

Course title: Human Security & Development

Spring Semester 2018

Course instructor: Dr. Éva Blénesi

Course description:

By focussing on key concerns related to human development, this course provides an insight on global vulnerabilities dealt in the context of security and human rights. It aims at providing a stimulating workshop-style atmosphere where students will have the opportunity to reflect critically and analogically on different policies and practices, new potentials and failures in human development issues relevant to contemporary crisis situations.

Methodology: Working sessions will consist of a short introductory debate on current global events followed by a documentary and/or PowerPoint presentation by the course instructor and a workshop-style, lively discussion involving all participants to the course. Learning from each other is a great opportunity and a *must*, therefore the course will be entirely designed to serve the interactive and enjoyable character of the meeting sessions.

WEEK ONE Session 1-2.

Discussion of the course structure, commitments, assessment, introducing ourselves, practice oriented issues, extra curricula activities: library facilities, planned group visits. Discussing potential outcomes from short-term and long-term perspective.

WEEK TWO Session 3-4

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Examining the possible linkages between human development, human rights and human security.

WEEK THREE Session 5-6

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Democracy in motion vs democratic deficit

WEEK FOUR Session 7-8

UNDERDEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SECURITY

People on the move and minorities at risk

WEEK FIVE Session 9-10.

HUMAN SECURITY AS A PRACTICAL POLICY FRAMEWORK

The objectives of human security

WEEK SIX Session 11-12.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING, DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY

Rethinking the politics of development from a gender perspective

WEEK SEVEN Session 13-14

HEALTH, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY

The right to adequate environment, food and healthcare

WEEK EIGHT Session 14-15

SPACIAL AND SOCIAL INEQUALITIES IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Eco racism

WEEK NINE Session 16-17

CREATIVITY, EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY

Safeguarding human fulfilment

WEEK TEN Session 18-19

CULTURAL DIMENSIONS OF HUMAN SECURITY

Value orientations and employment

WEEK ELEVEN session 20-21

CONTESTED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Social and environmental perspectives

WEEK TWELVE Session 22-23

VULNERABILITY AND RESILIENCE

Life strategies in an insecure world

WEEK THIRTEEN Session 24-25

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRESENTATIONS

WEEK FOURTEEN Session 26-27

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRESENTATIONS

ASSESSMENT: 50 % final presentations; 50% class activity

LIST OF RECCOMENDED READINGS:

Alston, Philip - Robinson, Mary (eds.) : Human Rights and development: towards mutual reinforcement. Oxford University Press, 2005
Reading Hall II./ Political Science CALL NO. 323.09.1724 ALS

Pippa, Norris: Democratic deficit: critical citizens revisited
New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011
Reading Hall II/ Political Science CALL NO. 321.8. NORR

Haggis, Jane (ed.)
Development: a cultural studies reader
Oxford: Blackwell, 2002
Reading Hall II/ Sociology CALL NO 306 SCHE

Hofstede, Gert H.: Cultures and organizations: software of the mind: intercultural cooperation and its importance for survival
New York: MC Grew – Hill, c2010
Reading Hall II. /Sociology CALL NO 306 HOF

Bole, J. Klaus: Migration and integration: reflection on Our common future
Reading hall II. /Sociology CALL NO. 304. 2. BAD

Kaldor, Mary: Human security: reflections on globalization and intervention
Cambridge: Polity, 2007
Reading Hall II. /International relations CALL 327. /1/ 7 KAL

Carson, Scott Alan: Health wealth and inequality. A contribution to the debate about relationship between inequality and health
Reading Hall II./ Working Papers CAL NO WP

S. Jaquette – Summerfield, Gale: Women and gender equity in development theory and practice: institutions, resources and mobilization
Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press 2007, c2006
Reading Hall II./ Sociology CALL NO. 305.4 /209/1724 JAQ

Karan, Pradyuma P. (Pradyuma Prasad)
The non Western-world : environment, development and human rights
New York: Routledge, 2004
Reading Hall /Environmental Coll. CALL NO:. HC 412. K. 37