography. The research paper can be based on the oral presentation. It is due on December 14. Late papers will be penalized.

All the students are expected to come to each class session prepared to discuss the required readings. The recommended readings are listed for the convenience of those who wish to pursue a particular topic in more depth, especially for the purpose of the in-class presentation.

Grading:
Student grades will be based on the oral presentation (30%) and the final research paper (50%). Regular attendance, careful reading, and active participation (based on required readings) are also taken into account (20%).

Course description:
As a security community, the EU has to deal with internal safety, external threats, and new forms of transnational threats. This new configuration of challenges explains the creation of a new security strategy, planned mutual defense and new EU tools involving emergency preparedness, a solidarity clause for the protection against terrorism, and military and civil crisis management.

Correspondingly, there has therefore been a blurring of the distinction between external and internal security as a consequence of a growing set of transnational risks, and the merging of internal safety and external instruments of crisis management. As a result, this trend has led to the emergence of a new type of security identity in the EU.
The purpose of this course is to address the issues raised by the expansive notion of EU security from both a theoretical and an empirical perspective. The first section of the course includes the presentation of the main concepts, followed by a global overview of the main EU security structures, policies, and agents. The second section is devoted to various empirical case studies such as the European security policy in Europe as well as in other parts of the world; the economic aspects of EU security; Europe’s human security policy; terrorist threats and counterterrorism; and biological threats. The third section seeks to provide a critical evaluation of the various EU security structures and agents, as well as the effective role of the EU as a regional/international security actor.

- MAIN CONCEPTS, KEY STRUCTURES -

1. Introduction – Sept 3

- Presentation of the main topics
- Selection of the oral presentations

2. EU institutions, the decision-making process, and pillarization – Sept 10

- Presentation of the European institutions
- Intergovernmental cooperation
- EU supranationalism
- Evolution of the European decision-making process
- Who is in charge of security?

Required readings:

Suggested readings:
3. EU notion of security – Sept 17

- Security community
- EU security governance
- Internal and external threats
- Internal and external non-territorial security

Required readings:

Suggested readings:

4. CFSP – Sept 24

- Origins and evolution of the Common Foreign and Security Policy
- Current issues and challenges
  
  → Subject for oral presentation: Presentation and evaluation of the 2003 European Security Strategy (ESS)

Required readings:

Suggested readings:
5. ESDP – Oct 1

► Evolution of the European Security and Defense Policy
► EU military interventions

→ Subject for oral presentation: EU and NATO since the 1990s

Required readings:

Suggested readings:

6. Security structures and agents – Oct 8

► Emergency and crisis management mechanisms
► New practices of security actors and agencies

→ Subject for oral presentation: Critical evaluation of the EU’s security toolkit

Required readings:
Suggested readings:

### CASE STUDIES

#### 7. Security and conflict prevention – Oct 15

- The Barcelona process
- The EU’s governance of non-EU actors
- Sanctions policy

→ **Subjects for oral presentations:** a) The EU and the other Europe; b) the EU and Africa

**Required readings:**

**Suggested readings:**

#### 8. Economic aspects of security – Oct 23

- Energy security
- Development aid and security

→ **Subjects for oral presentations:** a) The securitization of the development aid; b) The EU-Russia energy issue

**Required readings:**
- Meunier, Sophie, and Kalypso Nicolaïdis. “The European Union as a Conflicted Trade

**Suggested readings:**

9. EU human security policy and human rights – Oct 30

► Democracy and security
► EU human security
► ECHO (EC Humanitarian Aid Office)

→ Subjects for oral presentations: EU humanitarian interventions

**Required readings:**

**Suggested readings:**

10. Immigration and Security – Nov 6

► The perception of immigration as a threat
► The securitization of immigration policy
→ Subjects for oral presentations: a) The impact of border escalation; b) Securitization and the retreat from multiculturalism in Europe

Required readings:

Suggested readings:

11. Terrorism and Counterterrorism in Europe – Nov 13

► The fight against terrorism before and after 9/11
► The EU counterterrorism framework

→ Subjects for oral presentations: a) The emergence of the “enemy within” in Europe; b) Europe’s response to Radical Islam

Required readings:

Suggested readings:

12. Environment, bio-threats and other health issues – Nov 20

► Health and security
EU instruments to address climate change
| EU internal and international actions |

Subjects for oral presentations: a) Presentation and evaluation of the Health Security Program; b) EU biological non-proliferation activities

Required readings:

Suggested readings:
URL http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/vol9no10/03-0368.htm

No class on November 26

- CRITICAL EVALUATION -

13. EU Security governance – Dec 3

EU security polity
| Internal assessment of the European security management |

Subjects for oral presentation: Security, legitimacy and democratic accountability

Required readings:

Suggested readings:

### 14. EU ‘actorness’ – Dec 19

- External assessment of the EU’s impact on international security
- Critical evaluation of EU ‘actorness’
- EU, actor or structure?

→ **Subject for oral presentation**: The EU and the US, Venus v. Mars?

#### Required readings:

#### Suggested readings:

### - Bibliography -

#### Books (to start with):

**Books on Specific Topics:**

**Articles and Chapters in Edited Volumes**