

Program of the subject:

DEFENSE AND SECURITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

(BRI0093)

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Objective

This course examines the nexus between international security, domestic security, and security and defense policies. The emphasis is on the problems of formulating and implementing security and defense policies. The course also explores contemporary developments related to terrorism and organized crime and their impacts on domestic and international security.

Syllabus

The course is structured in two parts: the first address the main concepts about international and subnational conflicts, while the second part aims to discuss with participants some of the most prominent contemporary challenges related to public security and defense.

The theme of Human Rights is present across the classes and as a specific topic of study, mainly when dealing with the problem of migration and displacement of populations in conflict areas. Other content covered is the threat posed by terrorism, organized crime and cybersecurity, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, security in the post-Cold War era, and asymmetric wars. In view of changes in the international security scenario, the course addresses the elements of national power that are available to defense policy makers and the strategic outcomes achieved at the national and international level.

Evaluation Method

The evaluation of the subject will be carried out through:

The delivery of a policy brief of a maximum of 6 pages about one of the study cases presented during the first day of class.
The policy brief must contain:



- a) Executive summary: summarizes the problem presented, most relevant data and the solution proposed by the student - 1p.;
- b) Problem Presentation: describes the problem presented, the main actors involved and what challenge the policy brief aims to solve in solving the problem - 2p.;
- c) Presentation of alternative solutions: indicates the possible alternative solutions for the challenge identified by the student, substantiating it based on bibliographic references - 2p.
- d) Final Considerations: presents the final considerations of the policy brief, reinforcing its central argument and the importance of solving the identified challenge - 1p; and
- e) Bibliographic References: indicate the bibliographic references used to prepare the policy brief.

The preliminary version of the policy brief is the delivery of what the student has produced regarding the following Topics: Presentation of the Problem and Presentation of alternative solutions. The focus of this stage is to help students guiding the final version of their Policy Brief.

The preliminary version of the policy brief will be presented by students in the second part of classes in September. In each class, a Case Study will be discussed.

Attachments will not be counted in the number of pages of the work.

Evaluation Criteria

Preliminary Version of the Policy Brief: **40% of the grade**

Final version of the Policy Brief: **60% of the grade**

In addition to these criteria, students must present an **attendance equal to or higher than 70% in the subject**, as indicated in article 84 of the USP General Regulations.



PROGRAM

CLASS 1

16/08

Presentation of the course and available cases for the policy brief

Opening Conference

23/08 17:00

Raul Jungmann

CLASS 2

30/08

Concepts of Nation, State and Nation-State

- Theories and elements of the State, National Power and its components
 - Sovereignty
 - Constitutional Foundations
 - Concepts of Geopolitics and Geostrategy
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CLASS 3

13/09

The Roots of War and the Paths to Peace

- National Values and Interests
- Non-Alignment, Balance of Power and Collective Security
- Forms of Power and their transformations
- Principles, formulation, objectives and decision-making process
- National Security Organizations
- Paramilitary organizations and civil defense
- Civil-military relations



CLASS 4

20/09

Security key-concepts

- National security
- Regional Security
- Comprehensive Security
- Common Security

CLASS 5

27/09

War

- Theories and causes of war
- Principles of war
- Contemporary War: Conventional War in the Nuclear Age, Limited War, Revolutionary War, Guerrilla, Insurgency and Counter-Insurgency.

CLASS 6

04/10

New threats

- Cybersecurity
- Irregular war
- Proliferation of weapons

CLASS 7

18/10

Human Security and the Inter-American Cooperation System

The human rights governance system

- Human Rights and Armed Conflicts
- The problem of internal armed conflicts
- International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute
- The refugee problem: causes of migration and populations in border areas and border security
- The Inter-American System for the Defense of Human Rights



CLASS 8

25/10

The Organized Crime x Terrorism nexus with a global transnational threat

CLASS 9

01/11

Illegal Markets for Goods and Services heavily regulated

- Legal drugs
 - Agricultural inputs
 - Environment
 - Legal differences between neighboring countries (case of alcohol and cigarettes)
 - Lack of knowledge of the extensive norms and documents in force by public agents and end consumers (lack of interinstitutional cooperation)
 - Challenges related to logistical issues and the perception of the crimes involved as a "public security/defense problem".
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CLASS 10

8/11

Final Presentation

Retake exam

22/11



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