

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

**GGOV 631, POLITICAL SCIENCE 679**  
**SECURITY GOVERNANCE**  
**(CONFLICT AND SECURITY CORE COURSE II:**  
**ACTORS, INSTITUTIONS, AND ISSUES)**  
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**Course Description and Objective:** We begin the course by exploring the relevant configurations of actors and institutions that attempt to deal with “security” issues on the global agenda. We then move to explore various specific issues—both traditional and non-traditional—and examine recent and possible future institutional and policy responses. Part I of the course (actors and institutions) will be run as a traditional seminar. Each student will be responsible for kicking off the discussion of at least one of the assigned readings. In Part II, students will run the course themselves, taking turns presenting their research on the specific issues that they are exploring in their research papers. The set of issues that will be covered will depend upon the specific interests of the students, but may include (for example) nuclear proliferation, terrorism, intrastate conflict, resource and territorial disputes, climate change, drugs, disease, small arms, migration, human trafficking, the weaponization of space, etc. This course is recommended for doctoral students in the Global Governance Ph.D. Conflict and Security stream whose policy background is limited. It is recommended for Master’s students with interests in security policy. PSCI 659 *Security Ontology* is recommended (but not required) preparation.

**Course Format, Time, and Location:** Seminar, Tuesdays 12:30-2:20 in PAS 2085.

**Requirements:**

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Lateness penalty</b>
Research paper proposal (6 pages maximum, double-spaced)	15%	Friday, Jan. 21, 2010	2 percent per day, weekends and holidays included.
Research paper (25 pages maximum, double-spaced)	30%	Friday, April 1, 2010	2 percent per day, weekends and holidays included.
Discussion kick-offs	10%	Various	Not applicable.
In-class research presentation	20%	Various	Not applicable.
Participation	25%	Throughout	Not applicable.

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## COURSE SCHEDULE AND REQUIRED READINGS

### Week 1, January 4. Course introduction

General orientation to the course. No assigned readings.

### Week 2, January 11. Thinking about security governance

Emilian Kavalski, "The Complexity of Global Security Governance: An Analytical Overview," *Global Society*, Vol. 22, No. 4 (October 2008), pp. 423-443.

Elke Krahmhann, "Security Governance and Networks: New Theoretical Perspectives in Transatlantic Security," *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (Apr 2005), pp. 15-30.

Marc Saxer, "Security Governance in a Post-Sovereign World," *Internationale Politik und Gesellschaft*, No. 3 (2008), pp. 28-42.

Nils Bubandt, "Vernacular Security: The Politics of Feeling Safe in Global, National and Local Worlds," *Security Dialogue*, Vol. 36, No. 3 (September 2005), pp. 275-296

M. Webber, S. Croft, and J. Howorth, "The Governance of European Security," *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (2004), pp. 3-26.

## PART I. ACTORS AND INSTITUTIONS

### Week 3, January 18. States and IOs as security actors

Emanuel Adler, and Patricia Greve, "When Security Community Meets Balance of Power: Overlapping Regional Mechanisms of Security Governance," *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 35, No. SI (February 2009), pp. 59-84.

Brett Ashley Leeds, and Sezi Anac, "Alliance Institutionalization and Alliance Performance," *International Interactions*, Vol. 31, No. 3 (July-September 2005), pp. 183-202.

T. L. Chapman, "Audience Beliefs and International Organization Legitimacy," *International Organization*, Vol. 63, No. 4 (October 2009), pp. 733-764.

Veronica M. Kitchen, "Argument and Identity Change in the Atlantic Security Community," *Security Dialogue*, Vol. 40, No. 1 (February 2009), pp. 95-114.

#### **Week 4, January 25. Supranational and nonstate security actors**

Mette Sangiovanni, "Transnational Networks and New Security Threats," *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (Apr 2005), pp. 7-13

Emil J. Kirchner, "The Challenge of European Union Security Governance," *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol. 44, No. 5 (December 2006), pp. 947-968

Anna Leander, and Rens van Munster, "Private Security Contractors in the Debate about Darfur: Reflecting and Reinforcing Neo-Liberal Governmentality," *International Relations*, Vol. 21, No. 2 (June 2007), pp. 201-216

Christopher Spearin, "Private, Armed and Humanitarian? States, NGOs, International Private Security Companies and Shifting Humanitarianism," *Security Dialogue*, Vol. 39, No. 4 (August 2008), pp. 363-382

#### **Week 5, February 1. Global and extra-regional security governance**

Jack Donnelly, "Sovereign Inequalities and Hierarchy in Anarchy: American Power and International Society," *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 12, No. 2 (June 2006), pp. 139-170.

Elke Krahmhann, "American Hegemony or Global Governance? Competing Visions of International Security," *International Studies Review*, Vol. 7, No. 4 (December 2005), pp. 531-545.

Esther Barbé, "Multilateralism Matters More than Ever," *Global Society*, Vol. 23, No. 2 (April 2009), pp. 191-203.

Pascal Vennesson, Fabian Breuer, Chiara De Franco, and Ursula C. Schroeder, "Is There a European Way of War? Role Conceptions, Organizational Frames, and the Utility of Force," *Armed Forces & Society*, Vol. 35, No. 4 (July 2009), pp. 628-645.

#### **Week 6, February 8. Regional security governance**

Andrea Oelsner, "Consensus and Governance in Mercosur: The Evolution of the South American Security Agenda," *Security Dialogue*, Vol. 40, No. 2 (Apr 2009), pp. 191-212.

Tanya White, "Non-proliferation and Counter-terrorism Cooperation in Southeast Asia: Meeting Global Obligations through Regional Security Architectures?," *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Vol. 28, No. 1 (2006/04/01 2006), pp. 1-26.

David Capie, "Localization as Resistance: The Contested Diffusion of Small Arms Norms in Southeast Asia," *Security Dialogue*, Vol. 39, No. 6 (December 2008), pp. 637-658

Rita Abrahamsen, and Michael C. Williams, "Public/Private, Global/Local: The Changing Contours of Africa's Security Governance," *Review of African Political Economy*, Vol. 35, No. 118 (December 2008), pp. 539-553

Niagale Bagoyoko, and Marie V. Gibert, "The Linkage between Security, Governance and Development: the European Union in Africa," *The Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 45, No. 5 (May 2009), pp. 789-823

## **PART II. ISSUES**

**Week 7, February 15**

**Week 8, March 1**

**Week 9, March 8**

**Week 10, March 15**

**Week 11, March 22**

} Student presentations  
(schedule and readings TBA)

**Week 12, March 29. Conclusion**

General discussion of course themes. No assigned readings.