

Fall 2018 Seminar

Emerging Foreign and Security Dimensions

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Objective

This special seminar, divided in three interrelated modules, will discuss emerging security challenges from strategic developments, inter-state and intra-state perspectives, self-determination, climate and environmental issues, to migration and leadership challenges in the region spanning from Vancouver to Vladivostok. It will offer an overview about some of the key institutions in security and foreign relations in the Northern Hemisphere: the EU, the OSCE, and ASEAN. The seminar will explain the institutional set up, look at the origins and institutionalization, examine security challenges through the prism of the organizations; offer specific insights on negotiations and interactions and pursue a comparative perspective with an emphasis of involving diplomatic and political practitioners from within and outside the organization.

Background

The foreign political and security situation in the OSCE region – from Vancouver to Vladivostok, comprised of 57 states, plus the neighborhood including Australia, South Korea, Afghanistan, and the Middle East - is confronted by multiple short term and long-term challenges which are often met with a perception of uncertainty, mistrust, and fatigue - increasing dissatisfaction with the existing order and calls for a new order and appropriate leadership. Security concerns facing the OSCE region include fundamental changes and rejuvenations in leadership; concerns about weapons of mass destruction; cooperation on denuclearization efforts; terrorism and fear-mongering; potential intensification of crises in the Middle East; the conflict in and around the Ukraine; populism in national and local elections; refugee and migrant flows; and re-emerging calls for self-determination. In response to these challenges, the old international order seemingly doesn't work anymore. While a new stabilization mechanism has not yet emerged, every outcome seems possible, and one must plan and be ready for the unthinkable.

Procedures

The seminar is divided into three modules: (i.) The OSCE, The EU, ASEAN - the institutions and negotiation processes; (ii.) Challenges and Crises in the OSCE realm; (iii.) The emerging quadripartite relationship: USA - EU/Europe – Russia - China. Participating students are required complete brief assignments/commentary (ca 1,500 words) after each seminar and compose a 6,000-word final paper by end of Fall Semester. Selected papers will be presented at an international meeting abroad at Spring 2019. For further information please contact Rana Ibrahim (ribrahem@princeton.edu); or Johnathan D. Falcone (jfalcone@princeton.edu).

Three Seminar Modules

I.

The OSCE, EU, ASEAN, SCO - Institutions and negotiation processes – achievements, shortcomings, prospects: Wednesday to Saturday, September 26-29, 2018

II.

Challenges and Crises in the OSCE realm – from Vancouver to Vladivostok: geographic, power play, thematic: Thursday to Saturday, October 18-20, 2018

III.

The Emerging Quadripartite Relationship: USA-Europe-Russia-China: Thursday to Saturday, November 15-17, 2018

Modul III

The Emerging Quadripartite Relationship: USA-Europe-Russia-China:

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Thursday, November, 15.

Location: 019 Bendheim Hall, Cyril Black Room – LISD Geo Lab

12:00 pm Luncheon Speech
“Russia and the USA”
Prof. William C. Wohlforth, *Daniel Webster Professor in Government,*
Dartmouth College

04:30 pm A Public Roundtable: *“The Baltic – A Zone of Tension”*
Prof. Thomas Ries, *Swedish Defense University, Stockholm*
Prof. William C. Wohlforth

06:30 pm Reception, by invitation only

07:30 pm Dinner, by invitation only

Friday, November, 16.

Location: 019 Bendheim Hall, Cyril Black Room – LISD Geo Lab

09:00 am Special Working Breakfast
Amb. Joao Vale de Almeida, *Permanent Representative of the*
European Union to the United Nations, New York

12:30 noon *The quadripartite relationship USA-EU-Russia-China*
Prof James Gow, Prof Ezra Suleiman*, Amb. Christian Strohal
Prof William Wohlforth, N.N. - WH

06:00 pm Bendheim Hall Cyril Black Room & LISD geo lab
 Reception & Working Dinner
 Keynote Speaker:

Megan Greene '01 - *Global Chief Economist*
John Hancock/Manulife Asset Management, Boston, MA

Saturday, November, 17.

Location: 019 Bendheim Hall, Cyril Black Room – LISD Geo Lab

Private session

10:00 am *Summary Session*

Participants presentations and suggestions

Next steps

11:30 am Working Brunch

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