Human Security
PIA 2307

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Note: this syllabus is subject to revisions during the semester.

Human Security
This course introduces the core concepts of human security, examines the institutions that promote them, and probes the advantages and limitations of human security as a means of addressing difficult policy issues. Human security treats individuals and communities, rather than states and institutions, as the fundamental units of analysis. It calls for an integration of individuals’ security and integrity with state security and sovereignty.

Analyzing security at the level of individuals instead of states raises important challenges and opportunities for observers and practitioners of development, conflict and peace. Throughout the semester, I encourage you to assess the value and limitations of the concept of human security for understanding and working in your chosen career field.

Course Objectives
This course is required for the Human Security major. It is also relevant to a range of other areas of concentration at GSPIA. The course is intended to help you improve your abilities in the following ways.

1. Carry out informed, professional analysis of key concepts, issues and institutions in the field of human security.
   1a. Analyze major issues associated with violent threats to individuals’ security, such as attacks on civilians during war and human trafficking.
   1b. Analyze major issues associated with non-violent threats to fundamental aspects of individuals’ security, such as poverty, disease and lack of access to resources.
   1c. Become familiar with influential and innovative organizations working on human security issues.
2. Critically evaluate human security as a field of study and practice.

3. Sharpen your oral and written communication skills, with an emphasis on making compelling, analytical, policy-relevant presentations and arguments.

Reading
The course readings consist of journal articles, book chapters, official documents and unofficial policy papers. All of the readings will be available online through CourseWeb or in electronic journals. You are not required to purchase books for this course.

Assignments
1. Participation: You are expected to do all of the required reading each week prior to coming to class. There will be brief assignments two or three times during the semester that are designed to stimulate your thinking and generate discussion in class. They will not figure into your grade, as long as you complete them. Grades will be determined by your active participation in class and by the quality of your work on the following assignments.

2. Policy Briefing Presentation:
Working in teams of three, you will research and present a briefing to the class on a topic related to a week’s readings and lecture. Presentations will identify a specific problem, offer a range of possible responses and recommend a course of action. Presentations should be no more than 15 minutes long.
Due: scheduled weekly, beginning in week 4

3. Human Security Index Paper
You and a partner will write a 20 page paper that presents an assessment of the human security situation in a country of your choice. The first part of the paper will define human security, identify and briefly comment on major human security issues in the country, and explain the relationships between the human security concerns and the country’s political and economic characteristics. The second, more difficult part of the paper will develop an index for monitoring human security in the country. This will entail selecting measurable variables, justify the choice of variables, collecting data needed to address each variable and standardizing the data by using a simple formula. You will apply your index to the country at two points in time to determine if the human security situation improved or deteriorated. A more detailed explanation of the assignment is available on CourseWeb.
Due: November 24th

4. Final Exam
The final exam will consist of essay questions on major human security themes and short answer questions on specific topics.
Due: December 8th, during regularly scheduled class time
Late assignments
If you fail to turn in an assignment on time, that assignment will be marked off 1/3 of a grade (e.g. B+ to B) initially and an additional 1/3 of a grade every subsequent two days until it is turned in.

Grades
Course grades will be calculated according to the following percentages:
- Human Security Index paper 40 percent
- Final exam 30 percent
- Policy Brief presentation 20 percent
- Class participation 10 percent

Cheating and Plagiarism
You are responsible for being familiar with and using accepted practices governing bibliographic research and citations of resource materials. [Link](www.provost.pitt.edu/info/acguidelinespdf.pdf). You also must be familiar with and abide by GSPIA’s rules on plagiarism and double submission (or “self-plagiarism”). [Link](www.gspia.pitt.edu/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=%2fQp4jN5AxmA%3d&tabid=146). Cases of cheating, plagiarism and unauthorized collaboration will be handled in accordance with the University of Pittsburgh’s Guidelines on Academic Integrity.

Students with Disabilities
If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, please contact both me and the Office of Disability Resources and Services (DRS), 140 William Pitt Union, (412) 648-7890, drsecep@pitt.edu, or (412) 228-5347 for P3 ASL users, as early as possible in the term. DRS will verify your disability and recommend reasonable accommodations for this course.

Resources
Get to know the GSPIA-dedicated research librarian, Lois Krepes. She can be enormously helpful. “Libguides” are online guides you can use for direct access to library resources, featuring relevant materials for specific projects, including multimedia content, such as websites, digital articles, eBooks, videos, images, and more.
- The Libguides are listed under the subject heading *International Affairs* on the University Library System’s Website at [Link](http://pitt.libguides.com/cat.php?cid=24453).
- Here are two Libguides that are especially relevant to this class:
  - Global Studies Research ([Link](http://pitt.libguides.com/globalstudies))
  - Global Health Resources ([Link](http://pitt.libguides.com/globalhealth))
Course Outline

SECTION I: FOUNDATIONS AND POLICY CONTEXT OF HUMAN SECURITY

WEEK 1, AUGUST 25: INTRODUCTION TO THE NATURE AND MEANING OF HUMAN SECURITY

WEEK 2, SEPTEMBER 1: LABOR DAY (NO CLASS)

WEEK 3, SEPTEMBER 8: CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATION: COMPETING VIEWS OF HUMAN SECURITY

WEEK 4, SEPTEMBER 15: PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

WEEK 5, SEPTEMBER 22: CHALLENGES OF MEASURING AND ASSESSING HUMAN SECURITY

SECTION II: FREEDOM FROM FEAR

WEEK 6, SEPTEMBER 29: THE DECLINE OF WAR

WEEK 7, OCTOBER 6: THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT

WEEK 8, OCTOBER 14: (TUESDAY) HUMAN SECURITY ROLES OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

WEEK 9, OCTOBER 20: HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WEEK 10, OCTOBER 27: HUMAN TRAFFICKING II

SECTION III: FROM VIOLENCE TO PEACE

WEEK 11, NOVEMBER 3: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

WEEK 12, NOVEMBER 10: GOVERNANCE AND THE RULE OF LAW

SECTION IV: FREEDOM FROM WANT

WEEK 13, NOVEMBER 17: POVERTY AS A SOURCE OF INSECURITY

WEEK 14, NOVEMBER 24: ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND SOCIAL STRESS

WEEK 15, MONDAY, DECEMBER 1: SECURITY, RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT

WEEK 16, DECEMBER 8: EXAM
SECTION I: DEFINITIONS AND CONTEXT

WEEK 1, MONDAY, AUGUST 25: INTRODUCTION TO THE NATURE AND MEANING OF HUMAN SECURITY

Recommended reading:

Assignment: Write a definition of human security, no longer than 75 words. Come to the second class prepared to discuss how your definition is different from and similar to human rights. I will collect your definition in class or you can send it to me by email.

WEEK 2, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: LABOR DAY (NO CLASS)

WEEK 3, SEPTEMBER 8: CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATION: COMPETING VIEWS OF HUMAN SECURITY

Your definition of human security is due today.

  ○ Read sections 3, 4 and 5.

WEEK 4, SEPTEMBER 15: PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

• Cecilia Jacob. “Practicing civilian protection: Human security in Myanmar and Cambodia,” Security Dialogue,
• Colonel John C. Anderson, “Changing the Game: Human Security as Grand Strategy” PKSOI PAPER (June 2014)

**WEEK 5, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: CHALLENGES OF MEASURING AND ASSESSING HUMAN SECURITY**

  o Read pp.6-19 (ch.1 and part of ch.2).
  o Browse Case study 3.2 (pp. 41-54), “Human Security in Situations of Food Insecurity,” as an example of application to a broad topic

**SECTION II: FREEDOM FROM FEAR**

**WEEK 6, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: THE DECLINE OF WAR**

• Goldstein, Joshua, Winning the War on War: The Decline of Armed Conflict Worldwide
  o Chapters 2, 7, 9 and 10 (about 175 pp)
• Pinker, Steven, *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined*
  o Chapter 10 (26 pp)

**WEEK 7, MONDAY, OCTOBER 6: THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT**

  o Read sections 1, 2 and 8 (and other sections if you like)
• 2005 World Summit Outcome Document, paragraphs 138-139.

**WEEK 8, OCTOBER 14: (TUESDAY) HUMAN SECURITY ROLES OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS**


  o “Forward” by Ed Garcia
  o “Introduction” by Catherine Barnes
  o “Personal Perspectives: Public Participation and International Peacemaking,” by Marrack Goulding

• “The Pastor and the Imam” film in class. Inter-religious dialogue and peacemaking in Nigeria.

**WEEK 9, OCTOBER 20: HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
- Introductory Material” (about 60 pp.)
- European Commission, Profits and Poverty: The Economics of Forced Labour
  o Chapter 3, “What makes people vulnerable to forced labour?” pp. 29-44.
- University of Goettingen, “Indexing Trafficking in Human Beings” project website
  <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/204458.html>

**WEEK 10, MONDAY, OCTOBER 27: HUMAN TRAFFICKING II**

- International Labor Organization, “Tricked and Trapped,” chapters 1 and 5
- Cho et al: “Does Legalized Prostitution Increase Human Trafficking?
- Slavery Footprint. URL http://slaveryfootprint.org/#whats_on_your_plate

**SECTION III: FROM VIOLENCE TO PEACE**

**WEEK 11, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE**

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**WEEK 12, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10: GOVERNANCE AND THE RULE OF LAW**


**SECTION IV: FREEDOM FROM WANT**

**WEEK 13, NOVEMBER 17: POVERTY AS A SOURCE OF INSECURITY**


**WEEK 14, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24: ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND SOCIAL STRESS**

**HUMAN SECURITY INDEX PAPER IS DUE TODAY.**


**WEEK 15, MONDAY, DECEMBER 1: SECURITY, RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT**


**WEEK 16, MONDAY, DECEMBER 8: FINAL EXAM IN CLASS**