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Political Science 4150 FA& FAO

Topics on Law: Issues in International Conflict and Security

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Tuesday: 7-10. p .m.

ATAC:1010,OA1025

OBJECTIVES AND CONTENT:

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the students with the quest for order and durable peace in world politics as per international law. It will analyze conflicts and conflict resolution mechanism from a variety of perspectives. The course will examine the theoretical and applied dimensions of contemporary security and conflict resolution mechanism. First, it will address the question of international law and global governance and then will investigate the question of security and conflict; the nature and causes of conflict; threats to peace and security. It will then look at a variety of proposals for eliminating war and conflict in order to provide peace and security to the nations of the world: types of negotiations and mediation practices, bilateral and multilateral negotiations, conference diplomacy, third party intervention, the UN system, functionalism, regionalism and new world order.

This is a seminar course and, therefore each class will be divided into two parts: The first half of the class will be based on lectures and the second half will concentrate on students' presentation, discussion and participation on assigned readings.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY:

Lectures, Class Discussions and Presentation.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Mark Charlton (ed.) *International Relations in the Post-Cold War Era*, 2010

B.A. Thayer and N.V. Ibryamov., *Debates in International Relations*, 2010

EVALUATION:

Research Paper.....	30%
Final Examination.(Take-Home).....	30 %
Attendance	10%
Participation, Presentation & Discussion	30%

If you miss 3 classes you may not be allowed to continue in the course

RESEARCH PAPER:

The Research Paper, not more than 20 pages typed double spaced, is due on **November 15**.
Please consult me before writing.

TOPICS:

1. *Canada's Foreign Policy towards International Security*
2. *Canada's Position and Policy on Israel-Palestine Conflict*
3. *Canada's Policy and Contribution in Afghanistan: political and economic*
4. *Canada's Policy and Contribution in Pakistan: political and economic*
5. *Canada's Policy and Contribution in the Gulf: political and economic*
6. *Canada's Policy and Contribution in Indonesia and Malaysia: political and economic*
7. *Canada's Policy and Contribution in Sudan and Darfur: political and economic*
8. *Canada's Policy and Contribution in Iran: political and economic*

NOTE: Only three students can write on ONE topic (individually, not jointly). So select the topic as early as possible.

SEMINAR PRESENTATION:

There will be no assigned presentation. Every student has to be ready for every topic in every class. In the second half I will ask any two students to make a summary presentation and comments on the assigned reading.

NOTE: Readings from both books are compulsory because in the second half of every class I will ask questions from readings. Every student must be prepared for each class.

Students are strongly urged to be in touch and benefit from consultation with the Professor regarding their progress in the course.
Students are reminded to consult the University's Policy on cheating and plagiarism.

LECTURE AND READINGS OUTLINE

WEEK 1 Introduction: An Overview of the Course
International Law, Global governance and Security

WEEK 2
Lecture: Approaches to Conflict and Security

Seminar Required Readings: Thayer: 92-121, Charlton, 24-40

WEEK 3
Lecture: Roots of Conflicts and International Insecurity

Seminar Required Readings: Thayer: 4-37

WEEK 4
Lecture: Threats to International Peace and Security
Seminar Required Readings: Thayer: 146-165, Charleton: 92-114

WEEK 5
Lecture: Threats to International Peace and Security: Continued
Seminar Required Readings: Thayer 130-145, Charleton: 134-163

WEEK 6
Lecture Sources of Threat to Security
Seminar Required Readings: Thayer: 62-74, Charleton: 115-133

WEEK 7
Lecture: Conflict Management in Global Politics
Seminar Required Readings: Thayer 38-61 Charlton: 214-223

WEEK 8
Lecture: Conflict Resolution and international Security in the Post-World War II

Seminar Required Readings : Thayer: 75-81, Charlton: 250-285

WEEK 9
Lecture Contemporary Approaches to Conflict Management and Security
Seminar Required Readings: Charleton: 375-393, Thayer: 252-261

RESEARCH PAPER DUE: November 15.

Week 10 Human Security
Seminar Required Readings: Thayer: 262-294, Charlton: 315-374

WEEK 11: Is a World State inevitable?
Seminar: Required Readings: Charleton: 44-65, Thayer 226-242, 206-213.

WEEK 12:
Lecture: Conclusion: International Security and New World Order

Required Readings : Charlton: 415-477,

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FINAL EXAMINATION-Take Home