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Department of Political Science and International Relations

COURSE SYLLABUS FORM

Course Information				
Course Unit Title	"The Ethics of Armed Humanitarian Intervention"			
Course Unit Code	Semester	Regular Cycle	T+A+L Hour	ECTS
AVU128	Elective	Elective	2	6

Course Language	English				
Course Level	Undergraduate	x	Graduate		Postgraduate
Department / Program	Political Science and International Relations				
Types of Education	Course				
Course Type	Compulsory		Elective	x	
Objectives of the Course	This course aims at analyzing and discussing the controversial moral and ethical dimensions of armed humanitarian intervention and of the responsibility to protect.				
Course Content	This course primarily examines the different and conflicting approaches to ethics that could be used for evaluating the normative dimensions of armed humanitarian intervention and of the responsibility to protect. Despite this focus, it will also address the status of armed humanitarian intervention in international law, the just war tradition and natural law, and cases of intervention and non-intervention.				
Prerequisite	-				
Course Coordinator	Prof. Manuel Knoll				
Name of Lecturers	Prof. Manuel Knoll				
Course Assistants					
Work Placement(s)					

Recommended or Required Reading

Text Book(s) / Lecture Notes	Don E. Scheid (ed.), <i>The Ethics of Armed Humanitarian Intervention</i> , Cambridge: CUP, 2014. Louis P. Pojman, and James Fieser: <i>Ethics. Discovering Right and Wrong</i> , 6th Ed., Wadsworth 2009.
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	<p>J.L. Holzgrefe, and Robert O. Keohane, <i>Humanitarian Intervention. Ethical, Legal, and Political Dimensions</i>, Cambridge: CUP, 2003.</p> <p>Aidan Hehir, <i>Humanitarian Intervention. An Introduction</i>, 2nd ed., London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013 (original 2010).</p>
Other Sources	<p>Niccolò Machiavelli, <i>Il Principe</i> (= <i>The Prince</i> = <i>Der Fürst</i>)</p> <p>Niccolò Machiavelli, <i>Discorsi</i>.</p> <p>Max Weber, <i>Politik als Beruf</i>, Stuttgart 1993.</p> <p>Manuel Knoll, <i>Max Webers Machiavelli-Rezeption. Die Konsequenzen des politischen Realismus für das Verhältnis von Ethik und Politik</i>, in: Volker Reinhardt/ Rüdiger Voigt/ Stefano Saracino (eds.): <i>Der Machtstaat. Niccolò Machiavelli als Theoretiker der Macht im Spiegel der Zeit</i> (Staatsverständnisse 74), Baden-Baden 2015.</p> <p>Manuel Knoll, <i>Max Weber on Politics, Reason, and the Clash of Values and Approaches to Ethics</i>, in: <i>Divân. Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies</i>, Vol. 24, Issue 47, 2/2019, 111–140.</p> <p>Manuel Knoll, <i>Machiavelli's Consequentialist Ethics of Responsibility</i>, in: <i>History of Political Thought</i> 4/2019, 631–648.</p>

Material Sharing

Documents	Academic articles
Assignments	
Exams	

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Course Category	
Mathematics and Basic Sciences	%
Engineering	%
Engineering Design	%
Social Sciences	100%
Educational Sciences	%
Science	%
Health Sciences	%
Field Knowledge	%

Assessment Criteria		
Semester Works	Quantity	Percentage %
Midterm Exam	1	40 %
Quiz		%
Assignment		%
Attendance		%
Application		%
Project		%
Final examination	1	60 %
Total		100 %

ECTS / Table for Student Working Load			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (Hour)	Total Work Load (Hour)
Course Duration	14 weeks	3 hours	42

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Self-Study Hours	14 weeks	2 hours	28
Assignment			
Presentation / Seminar Preparation			
Midterm exams		2	2
Application			
Laboratory			
Project			
Final examination		2	2
Total Work Load(Hour)	74 hours		
Total Work Load(Hour)/ 30 (h)			
ECTS Credit of the Course	5		

Learning Outcomes of the Course

No.	Learning Outcomes
1	Awareness of different and conflicting approaches to ethics
2	Knowledge about the controversial debate on armed humanitarian intervention
3	Understanding of international law and the responsibility to protect
4	Capacity to morally assess historical and future military inventions which are justified by invoking the the responsibility to protect.
5	Ability to discuss the pros and cons regarding armed humanitarian intervention

Course Content

Week	Topic	Preparation	Documents
1	Introduction		

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2	What is (armed) humanitarian intervention? Problems of a concept and its definition		
3	What is ethics? Ethics and its subdivisions. Morality compared to other normative subjects (religion, law, and etiquette)		
4	Deontological approaches to ethics (Immanuel Kant)		
5	Utilitarian or Consequentialist approaches to ethics (Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill)		
6	The clash of approaches to ethics I: Max Weber's opposition of an ethics of conviction (<i>Gesinnungsethik</i>) and an ethics of responsibility (<i>Verantwortungsethik</i>)		
7	The clash of approaches to ethics II: Niccolò Machiavelli: Immoral Machiavellist or defender of a consequentialist ethics of responsibility?		
8	Midterm		
9	The clash of approaches to ethics III: The controversial question of responsibilities to foreign peoples		
10	The Just War Tradition and Natural Law		
11	The Responsibility to Protect I		
12	The Responsibility to Protect II		
13	Cases of intervention and non-intervention: Rwanda, Kosovo, and Libya		
14	Conclusion and final debate: Is armed humanitarian intervention morally or ethically justified?		

Matrix of Course Learning Outcomes versus Program Outcomes

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10
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All										
L1										
L2										
L3					X	X				
L4				X			X	X		
L5	X	X	X						X	X

Contribution Level: 1: Low 2: Low-intermediate 3: Intermediate 4: High 5: Very High

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