BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Department of International Relations

Spring Semester 2013 Course Offering CAS IR 589

North Atlantic and European Security

Class Hours: Friday 1-4 PM
Location: BSR 154, IRC 220

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This course evaluates the central issues concerning European security and Transatlantic relations since the end of the Cold War. We will first review the Cold War security system of NATO, in place for more than four decades in Europe and the North Atlantic area. We will then evaluate changes to NATO in the 1990s, as well as challenges and conflicts such as the Balkan Wars. The majority of the course will then focus on the various attempts to create a new Europe-wide security system since the 1990s. The two organizations emphasized are the existing NATO architecture and the emerging security institutions and initiatives of the European Union. These challenges include new security issues such as migration, terrorism, and trafficking, as well as existing geopolitical issues such as Russia as a power rival to Europe and European security relations with regions such as the Middle East, China and Africa. We will also examine the major powers within Europe, their national security interests, strategies, and military capabilities, as well as divisions of interests within Europe and between Europe and the United States.

COURSE READINGS


All the books are available in the Boston University Barnes and Noble bookstore. They will also be on reserve in the library.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This course will be run as a seminar. Students are expected to do all the readings and to be prepared to discuss them and participate in seminar activities.

Class attendance is **MANDATORY**. If you miss more than 2 classes, your grade will be in jeopardy and you will not be able to accrue the participation points. If it is absolutely necessary to miss a class for personal, religious or medical reasons, please communicate this to me in advance of the course date and time.

1. Weekly readings of approximately around 200 pages per week;
2. Attendance and participation in class discussions (25% of the grade);
   -- Discussion of the required readings as well as current events. Participation credit is given based upon the degree to which a student contributes positively to discussion of material during question and answer and discussion sessions. Students who rarely, or never, speak in discussion will receive no participation credit.
   -- Attendance in class (only exceptions are medical emergencies or religious reasons),
   -- Submit three reading questions/comments to blackboard discussion board by
10 AM the day of class.

3. One oral background presentation (10% of grade). The oral presentation will be a report based on a topic listed in the syllabus (15 minute presentation). You will signup for the presentations the second week of the course.

4. Midterm take home essay (15% of grade). Questions provided at one class session and will be due by the next class session.

5. A research paper on a topic of the student’s choice, using primary and secondary research sources, to be undertaken in two stages:
   - a 5 page topic abstract, argument, basic outline, and working bibliography for a research paper on a topic of your choice, due on March 29 (10% of the grade);
   - the final draft of the research paper, including citations and bibliography (30% of the grade), due on or before May 6 at 5 PM.
   - Class presentation of paper topic (5 minutes) on May 3 (10% of grade).

Academic Honesty
Without exception, students are expected to adhere to the Boston University CAS Academic Code. Please read the Boston University Academic Conduct Code. Accordingly, all instances of academic dishonesty will be reported to the CAS Academic Conduct Committee. Please see [http://www.bu.edu/cas/students/undergrad-resources/code/](http://www.bu.edu/cas/students/undergrad-resources/code/)

Color Code of Assigned Readings:
Red=Readings from course books
Green= Readings available through email or blackboard
Black=link provided to reading

Please note that all assigned readings are subject to potential revision as new and more up-to-date sources are released and we progress through the course. I will circulate new versions of the syllabus in class and update the course blackboard site accordingly.

Research Resources:


NATO
NATO [www.nato.int/](http://www.nato.int/)
Atlantic Council (www.acus.org)
NATO Watch (www.natowatch.org)

EU
[http://www.youtube.com/user/eutube](http://www.youtube.com/user/eutube) – the EU’s youtube website
http://www.cvce.eu/ – multimedia reference on the history of the EU
http://www.clingendael.nl/cdsp/publications/discussion-papers/archive.html - papers on diplomacy and EU foreign policy
EU Institute of Security Studies, Paris http://www.iss.eu.org/
Security and Defence Agenda (www.securitydefence.org)
European Policy Centre (www.epc.eu)
Center for European Policy Studies (www.ceps.be)
Institute for Security Studies (http://www.iss.europa.eu/)
Centre for European Reform (www.cer.org.uk)
European Council on Foreign Relations (www.ecfr.eu)

UK
The Royal Institute for International Affairs/Chatham House (www.chathamhouse.org.uk)
Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies/Whitchall Papers (www.rusi.org)

France
Institut Francais des Relations Internationales (www.ifri.org)
Centre d’Analyses et de Prevision Centre des Relations Internationales

Germany
German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) (www.dgap.org)
German Institute for International Politics and Security (www.swp-berlin.org)
Internet Project on German Foreign Policy (www.deutsche-aussenpolitik.de)

Poland
Center for International Relations (www.csm.org.pl)
Polish Institute for International Affairs (www.pism.pl)

COURSE OUTLINE

January 18
Introduction and recent events in European Security

- NATO Introduction: NATO and Austerity, RAND Report
  http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB9675/index1.html

January 25
Defining European Security
Required readings:

- Cameron Chapter 1. (will post on Blackboard)
- Foreign Policy: “Saving NATO from Europe” and “Nothing to Fear”

Recommended readings:


February 1
European Security During the Cold War

Required readings:

- Stanley Sloan, Permanent Alliance? NATO and the Transatlantic Bargain from Truman to Obama, p. 3-89.

February 8
European National Security Interests and Capabilities

Presentation 1: France’s national security interests
Presentation 2: Germany’s national security interests
Presentation 3: UK’s national security interests
**Presentation 4:** Poland's national security interests

**Required readings:**

- Cameron Chapter 5

**Recommended readings:**


February 15
Post-Cold War European Security: Balkan Wars
Guest lecture: Professor Stephen Kinzer

Required readings:
• Stanley Sloan, *Permanent Alliance? NATO and the Transatlantic Bargain from Truman to Obama*, pp. 147-186 (Chapter 8).

Recommended readings:
February 22
Post-Cold War European Security: NATO Strategic Reviews and NATO Expansion

Presentation 5: Partnership for Peace and NATO expansion

- Stanley Sloan, Permanent Alliance? NATO and the Transatlantic Bargain from Truman to Obama, pp. 147-186 (Chapter 6).
- Economist, The. 2007. “Berlin Minus. There is no excuse for the failure of NATO and the EU to talk to each other.” (February 8): 34.

March 1
The Transatlantic Relationship and the Iraq War (Take home midterm assigned – due March 8)

Presentation 6: US-European security relationship since the Iraq War.
Presentation 7: NATO interests, strategy, and outcomes in out of area missions such as Afghanistan and Libya.

Required readings:
- Sloan, Chapter 11.
- Jones, Chapter 7.
- Cameron, Chapter 7.
- Shapiro, Jeremy, and Nick Witney. Towards a Post-American Europe: A Power Audit of EU-U.S. Relations, Brussels: European Council on Foreign Relations, 2009, available online at: http://ecfr.3cdn.net/05b80f1a80154dfc64_x1m6bgxc2.pdf

Recommended readings:
- NATO. “Active Engagement, Modern Defence: Strategic Concept For the Defence and Security of the Members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Adopted by the
Heads of State and Government in Lisbon” (November 2010), available online at: http://www.nato.int/lisbon2010/strategic-concept-2010-eng.pdf


March 8 (Take home midterm due)
The EU and European Defense

Presentation 8: EU Defense Institutions: The European Defense Agency
Presentation 9: EU Defense Institutions: EU Military Staff
Presentation 10: EU Defense Institutions: EU PSC

Required readings:
- Jones, pages 1-56.
• Sloan, Chapter 10.
• Cameron, Chapters 2, 3, and 5

Recommended readings:
• Vlasta Parkanova, “In Some Ways, the European Defence Agency is Stronger than NATO,” Europe’s World, Spring 2009.

SPRING BREAK

March 22
Military and Civilian Crisis Management

Presentation 11: The EU Military Mission Atalanta
Presentation 12: The EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo
Presentation 13: EU Military Operation in the Republic of Chad and the Central African Republic
Presentation 14: EU Police Mission in Afghanistan

• Cameron, Chapter 12
Jolyon Howorth, CSDP and NATO Post-Libya: Towards the Rubicon?  

Recommended readings:


March 29

**European Foreign Policy and the EU External Action Service**

**Presentation 15: European External Action Service**

- Cameron, Chapter 4

Recommended:

• Jeffrey Lewis, “EU Policy on Iraq: The Collapse and Reconstruction of Consensus-Based Foreign Policy,” International Politics, Vol. 46, No. 4 (July 2009), pp. 432-450

April 5 – No Class, paper research and schedule individual meetings with professor over research topics

April 12
Counter-terrorism, Immigration, and Homeland Security

Presentation 16: Counter-terrorism in Europe
Presentation 17: EU border control and FRONTEX

Required readings:
• Cameron, Chapter 13.

Recommended readings:
• Daniel Keohane, The EU and Counter-Terrorism, London: Centre for European Reform, May 2005.
• European Council “Fight against terrorism” http://ue.eu.int/cms3_fo/showPage.asp?id=406&lang=en&mode=g
• Counter terrorism at Euractiv.com:
April 19
Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Middle East

Presentation 18: European Neighborhood Policy
Presentation 19: Europe’s diplomatic relationship with Turkey, Israel, Iran, and other regional Middle Eastern powers.

Required readings
- Cameron, Chapters 8, 9

Recommended readings:
- Review the website of the European Neighborhood policy at http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/index_en.htm
- Börzel, Tanja A./Pamuk, Yasemin/Stahn, Andreas 2008: The European Union and the Promotion of Good Governance in its Near Abroad. One Size Fits All?, SFB-Governance Working Paper Series, No. 18, Research Center (SFB) 700, Berlin,
December 2008.

- Sabine Fischer, “The European Union and Security in the Black Sea Region after the Georgia Crisis,” Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, Vol. 9, No. 3 (September 2009), pp. 333-349

April 26th

**European Relations with Russia and China, Global Europe**

**Presentation 20:** EU-China relations (Human rights policy and trade)
**Presentation 21:** EU-Russia relations (energy policy and missile defense)
**Presentation 22:** EU-Africa relations (development and investment)

- Cameron, Chapters 10, 11
- Sloan Chapters 7, 9
• Jones, Chapter 4.

**Recommended readings (China)**

• Katinka Barysch (with Charles Grant and Mark Leonard), *Embracing the Dragon – The EU’s Partnership with China*, London: Centre for European Reform, May 2005.

**Recommended readings (Russia)**


May 3 (session during reading days)

Conclusions

*Cameron Chapter 14*

**Paper Presentation Workshop**