INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION AND STATEBUILDING (MA, 2 CREDITS)

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WINTER TERM

M/W 13.30 – 15.10

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course surveys scholarly and policy debates on contemporary international intervention and statebuilding, including humanitarian intervention and Responsibility to Protect. It critically examines both the liberal peace perspective, focusing on institution/capacity building and good governance, and the critical debates which expose the neo-colonial discourses of international interveners. Against these divisions, the course aims to look closer at the intersection between the local and transnational politics to examine the relations among different actors involved in the statebuilding project. It seeks in particular to familiarise students with theoretical, analytical and policy tools to evaluate the practices of contemporary statebuilding. It therefore includes a wide variety of literature on the subject and introduces practice-oriented exercises (policy writing, simulation of debate, document analysis) geared towards developing skills useful for diverse actors in this field.

EVALUATION

1. Class participation: 10%

2. Policy snapshot 25% 1,000 words

In one of the seminars, we will study a number of policy snapshots from Foreign Affairs and try to draft similar ones in groups. Students will then be asked to produce their own example on the topic of their choosing in broadly defined field of international intervention.

3. Presentation 20%

4. Participation in debate 10%

5. Exam 35%

SEMINAR BREAKDOWN

1. Introduction

2. Humanitarianism

Required:

- Walt, S (2013) Top 10 warning signs of ‘imperial liberalism’, Foreign Policy, May 2013


**Additional:**


Waltzer, M (2011) ‘On Humanitarianism: Is Helping Others Charity, or Duty, or Both’, *Foreign Affairs* 90. PR

Glanville, L (2010) ‘The antecedents of ‘sovereignty as responsibility’, *European Journal of International Relations* 17(2) 233–255


3. Humanitarian intervention and its critique

**Required:**


**Additional:**


4. R2P – Introduction

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5. R2P as a norm

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Additional:

6. Perspectives on R2P

Required:
- ‘Not In Our Name: Why Médecins Sans Frontières does not support the “Responsibility to Protect”’

Additional:


7. Seminar on policy writing
   Readings to be determined

8. International statebuilding – introduction

Required:


Additional:


9. Liberal peace

Required:


Additional:


10. Legitimacy in international statebuilding

Required:


Additional:

11. Local ownership

Required:

- Kurowska, X (2014) ‘Practicality by judgement: Transnational interpreters of local ownership in the Polish-Ukrainian border reform encounter’, Journal of International Relations and Development

Additional:


12. Debate