INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL SECURITY STUDIES

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Xavier Guillaume currently is Assistant Professor in International Relations at the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. He specializes in international political and social theory with a focus on problématiques concerned with the nexus between identity and alterity or security and citizenship. His most recent publication includes the first handbook on international political sociology (co-edited with Pınar Bilgin, Routledge 2017), his monograph International Relations and Identity (Routledge 2011) and an edited volume with Jef Huysmans Citizenship and Security (Routledge 2013). Other articles include “Paint it black: Colours and the social meaning of the battlefield” (with Juha A. Vuori and Rune S. Andersen, EJIR 2016), “A Chromatology of Security: Introducing Colour to Visual Security Studies” (with Juha A. Vuori and Rune S. Andersen, Security Dialogue, 2015) “Resistance and the international: the challenge of the everyday” (International Political Sociology 2011), “Travelogues of difference: IR theory and travel literature” (Alternatives: Global, Local, Political 2011), or “The safety of authenticity: Ali Kebab or an exploration in the contemporaneity of foreignness and the self’s post-colonial imaginary” (European Journal of Cultural Studies 2013).

COURSE OUTLINE

Session 1: Introduction: what are (critical) security studies?

Required readings:
- Peoples and Vaughan-Williams, Introduction.

Recommended readings: see also syllabus

Session 2: Security and the political

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Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 3: On Critical Methods in Security Studies

Required readings:


Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 4: Security as emancipation: Human security

Required readings:

- Peoples and Vaughan-Williams, chapter 1.


Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 5: The construction of threat and enmity: insecurity

Required readings:


Recommended readings: see syllabus
Session 6: Postcolonialism and nuclear Orientalism

Required readings:

- Peoples and Vaughan-Williams, chapter 3.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 7: The securitization framework

Required readings:


Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 8: Voice, Silence and Securitization

Required readings:

- Guillaume, Xavier. Manuscript. “How to do things with silence: Rethinking the centrality of speech to the securitization framework”.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 9: Feminism, gender and political violence

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- Peoples and Vaughan-Williams, chapters 2 and 7.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 10: Technology, information and surveillance

Required readings:
- Peoples and Vaughan-Williams, chapter 10.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 11: The international political sociology of security

Required readings:

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 12: Conclusion

Required readings: none for this session