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University of Pittsburgh**

**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 24<sup>th</sup>

#### 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

[www.provost.pitt.edu/info/acguidelinespdf.pdf](http://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"). [www.gspia.pitt.edu/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=%2fQp4jN5AxmA%3d&tabid=146](http://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](mailto: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 <http://pitt.libguides.com/cat.php?cid=24453>.
- Here are two Libguides that are especially relevant to this class:
  - *Global Studies Research* (<http://pitt.libguides.com/globalstudies>)
  - *Global Health Resources* (<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:

- Monaghan, Peter, "Beyond Borders and Bullets: 'Human security' advocates call for a different approach to global problems" *The Chronicle Review*. (June 27, 2008) Volume 54, Issue 42, Page B8.

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.

- Human Security Centre. 2005. "What is Human Security" and "Assault on the Vulnerable" (100-116) in *Human Security Report 2005*. Available at: <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/Digital-Library/Publications/Detail/?ots591=0c54e3b3-1e9c-be1e-2c24-a6a8c7060233&lng=en&id=13773>
- Owen, Taylor. 2004. "Human Security—Conflict, Critique and Consensus: Colloquium Remarks and a Proposal for a Threshold-Based Definition." *Security Dialogue*. 35(3): 347-387.
- Paris, Roland. 2001. "Human Security: Paradigm Shift or Hot Air." *International Security*. 26(2): 87-102.
- Alkire, Sabina. 2003. "A Conceptual Framework for Human Security" (Working Paper No. 2). Center for Research on Inequality, Human Security, and Ethnicity (CRISE), University of Oxford. Locate and download this paper at: <http://www.unocha.org/humansecurity/resources/publications-and-products/hs-related-publications>
  - Read sections 3, 4 and 5.
- Newman, Edward. "Human Security." *The International Studies Encyclopedia*. Denmark, Robert A. Blackwell Publishing, 2010.

### WEEK 4, SEPTEMBER 15: PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

- Madeleine K. Albright and Richard S. Williamson, *The United States and R2P: From Words to Action* (USIP, US Holocaust Museum, Brookings: 2013), 31pp.
- Ignatieff, Michael, Op-Ed Contributor, "The Duty to Protect, Still Urgent," *New York Times*, 14 September 2013.

- 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)
- Joost van Puijenbroek, "Human Security from Below, A Case Study from the Ituri District, Democratic Republic of Congo" *Security and Human Rights*, vol. 19, no. 1 (2008).

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

- Owen, Taylor. 2004. "Chapter 3: Challenges and opportunities for defining and measuring human security." in *Human rights, Human security and Disarmament*. (Kerstin Vignard, ed.). United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.
- "Part II: The Human Security Audit." *Human Security Report 2005* Human Security Centre. <http://www.hsrgroup.org/human-security-reports/2005/text.aspx>.
- United Nations Development Programme. 1994. "Chapter 5: The Human Development Index Revisited." in "Human Development Report 1994." Oxford: Oxford University Press. 90-107.
- Muggah, Robert and Keith Krause. 2006. "A True Measure of Success? The discourse and practice of human security in Haiti." in *A Decade of Human Security: Global Governance and New Multilateralisms*. (McLean, et al., eds.). Aldershot, England: Ashgate Publishers. 113-126.
- Christopher J.L. Murray and Gary King "Rethinking Human Security," *Political Science Quarterly* 116 (2002).
- UNOCHA Human Security Unit. 2009. *Human Security in Theory and Practice: Application of the Human Security Concept*. Download at: <http://www.unocha.org/humansecurity/resources/publications-and-products/human-security-tools>
  - Read pp.6-19 (ch.1 and part of ch.2).
  - Browse Case study 3.2 (pp. 41-54), "Human Security in Situations of Food Insecurity," as an example of application to a broad topic
- *The Economist Intelligence Unit* "Livability rankings 2014," Summary report. August 2014.

#### **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*
  - Chapters 2, 7, 9 and 10 (about 175 pp)

- Pinker, Steven, *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined*
  - Chapter 10 (26 pp)
- Hegre, Håvard et al. (2012) "Predicting Armed Conflict, 2010–2050." *International Studies Quarterly*, doi: 10.1111/isqu.12007

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

- Annan, Kofi. 1999. "Two Concepts of Sovereignty." *The Economist*. (September 18, 1999).
- Evans, Gareth and Mohamed Sahnoun, co-chairs. 2001. *The Responsibility to Protect: A Report by the International Commission of Intervention and State Sovereignty*. Ottawa, Canada: International Development Resource Centre (IDRC). Available at: <<http://www.idrc.ca>>. Also available in html format at <<http://www.iciss-ciise.gc.ca>>.
  - Read sections 1, 2 and 8 (and other sections if you like)
- 2005 World Summit Outcome Document, paragraphs 138-139.
- Acharya, Amitav. 2002. "Redefining the Dilemmas of Humanitarian Intervention." *The Australian Journal of International Affairs*. 56(3).
- Bello, Walden. 2006. "Humanitarian Intervention: The Evolution of a Dangerous Doctrine." *Focus on the Global South*. January 19.
- Bellamy, Alex and Paul Williams, "The new politics of protection? Côte d'Ivoire, Libya and the responsibility to protect" *International Affairs* 87:4 (2011) 825–850.

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

- Thomas, Nicolas and William T. Tow. 2002. "The Utility of Human Security: Sovereignty and Humanitarian Intervention." *Security Dialogue*. 33(2): 177-192.
- "Owning the Process: Public Participation in Peacemaking", *Accord: an International Review of Peace Initiatives*, Issue 13, Conciliation Resources. Download the full report at <http://www.c-r.org/resources/owning-process-public-participation-peacemaking> and read the following sections.
  - "Forward" by Ed Garcia
  - "Introduction" by Catherine Barnes
  - "Personal Perspectives: Public Participation and International Peacemaking," by Marrack Goulding
- CIVICUS. *Civil Society Index Summary Report 2008-2011*. Read ch. 2, 5 and 8. <http://www.civicus.org/downloads/Bridging%20the%20Gaps%20-%20Citizens%20-%20Organisations%20and%20Dissociation.pdf>
- "The Pastor and the Imam" film in class. Inter-religious dialogue and peacemaking in Nigeria.

#### **WEEK 9, OCTOBER 20: HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

- Janie Chuang, "Beyond a Snapshot: Preventing Human Trafficking in the Global Economy," *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* 138 2006
- Dina Francesca Haynes. "Used, Abused, Arrested and Deported," *Human Rights Quarterly* 26 (2004) 221-272.
- US State Department, *Trafficking in Persons report 2014*  
<http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2014/index.htm>
  - "Introductory Material" (about 60 pp.)
- European Commission, *Profits and Poverty: The Economics of Forced Labour*
  - 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>](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?"
- *The Economist*, "Slavery in Islam: To have and to hold; Jihadists boast of selling captive women as concubines," (Oct 18th 2014: CAIRO). From the print edition. URL <http://www.economist.com/news/middle-east-and-africa/21625870-jihadists-boast-selling-captive-women-concubines-have-and-hold>
- Crompton, Janice "Human trafficking Pittsburgh's worry, too" *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, (February 10, 2014). URL <http://www.post-gazette.com/news/state/2014/02/11/Human-trafficking-Pittsburgh-s-worry-too/stories/201402110064>
- Slavery Footprint. URL [http://slaveryfootprint.org/#whats\\_on\\_your\\_plate](http://slaveryfootprint.org/#whats_on_your_plate)
- International Justice Mission. URL <https://www.ijm.org/>

### SECTION III: FROM VIOLENCE TO PEACE

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

- Barsalou, Judy. 2005. "Trauma and Transitional Justice in Divided Societies." USIP Special Report No.135. April.
- Stensrud, Ellen Emilie. 2009. "New Dilemmas in Transitional Justice: Lessons from the Mixed Courts in Sierra Leone and Cambodia." *The Journal of Peace Research*. 46(1). January.
- Lambourne, Wendy. 2009. "Transitional Justice and Peacebuilding after Mass Violence." *The International Journal of Transitional Justice*. 3: 28–48.
- Brahm, Eric. 2007. "Uncovering the Truth: Examining Truth Commission Success and Impact." *International Studies Perspectives*. 8: 16–35.
- Brounéus, Karen. 2010. "The Trauma of Truth Telling: Effects of Witnessing in the Rwandan Gacaca Courts on Psychological Health." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

54(3): 408-437.

- McGrattan, Cillian. 2009. "‘Order Out of Chaos’: The Politics of Transitional Justice." *Politics*. 29(3): 164-172.

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

- Teitel, Ruti. 2011. *Humanity’s Law* (New York: Oxford University Press)
  - "1. Introduction," pp. 1-14.
  - "6. Humanity Law and the Discourse of Global Justice: the Turn to Human Security," pp. 139 – 164.
- Stromseth, Jane. 2008. "Post-Conflict Rule of Law Building: The Need for a Multi-layered, Synergistic Approach." *William and Mary Law Review*. 49(4): 1443-1471.
- Horowitz, Donald L. 2008. "Conciliatory Institutions and Constitutional Processes in Post-Conflict States." *William and Mary Law Review*. 49(4): 1213-1248.

#### **SECTION IV: FREEDOM FROM WANT**

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

- Sen, Amartya. 1982. *Poverty and Famines*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (Chapters 1 and 2, pp. 1-23)
- Starr, Martha. 2006. "Growth and Conflict in the Developing World: neo-liberal narratives and social-economy alternatives." *Review of Social Economy*. 64(2): 205-224. June.
- United Nations Human Settlements Program. 2003. "Chapter 3: Cities and Slums within Globalizing Economies." in *The Challenge of Slums: Global Report on Human Settlements 2003*. London: Earthscan. 34-55.
- Paul Collier and Anke Hoeffler "Greed and Grievance in Civil War," World Bank (October 21st, 2001), pp. 1-32.

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

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

- *Climate and Social Stress: Implications for Security Analysis*, a report from the National Research Council, [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=14682](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=14682)
- Kahl, Colin. 1998. "Population Growth, Environmental Degradation, and State Sponsored Violence: The Case of Kenya, 1991-1993." *International Security*. 23(2): 80-119. Fall.
- Peter Walker, Josh Glasser, and Shubhada Kambli. July 2012. *Climate Change as a Driver of Humanitarian Crises and Response* (Medford, MA: Feinstein International Center, Tufts University).

- United Nations Development Programme. 2006. "Chapter 2: Water for human consumption." in "Human Development Report 2006." Available at: <[http://hdr.undp.org/en/media/hdr\\_2006\\_chapter\\_2.pdf](http://hdr.undp.org/en/media/hdr_2006_chapter_2.pdf)>.

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

- Berma Klein Goldewijk, (2008) "Why Human? The Interlinkages between Security, Rights and Development," *Security and Human Rights*, vol. 19, no. 1: 24-36.
- *Security Dialogue*. Special Issue on the Security-Development Nexus (1 February 2010) Vol. 41, No. 1
  - Mapping the Security—Development Nexus: Conflict, Complexity, Cacophony, Convergence? Maria Stern and Joakim Öjendal *Security Dialogue* 2010; 41 5-29
  - Development and Security: Origins and Future Björn Hettne *Security Dialogue* 2010; 41 31-52
  - The Liberal Way of Development and the Development—Security Impasse: Exploring the Global Life-Chance Divide Mark Duffield *Security Dialogue* 2010; 41 53-76
  - The Security and Development Nexus in Cape Town: War on Gangs, Counterinsurgency and Citizenship Steffen Jensen *Security Dialogue* 2010; 41 77-97
  - Camilla Orjuela, The Bullet in the Living Room: Linking Security and Development in a Colombo Neighborhood *Security Dialogue* 2010; 41 99-120.

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