EU's "Hard Power" at Work: CSDP Operations

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Course Description and Objectives

The course is intended principally for students selecting International Relations (including sub-sectors such as security studies, strategic studies and geopolitics) and European Studies tracks. European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) Operations is an introductory course that aims to explain the nature of this policy area and its relevance for current developments in the field of security.

The European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) now EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and the missions that it engendered, is now beginning to mature. Current political and policy changes across the EU, as well as changing transatlantic and global relations, are factors that will influence the nature of ESDP missions (Gya 2007). This course aims to give a concise overview of past, present and planned operations, thereby indicating what will be on the agenda in 2011-2012 for ESDP.

Topics include:
- Historical and geopolitical context within which ESDP was launched
- ESDP institutional arrangements
- Military and civilian capabilities of CSDP
- The relationship between the EU and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- CSDP operations case by case
- Gender mainstreaming in the CSDP operations
- Communication in & on CSDP Operations
- Current and future challenges for the CSDP

This is a seminar course. Students will be expected to do the readings in advance and discuss them critically in class and online.
1) An Oral Presentation (40% of the grade)

2) Each Student has to write one reading sheet (4-5 pages 1.5 spaced) resuming one of the required readings of the week (40%).

3) Class Participation & Discussion (20% of the grade). Participation in this class is extremely important. The class participation grade will derive from regular attendance and everyday discussion and analysis. Please be aware that skipping class (unexcused absences) will impact your grade in this area.

**Week 1: Introduction**
Course objectives and work assignments.

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**Week 2:** The Saint Malo Declaration and the Birth of ESDP
Presentation (1) EU’s Soft Power
Presentation (2) The EU’s CFSP and CSDP

**Week 3:** The Institutional Set-Up of the ESDP
Presentation (3) Analyzing Europe’s role in International Relations
Presentation (4) Europeanization of national foreign policies (UK, France, Germany)

**Week 4:** The Lisbon Treaty and the new provisions for EU - CSDP
Presentation (5) The Lisbon Treaty and the CSDP (including CFSP at large)
Presentation (6) EU’s transformation from a civilian power to a strategic actor

**Week 5:** The Evolution of Civilian and Military Capabilities
Presentation (7) What capabilities are the EU member States currently lacking?
Presentation (8) Current state of capabilities development: overview of European initiatives

**Week 6:** EU-NATO relations
Presentation (9) NATO and European security
Presentation (10) Europe & USA

**Week 7:** Crisis Management and Communication in ESDP Operations
Presentation (11) Communication & Development of CSDP: what links?
Presentation (12) How effective is the EU’s communication strategy? (focus on CSDP missions, case studies)

**Week 8:** Main areas of EU’s foreign policy: Middle East, Mediterranean Region and Africa
Presentation (13) Middle East: Transatlantic Perspectives
Presentation (14) Africa: Transatlantic Perspectives

**Week 9:** Case studies: ALTHEA BiH & EULEX Kosovo
Presentation (15) Althea BiH
Presentation (16) EULEX Kosovo

**Week 10:** Case studies: EUFOR RD Congo & EUNAVFOR Somalia
Presentation (17) EUFOR Congo
Presentation (18) EUNAVFOR Somalia

**Week 11:** Challenges and Opportunities for the ESDP
Presentation (19) NATO Strategic Concept/Lisbon Treaty
Presentation (20) EU: a Civilian Power?

**Week 12:** EU as an International Actor
Presentation (21) Challenges for EU as an International Actor
SUGGESTED READINGS


