Security Studies: National and International Dimension

Semester Program in English
Department of Security and International Affairs
University of Lower Silesia

(30 ECTS, 132h)

Courses offered in summer semester 2015/2016

Grand Strategy for Information Age National and International Security, Jerzy Dereń PhD, lectures + practical classes, 15h, 4 ECTS

Grand Strategy deals with the big, important things in history such as wars, diplomacy, revolutions, constitutions, great books (theory), great men (leaders). This focus allows the Grand Strategist to operate in various areas relevant to the international security in contemporary world. Some of them pertain to the Revolution in Military Affair (RMA), System of Systems (C4RISTA), Modelling and Simulation, Threat Assessment, Effects Based Approaches for Operations (EBAO) vs. Asymmetrical Threat, Strategic Planning and its Centres of Gravity and Critical Vulnerabilities. This program aims to examine the theory and practice of Grand Strategy with the main focus on Conflict Resolution and Peace Building. The course program comprises four modules structured in a total of 9 Units (Lectures).

Strategic Analysis of International Security, Prof. Piotr Daniluk, lecture + practical classes, 15h, 4 ECTS

The main aim of the course is to teach strategic thinking by analysis, planning, controlling and operation information. The program contains: Foresight, Forecasting, Strategic Analysis, Strategic Studies, Macro and Micro Environmental Analysis and Key Crises - 1962, 1968, 1973, 2001. Attention will be paid to preparation of short, medium and extended-problem-reports, statements and evaluations of strategic analyzes for different audiences. After completing the course, students will be able to perform professional strategic analysis of complex international changes, threats, factors and actors. Components of evaluation: for lecture - active participation in the discussions, for practical classes – elaboration of Strategic Analysis for a specific security sector, region, threat and actor.

Open Society and Its Enemies: Past and Present, Prof. Dariusz Aleksandrowicz, lectures + practical classes, 12h, 3 ECTS

The lecture deals with the problems of the „open society” due to the challenges this society has been confronted with in the present world as well as in the past. It starts with the classical work of Karl Popper „The Open Society and Its Enemies” which was written in the 1940’s, when the „open society” was threatened by totalitarian systems (national socialism and soviet communism) and concerns the ideological roots of this confrontation. The second part of the lecture aims at exposing how the respective problems appear in the new situation that emerged from the decline of the bipolar world system. Performance requirements: written essay of about 10 pages (or alternatively examination, or short essay + short examination).
Democracies Facing Populism and Extremism, Aleksandra Moroska-Bonkiewicz PhD, lectures + practical classes, 18h, 5 ECTS

Nowadays, extremism and populism constitute elements of social and political environment in Europe. They refer to various political concepts and doctrines (left, right, religious), as well as practical activities of different groups and organizations (parties, associations, subcultures). Some of them became a major challenge for liberal democracies. The aim of this seminar is to identify and differentiate types of political populism and extremism, analysis of the causes, political and societal consequences of those phenomena as well as potential threats, which they pose to the safety of individual countries. Special attention will be paid to the different strategies for combating extremism in Europe. Components of evaluation: attendance, active participation in discussions, creation of the individual policy briefs.

Cyber Activism and Social Movements, Maciej Sedlaczek MA, practical classes, 15h, 3 ECTS

Cyberactivism is a term used to describe various forms of social activism that employ innovative information and communication technologies (including social media). The aim of cyberactivism is to incite individuals against particular social issues and attempt to form solidarity towards significant collective actions. During the course you will be introduced to the basic terminology related to cyberactivism and learn about the typical tools and practices of cyberactivists. An important element of the course will be the analysis of various activities and networking tools and the evaluation of their effectiveness. Therefore, we will also investigate several case studies and attempt to answer some fundamental questions concerning cyberactivism: What types of political protests take place online? Are digital activism ventures as effective as traditional, direct activism? Is there any need to differentiate between digital activism and activism at all? Is there a sharp line between cyberactivism and cyberterrorism?

European Union Security and its Challenges, Cem Yalcin MA, lectures + practical classes, 15h, 4 ECTS

Over the decades the European Union (EU) has expanded its borders with the accession of the new member states as well as its powers and competences with the treaty changes. The EU is now considered as a political system that consists of more than 500 million people living in 28 member states. Its actions not only bind on EU citizens but also have a potent effect in shaping the international system. In the rapidly-changing globalized world, the EU and its citizens are facing prominent internal and external security challenges (economic, environmental, political and societal) due mainly to globalization, rising levels of interdependence and technological advancements. In this context, the main purpose of the course is to provide an understanding of the contemporary security challenges that the EU faces today and to present how the EU copes with these challenges. Components of evaluation: attendance, active participation in discussions, presentation + written paper up to 10 pages.
**Migration Management in the European Union, Helena Wyligała PhD, lectures + practical classes, 12h, 3 ECTS**

The course deals with the problems of migration management within the EU. Its aim is to deliver knowledge about contemporary development of the EU Migration Policy faced with the humanitarian, securitization and Europeanization discourses. Attention will be paid to the 4 EU strategies in the area of Freedom, Security and Justice (Tampere 1999, Hague 2004, Stockholm 2009, Agenda for Migration 2015) and Schengen Acquis. Above all, the course will focus on policy tools and practical information about procedures within the Asylum-, Visa-, Legal Immigration Policy and measures for combating illegal immigration. Hence, the effectiveness of the EU solutions during the migration crisis 2014-2015 on its East-Southern borders will be considered. In this complex context the purpose of the course is to analyse migration case studies from Germany, France and Poland to provide an understanding of the contemporary law and policy development with social-cultural dimension. As a result, the student will be able to point out main tools constructing complexity of the EU Migration Policy and connect strategical approaches with case studies. Components of evaluation: attendance, document analysis, active participation in the discussions, study visit (tbc!)

**Polish language and culture, Agnieszka Dytman-Stasieńko PhD, practical classes, 30h, 4 ECTS**