

Security Studies. Focus: Foreign and Defense Policy

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Structure and education objectives:

The course aims to illustrate the evolution of contemporary security, from the so-called “new wars” to the peace support operations and terrorism.

A specific focus will be devoted to the European security and to the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the EU, examining in details, strategies, approaches, tools and resources.

The course provides the conceptual tools to better understand the transformation of international and European security, devoting attention to the role of technology in modern warfare. Theoretical perspectives will be combined with updated empirical analyses on the evolution of security, in Europe and beyond.

Several seminars with scholars, experts and practitioners will be organized.

Course Program & Elements:

- The evolution of security in the Post-Cold War era.
- The “new wars”
- Terrorism and counter-terrorism
- Civil wars and Counter-insurgency
- The evolution of Italian defense policy
- Public opinion and war
- Strategic narratives
- Failed states and transnational organized crime
- Technology and war
- Cyber-security

Focus – EU security

- Military transformation in Europe and in the EU
- The evolution of security in Europe
- EU defense and foreign policy
- PESCO

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- Case Studios on International Cases

Tentative schedule:

2nd Semester

Timetable:

To be Finalized (TBF)

Prerequisites:

The Course does not require specific prerequisites

Evaluation and final exam:

Written and (brief) oral exam. Role playing activities (presentation [e.g., movies and security], simulation [EU Council], poster session) could integrate the final grade.

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