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**Descriptions:** Human security is an interdisciplinary field that conceptualizes security from a multidisciplinary and multivariate perspectives. Its primary focus is on individuals and it identifies different threats faced by human beings around the globe. Aimed at understanding and mitigating/alleviating these threats, human security offers different theoretical applications. It is a new paradigm that emerged in the post-Cold-War world political order.

The New Dimensions of Human Security is a multidisciplinary undergraduate course that offers basic understanding about human security. It focuses on the theoretical tenets and various components of human security. The course also focuses on the distinctions between human security and other policy frameworks including national security, human development, and human rights. The course will introduce students to the various implications of the subject matter to the contemporary global economic, environmental, social, political, and humanitarian issues.

**Course's Objectives:** At the end of the course, students will be able to enjoy having comprehensive understanding about the existing literature on different aspects of human security. In addition, students at the end of the course will have the ability to apply different theoretical tools for critically analyzing the contemporary global and international issues. Class participation and weekly presentations will enable students to strengthen and expand their skills of constructing arguments or counter arguments on the issues that threaten security of individuals around the world.

**Course Structure:** The course follows a systematic (step by step) flow. The first week offers an in-depth introduction to human security. The subsequent three classes scrutinize the differences between human security and other policy frameworks including national security, human development, and human rights. The fifth and sixth classes discuss the responsibilities on the shoulders of both of international community and nation states with regard to the security of human

beings. The last section of the course is a series of classes that examine different components on human security.

**Readings:** The readings for every class are arranged into two groups. The first is required readings that offer comprehensive insights about the given topic of the week. Every student is required to complete the readings and come to class prepared for incisive participation. The second group of readings (Topics for Student Presentations) is relevant to the given topic of the week. Each of these readings will be assigned to a student in the beginning of the course and she/he will make a PowerPoint presentation for ten 10 minutes. Other students are not required to go through this group of readings; however it is in the best interests of students to manage their time and go through these readings, as well.

**Assignments:** Students evaluation will be based on a series of criteria. **First** is class participation. All students are required to attend every class session well-prepared to take active part in the class discussions on the required readings. **Second** is the students' presentation. Throughout the course, every student will be given the opportunity to present an assigned topic in the class. The topics are listed below (Topics for student presentation). There will be at least two students' presentations every week. **Third** is the mid-term exam. Students will be given a mid-term take home exam sometimes around mid of the semester. The exam will include a number of questions and students will have free hand in choosing a question to answer in a 1,500-1,750 words essay. **Fourth** is the final exam. It is a take home exam that will cover the second half of the course. Students will be given the option to choose one question from a number of questions and write a 1,750-2,000 words essay about it. Exam questions will be shared with students before the last class and the return is due on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Grading:**

Class Participation and attendance: 10%

Students Presentations: 25%

Mid-term Exam: 30%

Final Exam: 35%

**Course Materials:** This course is based on a mix of readings from certain books, journal articles, and reports of international organizations. Majority of the readings are from the following books:

1. Human Security: Concept and Implications, by Saharbanou Tadjbakhsh and Anuradha M.Chenoy
2. Human and Environmental Security: An Agenda for Change, by Felix Dodds and Tim Pippard
3. Development as Freedom, by Amartya Sen
4. Human Security in a Borderless World, by Derek Reveron and Tathleen Mahoney Horries
5. The Ultimate Weapon is No Weapon: Human Security and the New Rules of War and Peace, by Shannon D.Beebe. Mary Kaldor

All the readings will be accessible to students via blackboard

**Academic and Professional Integrity:** All forms of dishonesty, whether by act or omission, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism and knowingly furnishing false information to the University, are prohibited. Work submitted in courses must be the product of the efforts of the student presenting the work. Contributions of others to the finished work must be appropriately acknowledged.

**Disability Services:** If you have a documented disability you may be eligible for accommodations, in academic classes, the residence halls, food services areas, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Students are not permitted to negotiate accommodations directly with professors. To receive accommodations or assistance, please self-identify at the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS), Duffy Hall, Room 67. The staff at DSS will help you to develop a plan for accommodations. For more information contact DSS at (973)313-6003.

## **Course Outline:**

### **September 04, 2015: Course Orientation**

- Introduction of Class participants, course outline, discussion of course aims and contents, grading and assignments, assigning class presentations, questions

### **September 11, 2015: Introduction to Human Security**

#### **Required Readings:**

- Saharbanou Tadjbakhsh and Anuradha M.Chenoy. Human Security: Concept and Implications (Chapter 1 and 2)
- Human Security in Theory and Practice: Application of the Human Security Concept and the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security (Chapter 1: the Concept of Human Security and Its Added Values)

#### **Students Presentation Topics:**

- Commission on Human Security. Human Security Now 2003 (Chapter 1: Human Security Now)
- Des Gasper. Securing Humanity: Situating 'Human Security' as Concept and Discourse. Journal of Human Development Vol. 6, No. 2, July 2005

### **September 18, 2015: National Security and Human Security**

#### **Required Readings:**

- Sharbanou Tadjbakhsh and Anuradha M.Chenoy. Human Security: Concept and Implications (Chapter 3: A paradigm shift in security studies)
- Derek Reveron and Tathleen Mahoney Horries. Human Security in a Borderless World (Chapter 1, pp.1-21)
- Shannon D.Beebe. Mary Kaldor. The Ultimate Weapon is No Weapon: Human Security and the New Rules of War and Peace (Chapter: 2 &3)

#### **Students Presentation Topics:**

- Edward Newman. Critical Human Security Studies. Review of International Studies. (2010), 36.
- Roland Paris. Human Security: Paradigm Shift or Hot Air? International Security, Vol. 26, No. 2 (Fall, 2001), pp. 87-102

### **September 25, 2015: Human Security and Human Development**

#### **Required Readings:**

- Sharbanou Tadjbakhsh. Human Security", Human Development Insights, Issue Number 17, UNDP HDR Networks February 2008
- Sharbanou Tadjbakhsh and Anuradha M.Chenoy. Human Security: Concept and Implications (Chapter 4: Human Security and Human Development: Shadow or Threshold)
- Meghnad Desai. Human Development: Concepts and Measurements. European Economics Review 35 (1991), pp.350-357

#### **Students Presentation Topics:**

- Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. United Nations
- Amartya Sen. Development as Freedom. Oxford University Press. 200. (Chapter 2: The ends and the means of development)

### **October 02, 2015: Human Security and Human Rights**

- Sharbanou Tadjbakhsh and Anuradha M.Chenoy. Human Security: Concept and Implications (Chapter 5: Human Security and Human Rights)
- Gerd Oberleitner. Human Security and Human Rights. Occasional Paper Series. Issue No.8, June 2002
- Bertrand Ramcharan. Human Rights and Human Security. Disarmament Forum. 1. 2004, pp.39-47

#### **Students Presentation Topics:**

- Amartya Sen. Development as Freedom (Chapter 10: Cultural and Human Rights)
- Jack Donnelly. Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice (Chapter 6: Human Rights and Cultural Relativism)

### **October 09, 2015: Human Security and the Responsibility of International Community**

- Sharbanou Tadjbakhsh and Anuradha M.Chenoy.(Chapter 8: Intervention, engagement, and the responsibilities of the international community)
- Commission on Human Security. Human Security Now. 2003, NY (Chapter 2: People Caught up in Violent Conflicts)
- Gareth Evans. The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity Crimes Once and for All. Irish Studies in International Affairs, Vol. 20 (2009), 7-13.

#### **Students Presentation Topics:**

- Bellamy, Alex J. The Responsibility to Protect—Five Years On. Ethics & International Affairs, Vol. 24, No. 2 (Summer 2010), pp. 143–69
- Carsten Stahn. Responsibility to Protect: Political Rhetoric or Emerging Legal Norm?. The American Journal of International Law, Vol. 101, No. 1 (Jan., 2007), pp. 99-120

### **October 16, 2015: Human Security and State Responsibilities**

- Sharbanou Tadjbakhsh and Anuradha M.Chenoy.(Chapter 8: The state and its domestic responsibilities)
- Lloyd Axworthy.Human Security and Global Governance: Putting People First. Global Governance, Vol. 7, No. 1 (Jan.–Mar. 2001), pp. 19-23
- Kofi Annan. Two Concepts of Sovereignty. The Economist. 1999

#### **Students Presentation Topics:**

- Ramesh Thakur. Outlook: Intervention, Sovereignty and the Responsibility to Protect: Experiences from ICISS. Security Dialogue vol. 33, no. 3, September 2002, pp.223-240
- Charles R. Beitz. The Moral Standing of States Revisited. Ethics and International Affairs

### **October 23, 2015: Operationalizing Human Security**

- Kanti Bajpai. Human Security: Concept and Measurement. Kroc Institute Occasional Paper#19:OP:1. 2000
- Human Security in Theory and Practice: Application of the Human Security Concept and the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security (Chapter 2: How to Operationalize the Human Security Concept)
- Commission on Human Security. Human Security Now. 2003, NY (Chapter 8: Ways to Advance the Security of People)

### **Students Presentation Topics:**

- Gary King and Christopher Murray. Rethinking Human Security. *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol.116, No.4.2001-02.

### **October 30, 2015: Environmental Security:**

- Felix Dodds and Tim Pippard. *Human and Environmental Security: An Agenda for Change*. (Chapter 8: Climate Change: Emerging Insecurities. By Melinda Kimble)
- Derek Reviron and Kathleen Mahoney Horris. *Human Security in a Borderless World*. (Chapter 4: Environmental Security)
- Felix Dodds and Tim Pippard. *Human and Environmental Security: An Agenda for Change*. (Chapter 17. Human and Environmental Rights: The Need for Corporate Accountability)

### **Students Presentation Topics:**

- Jon Barnett. Security and climate change. *Global Environmental Change* 13 (2003) 7–17
- Jon Barnett and W. Neil Adger. Climate change, human security and violent conflict. *Political Geography* 26 (2007) 639e655

### **November 06, 2015: Food Security**

- Felix Dodds and Tim Pippard. *Human and Environmental Security: An Agenda for Change*. (Chapter 12: Food Security. By Henrique Cavalcanti)
- Per Pinstrup-Andersen. Food security: definition and measurement. *Food Sec.* (2009) 1:5–7. DOI 10.1007/s12571-008-0002-y
- Josef Schmidhuber and Francesco N. Tubiello. *Global Food Security under Climate Change*. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, Vol. 104, No. 50 (Dec. 11, 2007), pp. 19703-19708
- Christopher B. Barrett. Measuring Food Insecurity. *Science* vol.327 12 February 2010

### **Students Presentation Topics:**

- Amartya Sen. *Development as Freedom*. (Chapter 7: Famines and Other Crises)
- Amartya Sen. *Development as Freedom*. (Chapter 9: Population, food, and freedom)

### **November 13, 2015: Economic Security**

- Commission on Human Security. *Human Security Now*. 2003, NY (Chapter 5: Economic security—the power to choose among opportunities)
- Felix Dodds and Tim Pippard. *Human and Environmental Security: An Agenda for Change*. (Chapter 6: Globalization, Poverty and Security. By Jan Pronk)
- Derek Reviron and Kathleen Mahoney Horris. *Human Security in a Borderless World*. (Chapter 3: Economic Security)

### **Students Presentation Topics:**

- Gustav Ranis, et al. *Economic Growth and Human Development*. *World Development* Vol. 28, No. 2, pp. 197±219, 2000
- Amartya Sen. *Development as Freedom*. (Chapter 4: Poverty as Capability Deprivation)

### **November 20, 2015: Political, Personal and Community Securities**

- Derek Reviron and Kathleen Mahoney Horris. *Human Security in a Borderless World*. (Chapter 2: Civic Security)
- Sharbanou Tadjbakhsh and Anuradha M.Chenoy. *Human Security: Concept and Implications* (Chapter 6: Underdevelopment and Conflict: A vicious Cycle)

**Students Presentation Topics:**

- Felix Dodds and Tim Pippard. Human and Environmental Security: An Agenda for Change. (Chapter 3: Human Security and the War on Terror)
- Felix Dodds and Tim Pippard. Human and Environmental Security: An Agenda for Change. (Chapter 5: Women, War and Peace: Mobilizing for Security and Justice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century)

**November 27, 2015: No Class (Thanksgiving Recess)****December 04, 2015: Health Security**

- Commission on Human Security. Human Security Now. 2003, NY (Chapter 6: Better Health for Human Security)
- Derek Reveron and Kathleen Mahoney Horris. Human Security in a Borderless World. (Chapter 6: Health Security)
- Christine Durbak and Claudia Strauss. Securing a Healthier World. In 'Human and Environmental Security: An Agenda for Change'. Ed. Felix Dodds and Tim Pippard

**Students Presentation Topics:**

- Zaryab Iqbal. Health and Human Security: The Public Health Impact of Violent Conflict. *International Studies Quarterly* (2006) 50, 631–649
- Colin McInnes and Kelley Lee. Health, Security and Foreign Policy. *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 32, No. 1 (Jan., 2006), pp. 5-23

**December 11, 2015: Education and Human Security**

- Commission on Human Security. Human Security Now. 2003, NY (Chapter 7: Knowledge, Skills and Values for Human Security)
- Amartya Sen. Basic Education and Human Security.

**Students Presentation Topics:**

- Madoka Saito. Amartya Sen's Capability Approach to Education: A Critical Exploration. *Journal of Philosophy of Education*, Vol. 37, No. 1, 2003
- Paul Morris. Asia's Four Little Tigers: A Comparison of the Role of Education in their Development. *Comparative Education Volume 32 No. 1 1996* pp. 95-109

**December 18, 2015:**

Due date for submitting final take home exam (No class)