



American University European Union Program Fall 2015

SYLLABUS

NATO AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS (Course Number SISA-333-001S)

This course is an in-depth study of the role of NATO and other international security organizations in the global security architecture of the world. Since the end of the Cold War, the global security environment has grown increasingly complex. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) remains the cornerstone of European security, but it is a different kind of alliance than in the days of the Cold War. The UN Security Council remains pre-eminent in legitimizing military operations, but is often sidelined and ignored. A variety of other international organizations have moved into the security field, like the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the International Criminal Court, not to mention the European Union. What will the architecture of international security arrangements look like in the future? That is the question that this course examines.

Course Structure

This course is taught by Dr. Jamie Shea, a high-ranking official of NATO, who is uniquely placed to give you insight into the current debates over international security. The course begins by examining how the international security arrangements have evolved since the end of the Cold War. It will examine the new conflicts that Europe faces. Of course, it will also study the major international organizations that govern global security arrangements. During the program field trips, the program will visit several of the international organizations discussed in this class. Dr. Shea will also offer four optional evening seminars, which will deal with certain global security challenges, such as terrorism and countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Course Requirements

Dr. Shea is an Oxford-educated European professor, and he will evaluate your academic performance in the European-style. That is, you will have one final examination, which will be held on **Friday, 11 December**.

Readings and Topics Covered

The readings for this course will consist of scholarly journals that Dr. Shea will distribute at each class meeting. The scholarly articles go into greater depth on the topics that Dr. Shea will discuss, and the arguments made in these articles will be taken into account in the final examination. The topics Dr. Shea will cover are:

- Topic I: The Changing Nature of Global Security Threats
- Topic II: Lessons Learned from UN Peacekeeping, the Balkans, Afghanistan, other NATO Interventions
- Topic III: The UN Security Council
- Topic IV: Russia and the West
- Topic V: The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
- Topic VI: The Changing Face of NATO
- Topic VII: The Challenge of Emerging threats for NATO, the UN, the EU, and the international community as a whole
- Topic VIII: EU Defence and NATO.
- Topic IX: The proliferation of weapons of Mass Destruction and the international community's response to Iran, North Korea, and Syria.
- Topic X: Arms control and the role of international organizations that police arms control treaties
- Topic XI: The role of organizations which promote democracy, human rights, and justice for victims of war crimes

Contacting Professor Shea

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