COURSE OUTLINE

NATO AND EU: THE CHALLENGES OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

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NOTE: as the course will give a deliberate emphasis on current international debates and developments, a comprehensive and updated bibliography will be available by the start of the semester.

Session 1. NATO after the Warsaw 2016 Summit and looking towards the July 2018 Summit

How NATO is reorganizing itself against the new Russian military activism. Warsaw Summit (8-9 July 2016) and the implementation of the approved military steps (“reassurance”, stationing, prepositioning equipments, Baltic air patrolling). The issue of the Baltic allies defence. The new ongoing American defense reviews and their potential impact on NATO.

Case study for the session:
Comparing think tanks scenarios for defending the Baltic allies in a A2/AD context

Session 2: The Ukraine crisis: implications for NATO and EU
The EU and NATO responses to the crisis in Donbass and Crimea. The enduring Ukrainian crisis and the Minsk process. EU policy towards South Eastern Europe and the frozen conflicts. The Balkans deteriorating situation. Hybrid warfare.

**Case study for the session:**
The hybrid warfare and the case for NATO-EU cooperation: collective defense and crisis management.

### Session 3: the future of the EU and NATO relationship with Russia

The new trends in EU and NATO political and military cooperation. The impact of the EU sanctions against Russia and the ongoing debate. The current (unspoken) suspension of the NATO enlargement process.

**Case study for this session:**
Ukraine and the future of EU-NATO Russia relationship

### Session 4: European defense spending:

The issue of “burden sharing” and its implications for European countries. NATO and EU programs for cooperation in capacities building. The new European Defense Fund and the role of EDA.

**Case study for the session:**
EU and NATO armament cooperation programs: complementarities or competition?

### Session 5: Lessons learned by NATO and EU from a decade of interventions

Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Kosovo, Sahel, maritime piracy (Atalanta), migrations (Sophia) : the unfinished political and military challenges. EU and UN peacekeeping operations. The limits of EU “soft power” and the stabilization issue. Which tools for EU and NATO ? Future trends and new actors (NGO’s, civil military societies, non state entities, criminal networks).

**Case study for the session:**
An assessment of the EU and Nato external interventions: success and failures

### Session 6: the new EU defence policy debates

Which role for EU peacekeeping and military operations in the future? Financing ESDP operations and the Athena process. The Brexit implications on ESDP. The issue of the continuum between external security and homeland defence.

**Case study for this session**
The new EU/ PESCO arrangements

**Séance 7: The impact of technologies on the security policies**

The military impact of the revolution of information technology. How the new technologies and AI are changing NATO capacities and interoperability between its members? Are limitations of access for new sensitive technologies feasible on defense grounds?

**Case study for this session:**
The armed drone debate and the issue of future autonomous weapons

**Séance 8: The ongoing nuclear debates within NATO:**

Nuclear doctrine of Russia. Deterrence and defence: the debate within the Alliance. UK Trident decision and French nuclear modernization. Which implication of the Nuclear ban Treaty for NATO countries. The issue of the future of tactical nuclear weapons in Europe.

**Case study for this session**
The role of the three western allied nuclear countries and the NATO nuclear debate.

**Session 9: Missile defense and NATO**

A current assessment of the MD program within NATO. Russian reactions to NATO BMD. Political, strategic and industrial implications for the European countries.

**Case study for this session:**
The impact of the North Korea nuclear crisis on Missile Defense and its implications for NATO

**Séance 10: “multi-dimensional” deterrence and the evolving threats**

How NATO and EU are preparing, in cooperation or separately, to cope with threats putting at risk their strategic assets (space, cyber), their populations (terrorism) or global security interests (eg. nuclear proliferation, biological and pandemic threats). Arms control issues and political dilemmas.

**Case study for this session:**
Deterring cyber attacks: defensive and offensive responses
Session 11: The US strategic shift towards Asia: EU and NATO implications

Is there a connection between European and Asian aspects of the US extended deterrence? Perspectives for a stronger European role in Asia? What could be a European strategic security dialogue with China, India and Japan? The EU stakes in the evolution of the Asian Pacific area.

**Case study for this session:**
Is there a defence and security role for the Europeans in Asia: the issue of the rise of China?

Séance 12: Europeans security interests and the world changing balance of power

How the Europeans could best use EU and NATO to defend their security interests in a context of economic globalization, regional militarization, and nuclear proliferation? How to protect the “global commons (freedom of circulation at sea, immunity of space assets, internet access, international norms for conducting warfare...)."

**Case study for this session**
EU search for an evolving global security strategy.