

INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL SECURITY STUDIES

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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COURSE OUTLINE

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

Required readings:

- Peoples and Vaughan-Williams, Introduction.
- Zedner, Lucia. 2009. *Security*. London: Routledge, chapters 1-2.

Recommended readings: see also syllabus

- Buzan, Barry and Lene Hansen. 2009. *The evolution of international security studies*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, chapter 1.

Session 2: Security and the political

Required readings:

- Zedner, Lucia. 2009. *Security*. London: Routledge, chapter 3.
- Huysmans, Jef. 1998. “Security! What do you mean? From concept to thick signifier”, *European Journal of International Relations* 4(2), pp. 226-255.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 3: On Critical Methods in Security Studies

Required readings:

- Aradau, Claudia, Huysmans, Jef, Neal, Andrew and Voelkner, Nadine. 2015. "Introducing critical security methods", in Claudia Aradau, Jef Huymans, Andrew Neal and Nadine Voelkner (eds.) *Critical Security Methods. New Frameworks for Analysis*. London: Routledge.
- Salter, Mark B. 2013. "Introduction", in Mark B. Salter and Can E. Mutlu (eds.) *Research Methods in Critical Security Studies. An Introduction*. London: Routledge.
- Burgess, Peter J. 2014. "Commensurability and methods in critical security studies". *Critical Studies in Security* 2(3), pp. 356-358.
- Jarvis, Lee. 2013. "Conclusion: The process, practice and ethics of research", in Laura J. Shepherd (ed.) *Critical Approaches to Security. An Introduction to Theories and Methods*. London: Routledge.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 4: Security as emancipation: Human security

Required readings:

- Peoples and Vaughan-Williams, chapter 1.
- Thomas, Caroline. 2001. *Global governance, development and human security. The challenge of poverty and inequality*. London: Pluto Press, chapter 1.
- Booth, Ken. 2007. *Theory of world security*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, chapter 3, & pp. 321-336.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 5: The construction of threat and enmity: insecurity

Required readings:

- Weldes, Jutta; Laffey, Mark; Gusterson, Hugh and Duvall, Raymond. 1999. "Introduction: constructing insecurity", in Jutta Weldes, Mark Laffey, Hugh Gusterson, and Raymond Duvall (eds.) *Cultures of insecurity. States, communities, and the production of danger*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- Bialasiewicz, Luiza, David Campbell, Stuart Elden, Stephen Graham, Alex Jeffrey, and Alison J Williams. 2007. "Performing Security: The Imaginative Geographies of Current US Strategy." *Political Geography* 26(4), pp. 405-422.
- Doty, Roxanne L. 1993. "Foreign policy as social construction: A post-positivist analysis of U.S. counterinsurgency policy in the Philippines". *International Studies Quarterly* 37(3), pp.297-320.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 6: Postcolonialism and nuclear Orientalism

Required readings:

- Peoples and Vaughan-Williams, chapter 3.
- Barkawi, Tarak and Laffey, Mark. 2006. "The postcolonial moment in security studies," *Review of International Studies* 32(2), pp. 329-352.
- Gusterson, Hugh. 1999. "Nuclear Weapons and the Other in the Western Imagination." *Cultural Anthropology* 14(1), pp. 111-143.
- Biswas, Shampa. 2013. "Post-colonial security studies", in Laura J. Shepherd (ed.) *Critical Approaches to Security. An Introduction to Theories and Methods*. London: Routledge.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 7: The securitization framework

Required readings:

- Buzan, Barry, Wæver, Ole, and Jaap de Wilde. 1998. *Security. A New Framework for Analysis*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publisher, chapters 1 and 2.
- Vuori, Juha A. 2008. "Illocutionary Logic and Strands of Securitization: Applying the Theory of Securitization to the Study of Non-Democratic Political Orders". *European Journal of International Relations* 14(1), pp.65–99.
- Wæver, Ole. 1995. "Securitization and Desecuritization". In Ronnie D. Lipschutz (ed.) *On Security*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 8: Voice, Silence and Securitization

Required readings:

- Hansen, Lene. 2000. "The Little Mermaid's Silent Security Dilemma and the Absence of Gender in the Copenhagen School". *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 29(2), pp.285–306.
- Wilkinson, Claire. 2007. "The Copenhagen School on Tour in Kyrgyzstan: Is Securitization Theory Useable Outside Europe?" *Security Dialogue* 38(1), pp.5–25.
- 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

Required readings:

- Peoples and Vaughan-Williams, chapters 2 and 7.
- Stern, Maria. 2006. "'We' the subject: the power of failure of (in)security", *Security Dialogue* 37(2), pp. 187-205.
- Alison, Miranda. 2004. "Women as agents of political violence: gendering security", *Security Dialogue* 35(4), pp. 447-463.
- Åhäll, Linda. 2012. "The writing of heroines: Motherhood and female agency in political violence." *Security Dialogue* 43(4), pp.287–303.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 10: Technology, information and surveillance

Required readings:

- Peoples and Vaughan-Williams, chapter 10.
- Lyon, David. 2006. "The search for surveillance theories", in David Lyon (ed.) *Theorizing surveillance. The panopticon and beyond*. Cullompton: Willan Publishing, pp. 3-20.
- Salter, Mark B. 2006. "The global visa regime and the political technologies of the international self: borders, bodies, biopolitics", *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*, 31(2), pp. 167-189.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 11: The international political sociology of security

Required readings:

- Abrahamsen, Rita and Williams, Michael C. 2009. "Security beyond the state: Global security assemblages in international politics", *International Political Sociology* 3(1), pp. 1-17.
- Bigo, Didier. 2006. "Internal and external aspects of security", *European Security* 15(4), pp. 385-404.
- Loader, Ian. 1999. "Consumer culture and the commodification of policing and security", *Sociology* 33(2), pp. 373-392.

Recommended readings: see syllabus

Session 12: Conclusion

Required readings: none for this session