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Course Title: Security and Strategy in International Relations

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Course Instruction

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1. Introduction to Security and Strategy
2. Military Security in International Relations
3. Strategy and Principles of War
4. Evolution of Strategic Thoughts and Modern Warfare
5. Technology and Warfare: Revolutions in Military Affairs
6. Effect-Based Operation and Network-Centric Warfare
7. Asymmetric Warfare and the 4th Generation Warfare
8. Insurgency and Counter-Insurgency Strategy
9. Air Power Theories and Air Operations
10. Sea Power and Naval Warfare in the 21st Century

Each class will be divided into two; lecture will be followed by paper presentation and class discussion. Students should be aware that class participation is important and every student is required to engage in paper presentation. An essay of 1500-2000 words on a topic relevant to the course will be assigned. There is a final examination at the end of the term. Students will be graded as follows:

- Class participation and presentation: 40%
- Essay: 30%
- Final Examination: 30%

Selected Reading List


Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge. *Sea-Power and Other Studies* (BiblioLife; Large type edition, 2008)

Dag Hendriksen. NATO's Gamble: Combining Diplomacy and Airpower in the Kosovo Crisis, 1998-1999 (Naval Institute Press, 2007)


Anthony McIvor. Rethinking the Principles of War (Naval Institute Press, 2005)


Reading List for Weekly Discussion

(Week-1) Introduction to Security and Strategy
   No Class Presentation

(Week-2) Military Dimension in International Relations
   (1) Wade L. Huntley. “Rebels without a Cause: North Korea, Iran and the NPT”, International Affairs (Vol. 82, No. 4; 2006)
   (2) Mats Berdal and David Ucko. “NATO at 60”, Survival (Vol. 51, No. 2; April-May 2009)
   (3) Oliver Tranert. “NATO, Missile Defence and Extended Deterrence”, Survival (Vol. 51, No. 6; December 2009 – January 2010)

(Week-3) Warfighting and Principles of War
   (2) Fritz W. Ermarth. Russia’s Strategic Culture: past, Present, and in . . . Transition (Advanced Systems and Concepts Office, October 2006)

(Week-4) Strategic Thought and Modern Warfare
   (1) Rashed Uz Zaman. “Kautilya: The Indian Strategic Thinker and Indian Strategic Culture”, Comparative Strategy (Vol. 25; 2006)
   (2) Derek M. C. Yuen, “Deciphering Sun Tzu”, Comparative Strategy (Vol. 25; 2008)
   (3) Justin Kelly. “Future War – Future Warfare”, Australian Army Journal (Vol. 5, No. 3; summer 2008)

(Week-5) Technology and Warfare: Revolutions in Military Affairs
(1) Christopher M. Schnaubelt. “Whither the RMA”, *Parameters* (Vol. 37, No. 3; Autumn 2007) – US Army War College

(2) Robert S. Bolia. “Overreliance on Technology in Warfare: The Yom Kippur War as a Case Study”, *Parameters* (Vol. 34, No. 2; summer 2004) - US Army War College

(3) Max Boot. “The New American Way of War”, *Foreign Affairs* (Vol. 82, No.4) – Council of Foreign Relations

(Week-6) Effect-Based Operation and Network-Centric Warfare


(Week-7) Asymmetric Warfare and the 4th Generation Warfare

(1) Fariborz Haghshenass. *Iran’s Asymmetric Naval Warfare*, Policy Focus No. 87 (September 2008) – Washington Institute for Near East policy


(Week-8) Insurgency and Counter-Insurgency Strategy


(Week-9) Air Power Theories and Air Operations

(2) Andrew L. Stigler. “A Clear Victory for Air Power: NATO’s Empty threat to Invade Kosovo”,
*International Security* (Vol. 27, No. 3; winter 2002-03)

(3) Daniel R. Lake. “The Limits of Coercive Airpower: NATO’s ‘Victory’ in Kosovo Revisited”,
*International Security* (Vol. 34, No. 1; summer 2009)

(Week-10) Sea Power and Naval Warfare in the 21st Century
James Kurth. “The New Maritime Strategy: Confronting Peer Competitors, Rouge States, and
Transnational Insurgents”, *ORBIS* (Fall 2007)

Benjamin S. Lambeth. “Carrier Air over Afghanistan”, *American Carrier Air Power at the Dawn
of a New Century* (RAND-NDRI, 2005)

Xu Qi. “Maritime Geostrategy and the Development of the Chinese Navy in the Early Twenty-First
Century”, *Naval War College Review* (Vol. 59, No. 4; autumn 2006)