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SECURITY ONTOLOGY  
(GGOV CONFLICT AND SECURITY CORE COURSE I—THEORY)

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**Course Description and Objective:** This is a seminar in the ontology of security. Security is a contested concept, and in this course we ask what it is and how best to pursue it. What do we mean by security? What are we trying to protect? From what? Why? How do we do it? We begin by considering the concept of security in the abstract, and we then proceed to explore various specific conceptions. Along the way we encounter both traditional and non-traditional approaches to security. This course is recommended for doctoral students in the Global Governance Ph.D. Conflict and Security stream whose theory background is limited. It is recommended for Master's students with interests in security theory.

**Course Format:** Seminar, Tuesdays 12:30-2:20 in EV1225.

**Requirements:** A member of the seminar will be responsible for kicking off discussion of an item on the reading list every week. There are two written assignments. The first will be a short paper (a maximum of two double-spaced pages) due at the end of the fourth week of class, the title of which will be "Why I am [not] anthropocentric." This paper is a statement and explanation of how you conceive of the value of human life vis-à-vis other things that might be of value. The second will be a paper of whatever length you feel appropriate on one of the security referents we consider during the course. I will provide more detailed guidance on the paper assignments closer to their due dates.

	Value	Due	Lateness penalty
Short paper, 2 pages maximum (double-spaced)	20%	Friday, Oct. 8, 2010 (11:59 pm)	2 percent per day, weekends and holidays included.
Final paper (no length limit)	40%	Friday, Dec. 3, 2010 (11:59 pm)	2 percent per day, weekends and holidays included.
Discussion kick-offs	20%	Various	Not applicable.
Participation	20%	Throughout	Not applicable.

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### **COURSE SCHEDULE AND REQUIRED READINGS**

Most of the readings can be obtained electronically through the University of Waterloo’s “eReserves” system: <http://www.ereserves.uwaterloo.ca/ereservesSearch.cfm>. They are listed under course number GGOV630/PSCI678. Readings that cannot be obtained electronically are available on short-term loan (3 hours) at Porter Library. You should also be able to access the course material through the UW Library Course Reserves link on the GGOV630 UW-ACE Resources page. Some of the readings are available on the Internet; I have included URLs below.

#### **Week 1, September 14. Course introduction**

General orientation to the course. No assigned readings.

## **Week 2, September 21. Security and securitization**

1. Jessica T. Mathews, "Redefining Security," *Foreign Affairs* 68, No. 2 (1989), pp. 162-77.
2. Barry Smith "John Searle: From Speech Acts to Social Reality," in Barry Smith, ed., *John Searle* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp. 1-33,  
<http://ontology.buffalo.edu/smith/articles/SearleIntro.pdf>
3. Ken Booth, "Security and Emancipation," *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 17, No. 4 (Oct. 1991), pp. 313-326.
4. Barry Buzan, Ole Wæver, and Jaap de Wilde, *Security: A New Framework for Analysis* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1998), pp. 21-47.
5. Daniel Deudney, "The Case against Linking Environmental Degradation and National Security," *Millennium*, Vol. 19, No. 3 (1990), pp. 461-476.

## **Week 3, September 28. What is worth securing, and why?**

1. M. Bernstein, "Intrinsic Value," *Philosophical Studies: An International Journal for Philosophy in the Analytic Tradition*, Vol. 102, No. 3 (2001), pp. 329-343.
2. Ruth Cigman, "Death, Misfortune, and Species Inequality," *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (1981), pp. 47-64.
3. Steven F. Sapontzis, "What's More Important?" *Essays in Philosophy*, Vol. 5, No. 2 (2004),  
<http://www.humboldt.edu/~essays/sapontzis.html>.
4. Wendy Lynne Lee, "The Aesthetic Appreciation of Nature, Scientific Objectivity, and the Standpoint of the Subjugated: Anthropocentrism Reimagined," *Ethics Place and Environment*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (2005), pp. 235-250.
5. J. Stan Rowe, "Ethical Ecosphere," <http://www.ecospherics.net/pages/RoEthicalEcosp.html>.

## **Week 4, October 5. Ecospheric security I: Referents and values**

1. James E. Lovelock, "Hands Up for the Gaia Hypothesis," *Nature* 344, March 8, 1990, pp. 100-102.
2. Axel Kleidon, "Beyond Gaia: Thermodynamics of Life and Earth System Functioning," *Climatic Change*, Vol. 66, No. 3 (2004), pp. 271-319.
3. James W. Kirchner, "The Gaia Hypothesis: Conjectures and Refutations," *Climatic Change*, Vol. 58, No. 1/2 (2003), pp. 21-45.
4. Arne Naess, "The Deep Ecological Movement: Some Philosophical Aspects," pp. 64-84, in George Sessions, ed., *Deep Ecology for the 21st Century* (Boston: Shambhala, 1995).
5. Jerry A. Stark, "Postmodern Environmentalism: A Critique of Deep Ecology," in Bron Raymond Taylor, ed., *Ecological Resistance Movements: The Global Emergence of Radical and Popular Environmentalism* (Albany: SUNY Press, 1997), pp. 259-81.

### **Week 5, October 12. Ecospheric security II: Threats**

1. Daniel Gilbert, "If only gay sex caused global warming: Why we're more scared of gay marriage and terrorism than a much deadlier threat," *Los Angeles Times*, July 2, 2006, <http://www.commondreams.org/views06/0702-26.htm>.
2. David M. Wilkinson, "Catastrophes on Daisyworld," *TRENDS in Ecology and Evolution*, Vol. 18, No. 6 (2003), pp. 266-268.
3. James Hansen et al., "Earth's Energy Imbalance: Confirmation and Implications," *Science*, Vol. 308 (2005), pp. 1431-1435.
4. L. Hunter Lovins and Amory B. Lovins, "Pathway to Sustainability: Natural Capitalism Offers Our Best Hope for Achieving a Sustainable Future," *Forum for Applied Research and Public Policy*, Vol. 15, No. 4 (Winter 2000), pp. 13-22.
5. Peter W. Huber, *Hard Green: Saving the Environment from the Environmentalists: A Conservative Manifesto* (New York: Basic Books, 1999), pp. xi-xxi, 101-117.
6. Peter Jacques, "The Rearguard of Modernity: Environmental Skepticism as a Struggle of Citizenship," *Global Environmental Issues*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (2006), pp. 76-101.
7. Stephen Dovers and John W. Handmer, "Ignorance, the Precautionary Principle, and Sustainability," *Ambio*, Vol. 24, No. 2 (March 1995), pp. 92-97.

### **Week 6, October 19. State security I: Referents and values**

1. Michael Walzer, "The Moral Standing of States: A Response to Four Critics," *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, Vol. 9, No. 2 (1980), pp. 209-229.
2. Martha C. Nussbaum, ed., *For the Love of Country?* (Boston: Beacon Press, 2002). pp. ix-29, 72-77, 85-90 (essays by Nussbaum, Appiah, Himmelfarb, Pinsky).
3. Daniel B. Klein, "The People's Romance: Why People Love the Government (as Much as They Do)," *The Independent Review*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (2005), pp. 5-37.
4. David Rodin, *War and Self-Defense* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2002), pp. 141-162.
5. Charles Tilly, "War Making and State Making as Organized Crime," in Peter B. Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer and Theda Skocpol, eds., *Bringing the State Back In* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985) pp. 169-191.

### **Week 7, October 26. State security II: Threats**

1. The National Security Strategy of the United States of America (September 2002).
2. The National Security Strategy of the United States of America (March 2006).
3. U.S. Department of State, *Country Reports on Terrorism 2008*, pp. 8-12
4. National Counterterrorism Center, *Annex of Statistical Information*, 20 March 2009.

5. "Is Major War Obsolete? An Exchange," *Survival*, Vol. 41, No. 2 (Summer 1999), pp. 139-52.
6. James G. Blight and David A. Welch, "Risking 'the Destruction of Nations': Lessons of the Cuban Missile Crisis for New and Aspiring Nuclear States," *Security Studies*, vol. 4, no. 4 (Summer 1995), pp. 811-850.
7. Nuclear Posture Review [excerpts] (8 January 2002).  
<http://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/policy/dod/npr.htm>

### **Week 8, November 2. Cultural security I: Referents and values**

1. Johan Galtung, "On the Social Costs of Modernization: Social Disintegration, Atomie/Anomie and Social Development" (United Nations Research Institute for Social Development Discussion Paper, May 1995),  
[http://www.unrisd.org/unrisd/website/document.nsf/\(httpPublications\)/03ECD7C3823352BD80256B67005B6779?OpenDocument](http://www.unrisd.org/unrisd/website/document.nsf/(httpPublications)/03ECD7C3823352BD80256B67005B6779?OpenDocument).
2. Will Kymlicka, "Culturally Responsive Policies," Background Paper for HDR2004 (Human Development Report Office, 2004/05),  
[http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2004/papers/HDR2004\\_Will\\_Kymlicka.pdf](http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2004/papers/HDR2004_Will_Kymlicka.pdf).
3. Jose A Del Pilar and Jocelynda O. Udasco, "Deculturation: Its Lack of Validity," *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, Vol. 10, No. 2 (2004), pp. 169-176.

### **Week 9, November 9. Cultural security II: Threats**

1. Robert van Krieken, "Rethinking Cultural Genocide: Aboriginal Child Removal and Settler-Colonial State Formation," *Oceania*, Vol. 75, No. 2 (2004), pp. 125-151.
2. Barry Sautman, "Tibet: Myths and Realities," *Current History*, Vol. 100, No. 647 (2001), pp. 278-283.
3. C. J. W.-L. Wee, "Capitalism and Ethnicity: Creating 'Local' Culture in Singapore," *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (2000), pp. 129-143.
4. Steven Leonard Jacobs, "Language Death and Revival after Cultural Destruction: Reflections on a Little Discussed Aspect of Genocide," *Journal of Genocide Research*, Vol. 7, No. 3 (2005), pp. 423-430.
5. Bron Taylor, "Earthen Spirituality or Cultural Genocide? Radical Environmentalism's Appropriation of Native American Spirituality," *Religion*, Vol. 27, No. 2 (1997), pp. 183-216.

### **Week 10, November 16. Human security I: Referents and values**

1. "New Dimensions of Human Security," in United Nations Development Program, Human Development Report 1994, [http://hdr.undp.org/en/media/hdr\\_1994\\_en\\_chap2.pdf](http://hdr.undp.org/en/media/hdr_1994_en_chap2.pdf).
2. Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, "Human Security Program," 12 May 2006.

3. John Daudelin and Fen Osler Hampson, *Human Security and Development Policy, 1999* (Ottawa: CIDA Policy Branch Strategic Planning Division).
4. Roland Paris, "Human Security: Paradigm Shift or Hot Air?" in Michael Brown et al. eds., *New Global Dangers: Changing Dimensions of International Security* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, 2004), pp. 249-64.

**Week 11, November 23. Human security II: Threats**

1. Andrew Price-Smith and the John Daly, "Downward Spiral: HIV/AIDS, State Capacity, and Political Conflict in Zimbabwe," *Peaceworks* No. 53 (Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace, 2004).
2. Patrick Moore, "Murder and Hypocrisy," *Advocate*, 31 January 2006, pp. 36-37.
3. J. Ann Tickner, "Feminist Perspectives on 9/11," *International Studies Perspectives*, Vol. 3, No. 4 (2002), pp. 333-350.
4. Mary Lynne Gasaway Hill, "Re-Shaping Our Words, Re-Shaping Our World: Crimes against Humanity and Other Signs of the Times," *The Social Science Journal*, Vol. 39, No. 4 (2002), pp. 539-557.
5. Richard Maclure and Myriam Denov, "'I Didn't Want to Die So I Joined Them': Structuration and the Process of Becoming Boy Soldiers in Sierra Leone," *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (2006), pp. 119-135.

**Week 12, November 30. Conclusion: Security interactions**

1. C. S. Holling, "Understanding the Complexity of Economic, Ecological, and Social Systems," *Ecosystems*, Vol. 4, No. 5 (2001), pp. 390-405.
2. Paul Starobin, "Rethinking Capitalism," *National Journal*, 18 January 1997, 106-109.
3. "Social Cohesion and Demographic Challenges," "Europe is Running Low on Children," and "Turning the Age Pyramid on its Head," *RTD Info*, No. 49 (May 2006), pp. 4-7, 11-13.
4. David L. Goodstein, "Chapter 1: The Future," and "Chapter 2: Energy Myths and a Brief History of Energy," *Out of Gas: The End of the Age of Oil* (New York: Norton, 2004), pp. 21-56.
5. "ITER takes its first steps," *RTD Info*, No. 49 (May 2006), pp. 18-21.