INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION AND STATEBUILDING (MA, 4 CREDITS)

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FALL TERM

M/W 11-12.40

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course surveys scholarly and policy debates on contemporary international intervention and statebuilding, including humanitarian intervention, Responsibility to Protect, democracy promotion, human security, the role of transnational civil society, and the security-development nexus. It critically examines both the liberal peace perspective, focusing on institution building and good governance, and the critical debates which expose the neo-colonial discourses of international interveners and the issue of resistance. 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 practitioners in this diverse field.

EVALUATION

1. Class participation: 10%

2. Policy snapshot 15% 750 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 international intervention.

3. Session leading 20%

4. Team presentation 15%

5. Debate participation 10%

6. Take home exam 30%
SEMINAR BREAKDOWN

1. Introduction

2. Reading seminar

3. Internationalism and Humanitarianism

Required:

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

Additional:


4. Humanitarian intervention and its critique

Required:


Additional:


5. Legality and legitimacy in international intervention

Required:

Additional:

6. R2P – Introduction

Required:


Additional:

7. Perspectives on R2P (1)

Required:

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

Additional:
8. R2P as a norm

Required:


Additional:


9. Regional contestation of R2P

Required:


10. Regional powers and R2P: India, China, Brazil, US, EU, Russia

Group presentations based on a special issue of *Conflict, Security, and Development: Major powers and the contested evolution of a responsibility to protect*

11. Perspectives on R2P (2) cases (group work)


Additional:

12. Seminar on policy writing

Readings to be determined

13. The emergence of international statebuilding

Required:


Additional:


14. Liberal peace

Required:


Additional:


15. The responsibility to rebuild

Required:


Additional:


16. Legitimacy in international statebuilding

Required:


Additional:


17. Security and development

Required:


Additional:

18. Good governance and democracy promotion
Required:
Additional:
19. Local ownership
Required:
Additional:
 Kurowska, X (2013)  'Practicality by judgement: Transnational interpreters of local ownership in the Polish-Ukrainian border reform encounter', Journal of International Relations and Development
20. Rule of law and security sector reform assistance
Required:
Additional:
22. Resistance

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23. Participation in a roundtable during the conference Global Norm Evolution and R2P.

24. Exam