



## COURSE SYLLABUS

### 1. Information about the program

1.1 Higher Education Institution	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of European Studies
1.3 Department	International Relations and German Studies
1.4 Field of study	International Relations and European Studies
1.5 Study level	BA
1.6 Programme of study/ Qualification	International Relations and European Studies

### 2. Information about the discipline

2.1 Module	<b>Security Studies</b>						
2.2 Course holder	<b>Laura Herța, PhD</b>						
2.3 Seminar holder	<b>Ramona Neagoș, Asist. Dr.</b>						
2.4 Year of study	2	2.5 Semester	4	2.6. Type of assessment	E.	2.7 Type of module	OP

### 3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 No. of hours per week	3	3.1 of which for course	2	3.3 of which for seminar	1
3.4 Total no. of hours in the curriculum	56	3.5 of which for course	28	3.6 of which for seminar	28
Time distribution:					Hours
Study by using handbook, reader, bibliography and course notes					18
Additional library/specialised online research, field research					2

Preparation of seminars/laboratories, homework, projects, portfolios and essays		22
Tutoring		
Examinations		2
Other activities: .....		
3.7 Total no. of hours for individual study	44	
3.8 Total no. of hours per semester	100	
3.9 No. of ETCS credit points	4	

#### 4. Prerequisites (where applicable)

4.1 of curriculum	• --
4.2 of competencies	• --

#### 5. Conditions (where applicable)

5.1 For the development of the course	• Video-projector for the lecture
5.2 For the development of the seminar/laboratory	• Reader for the seminar

#### 6. Specific skills acquired

<b>Professional skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of IR theories throughout the study of European and international processes</li> <li>• The use of analytical methodologies in the field of International Relations and European Affairs</li> <li>• Ensuring assistance in the field of international negotiations and mediation among groups having diverse interests</li> <li>• Ensuring assistance in the management of relations within institutions and organisations involved in international and European processes</li> </ul>
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<b>Interdisciplinary skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing information which is specific to solving contextual complex tasks, including also the use of an international language (proficient level)</li> <li>• Applying efficient techniques regarding multidisciplinary teamwork</li> </ul>
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### 7. Course objectives (based on list of acquired skills)

7.1 General objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• providing skills pertaining to the analytic methodologies in order to apply theoretical knowledge (corroborated by case studies) and to analyze, evaluate, and formulate security policy and security strategies</li> </ul>
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• providing analytical skills in order to frame and to correlate phenomena and events within international politics to fundamental concepts in Security Studies and in order to design adequate interpretations of specific processes and security strategies</li> <li>• providing analytical skills for identifying, understanding and analyzing current events and phenomena within world politics, such as: conflicts, wars, threats, national security, food insecurity, human security</li> <li>• facilitating an environment of study based on problematizing and providing students with opportunities to appropriate, internalize key elements of security studies through group discussions, dialogue, and <i>problem-oriented</i> analyses.</li> </ul>

### 8. Contents

8.1 Lecture	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Introductory notions, explanation of basic terminology. Provision of students with requirements for the lecture and seminar and organisational details	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
2. International Relations and Security Studies. Interconnected fields of study and intertwined processes	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
3. Traditional approaches on security, states' security and national security during the Cold War	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	

4. Reality versus perception. Security during the Cold War period		
5. Realist security studies: main tenets	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
6. Neo-realist security studies: main tenets	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
7. Extending the meaning of security – the deepening and widening of security	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
8. The Copenhagen School of Security Studies	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
9. Constructivist security studies	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
10. Critical security studies	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
11. Feminist security studies	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
12. Post-colonial security studies	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
13. Human Security	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
14. War and ontological (in)security in DR Congo – Perspectives from International Relations	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	

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- Buzan, Barry; Ole Waever and Jaap de Wilde (1998), *Security: A New Framework for Analysis*, Boulder: Lynne Rienner;
- Booth, Ken (ed.) (2005), *Critical Security Studies and World Politics*, Boulder: Lynne Rienner;
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- Laura M. Herta, “Intra-state violence in DR Congo and Human Security – Perspectives from International Relations Theories”, in Wolfgang Benedek, Vanda A. Dias, Lisa M. Heschl, Matthias C. Kettmann, Reinmar Nindler, Kalkidan N. Obse, Stefan Salomon (eds.), *An African Spring? Human Rights and Security in Times of Change*, European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (ETC), Graz, 2014, pp. 186-218.

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— (2001), “Human Security and Constructivism”, *International Studies Perspectives*, United Nations University, 2, 2001, pp. 239-251;

8.2 Seminar / Laboratory	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Organizational details: requirements for seminar activity, presentation of reader and bibliography, organization of the final examination		

2. Analyzing security in International Relations	Text analysis, debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alan Collins (ed.), <i>Contemporary Security Studies</i>, Third Edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, December 2012, case study “Women and War”</li> <li>• Alan Collins (ed.), <i>Contemporary Security Studies</i>, Third Edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, December 2012, case study “Water Resources”</li> <li>• Garner, Ferdinand &amp; Lawson, Introduction to Politics, 2 edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, December 2012, case study “Gender and genocide in the Bosnian War”</li> </ul>
3. An analysis on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Weak states and insecurity	Text analysis, debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Baylis, James J. Wirtz, and Colin S. Gray (eds.), <i>Strategy in the Contemporary World</i>, Fourth Edition, Oxford: Oxford University, December 2012, case study “Afghanistan”</li> <li>• John Baylis, James J. Wirtz, and Colin S. Gray (eds.), <i>Strategy in the Contemporary World</i>, Fourth Edition, Oxford: Oxford University, December 2012, case study “The US Invasion of Iraq: The American Way of War and the Dilemmas of Counterinsurgency”</li> <li>• Garner, Ferdinand &amp; Lawson, Introduction to Politics, 2 edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, December 2012, case study “Positioning Iraq in the metanarrative of the 'war on terror' ”</li> </ul>
4. Secessionism and threats to security in Caucasus: the case of South Ossetia and Chechnya	Text analysis, debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Baylis, James J. Wirtz, and Colin S. Gray (eds.), <i>Strategy in the Contemporary World</i>, Fourth Edition, Oxford: Oxford University, December 2012, case study “The South Ossetian War”</li> <li>• John Baylis, James J. Wirtz, and Colin S. Gray (eds.), <i>Strategy in the Contemporary World</i>, Fourth Edition, Oxford: Oxford University, December 2012, case study “Holding a Decaying Empire Together: The War in Chechnya”</li> </ul>
5. Security issues and EU-Georgia relations	Text analysis, debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura M. Herta; Alexandra Sabou, “Frozen Conflicts in South Caucasus and their Impact on the Eastern Partnership. The case of Georgia and its Break-away Republics of Abkhazia and South Ossetia”, in Valentin Naumescu; Dan Dungaciu (eds.), <i>The European Union’s Eastern Neighbourhood Today: Politics, Dynamics, Perspectives</i>, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015, pp. 116-156</li> </ul>

6. Violence and insecurity in Africa: the case of D.R. Congo	Text analysis, debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Baylis, James J. Wirtz, and Colin S. Gray (eds.), <i>Strategy in the Contemporary World</i>, Fourth Edition, Oxford: Oxford University, December 2012, case study “ All Against All: The Conflict in the Congo”</li> <li>• Laura M. Herta, “Intra-state violence in DR Congo and Human Security – Perspectives from International Relations Theories”, in Wolfgang Benedek, Vanda A. Dias, Lisa M. Heschl, Matthias C. Kettemann, Reinmar Nindler, Kalkidan N. Obse, Stefan Salomon (eds.), <i>An African Spring? Human Rights and Security in Times of Change</i>, European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (ETC), Graz, 2014, pp. 186-218.</li> </ul>
7. Threats to regional security: violence and warfare in Syria and regional destabilization	Text analysis, debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Burnell, Vicky Randall, and Lise Rakner (eds.), <i>Politics in the Developing World</i>, Fourth Edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, February 2014, case study “The Onset of the Syrian Uprising and the Origins of Violence”</li> </ul>
8. The globalization of ill health.	Text analysis, debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stefan Elbe, “The pharmaceuticalisation of security: Molecular biomedicine, antiviral stockpiles, and global health security” in <i>Review of International Studies</i>, DECEMBER 2014, Vol. 40, No. 5, Special Issue: Global Health in International Relations (DECEMBER 2014), pp. 919-938, Published by: Cambridge University Press</li> <li>• Simon Rushton, “Global Health Security: Security for Whom? Security for What?” in <i>Political Studies</i> 59 (4): 779 -796</li> <li>• Clare Wenham, “The oversecuritization of global health: changing the terms of debate” in <i>International Affairs</i>, Volume 95, Issue 5, September 2019, Pages 1093–1110.</li> </ul>
9. Hunger and food insecurity	Text analysis, debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer Clapp, Gyorgy Scrinis, “Big Food, Nutritionism, and Corporate Power.” in <i>Globalizations</i> 14 (4) (2016), 578–595.</li> <li>• Nora McKeon, “Are Equity and Sustainability a Likely Outcome when Foxes and Chickens Share the Same Coop? Critiquing the Concept of Multistakeholder Governance of Food Security” in <i>Globalizations</i> 14 (3) (2017), 379–398.</li> <li>• Thomas Caroline, “Global governance, development and human security: exploring the links” in <i>Third World Quarterly</i>, Vol 22, No 2, 2001, pp 159–175.</li> </ul>

<p>10. Environmental threats to security</p>	<p>Text analysis, debate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simon Dalby, “Ecology, Security, and Change in the Anthropocene” in <i>The Brown Journal of World Affairs</i>, SPRING/SUMMER 2007, Vol. 13, No. 2, pp. 155-164</li> <li>• Peter Hough, “Hotting Up? Geopolitical Rivalry and Environmental Security in the Arctic” in <i>Insight Turkey</i>, Spring 2022, Vol. 24, No. 2 (Spring 2022), pp. 11-24</li> <li>• Felix Ciută, “Conceptual Notes on Energy Security: Total or Banal Security?” in <i>Security Dialogue</i>, APRIL 2010, Vol. 41, No. 2 (APRIL 2010), pp. 123-144</li> </ul>
<p>11. The Western Balkans and Security: Focus on Serbia and Kosovo.</p>	<p>Text analysis, debate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marina Vulović, “Western Balkan Foreign and Security Ties with External Actors. An arena of geostrategic rivalry for the EU or a local power struggle?” in <i>SWP Comment</i>, No.8, February 2023.</li> <li>• Vladimir Vučković, <i>The West is Dear, but the East is Dearer: Policy Pressures and Actors’ Preferences in Serbia</i>, Prague Security Studies Institute, 2023.</li> <li>• Werner Distler, “Securitising the Present through the Prism of the Past: State-Building and the Legacy of Interventions in Kosovo and Serbia” in <i>Comp. Southeast Europ. Stud.</i>, 2022, pp. 267–288.</li> <li>• Katarina Djokic, “EU, NATO and Beyond: The Security Dynamics of the Western Balkans” in Giorgio Fruscione (ed.), <i>The Balkans: Old, New instabilities. A European Region Looking for its Place in the World</i>, Ledizioni LediPublishing, 2020, pp. 69-96.</li> </ul>



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**9. The correspondence between the content of the course and the expectations of the academic community, professional associations and representative employers in the field:**

The discipline *Security Studies* prepares students for specific activities within institutions or NGOs preoccupied with core security issues, regional destabilization, threats to international peace and security, conflict resolution, human rights, post-conflict peace-building, peace and reconciliation, conflict areas, or for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## 10. Assessment

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course/Lecture	7 points	Final written examination	70%
10.5 Seminar	3 points	2 p. (presentation, text analysis) 1 p. (seminar activity)	30%
10.6 Minimum standard of performance:			
Minimum four active seminar attendances (reading and discussing the required texts). Students shall pass the exam if they obtain at least the grade 5 in their written examination. The re-examination will solely focus on the written exam (without seminar activity).			

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