

Security: Theories, Practices & Dilemmas

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Security: Theories, Practices and Dilemmas of Widening the Concept to Cover New Threats such as Cultural and Climate Change summer school course provides participants with a state of the art understanding of the newest theories about the widened concept of security as well as insight into the dynamics of managing ?new threats? in different fields including climate change, religion and fragile states. While the theories have mostly been developed within political science, the course will be strongly interdisciplinary and feature experts in the relevant fields where threats are currently designated, as well as law and anthropology. Law will be central in the examinations of the dangers of dramatizing threats and taking urgent countermeasures (c.f. the war on terror) where civil rights and other values that should be defended, risk being threatened by their very defense. Anthropology enters several times in this summer school program, because the theories have opened to an increasing attention to individual and community level dynamics and to cultural variation in the meaning of security and danger, but coming out of political science, this has been handled in theoretically and conceptually insufficient ways, where emerging work at the intersection of anthropology and political science (much of it in Denmark) promises interdisciplinary synergies and deeper understanding of the dynamics of security in a globalizing world.

On the basis of carefully selected readings ? distributed well ahead of the course ? and teaching by scholars who have been pivotal in developing the relevant theories, the course will be ambitiously aimed at engaging students at the research frontier, and with the help of issue specialists, they will be guided towards both application of the theories and further rethinking. It is for this reason, and the expectation of a considerable effort by participants, that the course is calculated as 10 ECTS. [Read More >>](#)

THE BASICS:

Lecturers:

Professor Ole Wæver (Copenhagen)

Faculty from the departments of political science, law, anthropology, geography, and religious studies as well as Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI), Danish Institute of International Studies (DIIS), Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rehabilitation and Research Center for Torture Victims (RCT), and Danish Defense Intelligence Service (DDIS).

Field Trip: Danish Meteorological Institute, Danish Institute of International Studies & Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Tuition:

No tuition fee for students from IARU universities

Accommodation costs:

DKK2500

Target audience:

3rd year undergraduate and 1st year graduate

About the University of Copenhagen:

Founded in 1479, the University of Copenhagen (KU) is a leading European University that is distinguished for its diversity in academic environment and scientific approaches. With its specialized focus on sustainability issues, KU is a keen participant in IARU initiatives pertaining to ageing, longevity and health, and climate changes. It has also led and organized a successful IARU Climate Change Congress in conjunction with COP-15, which further underscores its commitment to be a leading international climate university. Given its encouragement of diversity and excellence in research, KU brings a spirit of intellectual engagement in its interaction with the Alliance.

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