

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Courses for Sem – VI

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 4a: Understanding Security

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/Practice		
Understanding Security DSE-4a	4	3	1	-	Passed Class XII	Nil

Learning Objectives

This course is grounded in the field of security studies in international relations and, aims to provide the students a foundational understanding of the concept of security in the contemporary world. The conceptualisation of security has evolved over the past decades, encompassing diverse sectors, and incorporating referents from different levels. Students will learn about the traditional notions of security focusing on state and military as well as its individual and societal dimensions of security. In view of the fast-evolving global context, the course aims at explaining it in relation with other concepts such as power, peace and identity in international relations. The course introduces to students traditional as well as contemporary approaches to study the concept of security. Alongside the concerns of national security, the course apprises students about the emerging security issues ranging from energy security and cyber security to issues of public health. Finally, this course aims to familiarise students to the emerging non-western perspectives in the field of security studies.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the course the students would be able to:

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the concept of security and how it relates to other key concepts such as power, peace and identity in International Relations.
- Learn about the traditional and non-traditional sectors and various levels of analysis of security
- Understand the traditional and contemporary approaches to study the concept of security
- Analyse the range of security issues and challenges in the contemporary world and nature of policy response to them
- Develop analytical skills to understand the non-western perspectives to the concept of security.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-4a

UNIT – I (14 Hours)

Conceptualizing Security

- 1.1. Security and core concepts in IR: Power, Peace and Identity
- 1.2. Sectors of Security: Traditional and Non-Traditional Security
- 1.3. Levels of Security Referents: Individual, State, Region, Society, Globe
- 1.4. Indian understanding of security

UNIT – II (14 Hours)

Major Approaches to Understanding Security

- 2.1. Traditional approaches (Realism, Liberalism)
- 2.2. Critical approaches to security
- 2.3. Constructivism and security
- 2.4. Gender and security
- 2.5. Securitization

UNIT – III (10 Hours)

Security Issues and Challenges in the Contemporary World

- 3.1. National Security: From within and outside
- 3.2. New Threats to Security (Energy Security, Cyber Security, Public Health)

UNIT – IV (7 Hours)

Non-western Perspectives

Essential/recommended readings

Unit 1: Conceptualizing Security

Williams, P.D. (ed.) (2008). *Security Studies: An Introduction*. Abingdon: Routledge, pp. 1-12

1.1. Security and core concepts in IR: Power, Peace and Identity

Essential readings

Buzan, Barry (1984). Peace, Power and Security: Contending Concepts in the Study of International Relations, *Journal of Peace Research*, 21:2, pp. 109-125.

Bilgin, Pinar (2010). Identity/Security. In J.P. Burgess (Ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of New Security Studies* (1st ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203859483>

Additional Readings

Baldwin D. A. (1997). 'The Concept of Security, in *Review of International Studies*, 23: 5-26.

Booth, Ken. (1991). Security and Emancipation, *Review of International Studies*, 17 (4): 313-326.

1.2. Sectors of Security: Traditional and Non-Traditional Security

Essential readings

Buzan, Barry & Lene Hansen (2009). Defining International Security Studies, in *The Evolution of International Security Studies*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. pp. 8-19

Mallavarappu, S. (2008). International relations theory and non-traditional approaches to security. *WISCOMP Perspectives* 27. <http://wiscomp.org/Publications/141%20-%20Perspectives%202027%20-%20International%20Relations%20Theory%20and%20Non-Traditional%20Approaches%20to%20Security.pdf>

Additional Readings

Buzan, Barry (1983). *People, states, and fear: The national security problem in international relations*. Brighton, Sussex: Wheatsheaf Books. pp. 18-52

Mathews, J. T. (1989). Redefining Security. *Foreign Affairs*, 68(2), 162-177.

Wæver, Ole (2011), Politics, security, theory. *Security Dialogue*. 42 (4-5): 465-480.

1.3. Levels of Security Referents: Individual, Region, Society, Globe

Essential readings

Buzan, Barry and Ole Wæver (2003). Levels Distinguishing the regional from the global. In *Regions and Powers: The Structure of International Security*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. pp. 27-39

Bilgin, P. (2003). Individual and Societal Dimensions of Security. *International Studies Review*, 5 (2): 203-222.

Shahrbanou, Tadjbakhsh and Anuradha M Chenoy. (2007). *Human Security: Concepts and Implications*. Routledge. Part 1. pp. 7-123.

Buzan, Barry (1991). New patterns of global security in the twenty-first century, *International Affairs*, 67 (3): 431–451.

Additional Readings

Nizamani, HK (2008). Our region their theories: A case for critical security studies in South Asia. in N C Behera (ed.) *International Relations in South Asia: Search for an Alternative Paradigm*. New Delhi: SAGE, 90–109.

Roe, Paul (2007). Societal Security, in Alan, Collins., *Contemporary Security Studies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Acharya, A. (2001). Human Security: East versus West. *International Journal*, 56(3), 442–460. <https://doi.org/10.2307/40203577>

1.4. Indian understanding of security

Essential readings

More, Sachin (2015). "Kautilya on State Fragility in Contemporary Security Environment" in Pradip Kumar Gautam et.al. *Indigenous Historical Knowledge: Kautilya and His Vocabulary*, Vol.1. Pentagon Press. pp. 11-23

Olivelle , Patrick (2016) Economy, Ecology, and National Defence in Kauäilya's Arthasàstra in Pradip Kumar Gautam et.al. *Indigenous Historical Knowledge: Kautilya and His Vocabulary*, Vol.3, pp.3-15

Additional Readings

Jaishankar, S. (2020). "Krishna's Choice: The Strategic Culture of a Rising Power" in *The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World*. New Delhi: HarperCollins. pp. 45-68

Pratibha, M.S. (2017). "Kautilya and Sun Zi: A Comparative Philosophical Analysis", in Michael and Liebig and Saurabh Mishra (Ed) *The Arthashastra in a Transcultural Perspective: Comparing Kautilya with Sun Zi, Nizam ul- Mulk, Barani and Machiavelli*. Pentagon Press. pp. 222-240

Unit 2: Major Approaches to Security in International Relations

2.1. Traditional approaches (Realism, Liberalism)

Essential reading

Smith, Edward. (2015). "The Traditional Roots to Security: Realism and Liberalism", in Peter Hough, Shahin Malik, Andrew Moran and Bruce Pilbeam (Ed). *International Security Studies: Theory and Practice*. Routledge: New York. Pp. 12-30

Additional Readings

Charles L. Glaser (2013). Realism, in Alan Collins (eds.) *Contemporary Security Studies*, Oxford: Oxford University Press

Patrick Morgan (2013). Liberalism, in Alan Collins (eds.) *Contemporary Security Studies*, Oxford: Oxford University Press

2.2. Critical approaches to security

Essential reading

Peoples, Columba and Nick Vaughan-Williams (2010). Postcolonial Perspectives, in *Critical Security Studies: An Introduction*. Routledge: New York. Chapter 1, Pp 17-32

Additional Readings

Behera NC, Hinds K, Tickner AB (2021). Making amends: Towards an antiracist critical security studies and international relations. *Security Dialogue* 52 (1_suppl): 8-16.

Newman, E. (2010). Critical human security studies. *Review of International Studies*, 36(1), 77-94.

2.3. Constructivism and security

Essential reading

Malik, Shahin (2015), Constructing Security, in Peter Hough, Shahin Malik, Andrew Moran and Bruce Pilbeam (Ed). *International Security Studies: Theory and Practice*, Routledge: New York. Pp. 72-84

Additional Reading

Agius, Christine (2013). *Social Constructivism* in Allan Collins *Contemporary Security Studies*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. pp 87-103

2.4. Gender and Security

Essential reading

Peoples, Columba and Nick Vaughan-Williams (2010). *Critical Security Studies: An Introduction*, Routledge: New York. Chapter 2, Pp 33-46

Additional Reading

Caroline Kennedy (2013). Gender and Security, in Alan Collins (eds.) *Contemporary Security Studies*, Oxford: Oxford University Press

2.5. Securitization

Essential reading

Wæver O. (1995). Securitization and De securitization, in Ronnie D Lipschutz (Ed) *On Security*. Columbia: Columbia University Press. pp. 46-86

Additional Reading

Ralf Emmers (2013). Securitization, in Alan Collins (eds.) *Contemporary Security Studies*, Oxford: Oxford University Press

Unit 3: Security Issues and Challenges in the Contemporary World/Global Politics

3.1. National Security: From within and outside

Essential readings

Buzan, B. (2011). The national security problem in international relations, in C.W. Hughes, & Y.M. Lai (Eds.). *Security Studies: A Reader* (1st ed.). Routledge.

Christian Fjäder (2014). The nation-state, national security and resilience in the age of globalisation, *Resilience*, 2:2, 114-129, DOI: [10.1080/21693293.2014.914771](https://doi.org/10.1080/21693293.2014.914771)

Smith, Michael E (2017). *Terrorism. International Security: Politics, Policy, Prospects*. Palgrave: New York. Chapter 7, Pp. 177-209

Additional Readings

Wolfers, A. (1952). "National Security" as an Ambiguous Symbol. *Political Science Quarterly*, 67(4), 481-502.

Picareli, John T. (2008). Transnational Organised Crime in P.D. Williams (ed.). *Security Studies: An Introduction*. Abingdon: Routledge

3.2. New Threats to Security (Energy Security, Cyber Security, Public Health)

Essential readings

Raphael, Sam and Doug Stokes (2013). Energy Security, in *Allan Collins Contemporary Security Studies*. Oxford University Press. pp 306-319.

Smith, Michael E (2017). Cyber-Security. *International Security: Politics, Policy, Prospects*. Palgrave: New York. Chapter 8, Pp. 210-238

Smith, Michael E (2017). Security and Public Health. *International Security: Politics, Policy, Prospects*. Palgrave: New York. Chapter 12, Pp. 332-359

Additional Readings

Bridge, G. (2015). Energy (in)security: world-making in an age of scarcity. *The Geographical Journal*, 181(4), 328-339.

Qerimi, Q. (2020). Smart Technologies, Human Security and Global Justice" in "Smart Technologies" for Society, State and Economy, Switzerland: Springer Nature.

Maurer, Tim. (2011). "Cyber Norm Emergence at the United Nations—An Analysis of the UN's Activities Regarding Cyber-security." Discussion Paper, 2011-11, Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program, Belfer Center.

Mathew, Richard A. (2008). Resource Scarcity: Responding to the Security Challenge, Report of the International Peace Institute, New York, USA. URL: <https://www.ipinst.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/rscar0408.pdf>

Rushton S. (2011). Global Health Security: Security for whom? Security from what? *Political Studies*. 2011;59(4):779-796.

Unit 4: Non-western Perspectives (4 lectures)

Essential readings

Ayoob, Mohammad (1995). *The Third World Security Predicament: State making, regional conflict and international system*, London: Lynne Rienner Publishers. Chapter 1, Pp. 1-20

Barkawi T., and Laffey, M. (2006). The Postcolonial Moment in Security Studies, *Review of International Studies*, 32, pp.329-352.

Bilgin, P. (2010). The "Western-Centrism" of Security Studies: "Blind Spot" or Constitutive Practice? *Security Dialogue*, 41(6), 615–622.

Additional readings

Achaarya, Amitav. (2011). Third World and Security Studies in Christopher W Hughes and Lai Yew Meng (Eds) *Security Studies: A Reader*. (Routledge: New York). Pp. 52-63

Behera, N.C. (2008). The Security Problematique in South Asia: Alternative Conceptualizations. In: , et al. Globalization and Environmental Challenges. Hexagon Series on Human and Environmental Security and Peace, vol 3. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg.

Persaud, R (2018). Security studies, postcolonialism and the Third World, in Persaud, R, Sajed, A (eds) *Race, Gender, and Culture in International Relations*. London: Routledge, 155-179.

Barthwal-Datta, M., & Basu, S. (2017). Reconceptualizing regional security in South Asia: A critical security approach. *Security Dialogue*, 48(5), 393–409.

Further Readings

Dunn Cavalty, Myriam and Thierry Balzacq (2017). *The Routledge Handbook of Security Studies*. Routledge. 480pp

Jarvis, Lee and Jack Holland (2015). *Security: A Critical Introduction*, Palgrave Macmillan

Williams, P.D. (ed.) (2008). *Security Studies: An Introduction*. 568pp. Abingdon: Routledge

Thomas C. (1987). *In Search of Security: The Third World in International Relations*. Boulder CO: Lynne Rienner.

Job B.L., ed. (1992). *The Insecurity Dilemma: National Security of Third World States*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner

Booth, K (2007). *Theory of World Security*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Rushton, Simon (2019). *Security and Public Health*. Wiley Online.

UNDP. (1994). Human Development Report 1994: *New Dimensions of Human Security*. <http://www.hdr.undp.org/en/content/human-development-report-1994>.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.