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 quadri-partite relationship: USA - EU/Europe – Russia - China. Participating students are required complete brief assignments/commentary (ca 2,000 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).
Tentative List of Participants

H.S.H Prince Hans Adam II., The Reigning Prince of Liechtenstein, Vaduz

Jose Manuel Dorao Barroso, former President, Commission of the European Union

The Hon. Thomas Greminger, Secretary General, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, OSCE, Vienna

Prof. Ibrahim Awad, American University of Cairo, frmr. ILO


Amb. Thomas Mayr Harting, Director General, EEAS, European Commission, Brussels

Commissioner Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for European Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Union, Brussels

Amb. Valentin Inzko, High Representative for Bosnia Herzegovina, Sarajevo

Dr. Walter Kemp, Director of Research, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Vienna

Prof. Loren B. Landau, South African Research Chair in Human Mobility and the Politics of Difference at the University of the Witwatersrand, and Director of African Center for Migration and Society

Amb. Stefan von Liechtenstein, Ambassador of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Holy See, Frmr. Ambassador to Germany, Vienna

Amb. Michael Reiterer, Ambassador of the European Union to South Korea, Seoul

Amb. Martin Sajdik, OSCE High Representative for Ukraine, Kiev.

Dr. tech. Markus Schiller, ST Analytics GmbH, Munich, Germany

Prof. Dr. Robert H. Schmucker, Schmucker Technologie, Chair of Astronautics, Technical University Munich, Germany

Amb. Hans Ulrich Seidt, Ph.D., Former Inspector General, frmr. Ambassador to Afghanistan, South Korea, Head of Cultural Division, German Foreign Office, Berlin

Amb. Hans-Dietmar Schweisgut, frmr. EU Ambassador to China, to Japan.

Amb. Dr. Christian Strohal, frmr. High Representative of the OSCE for the Austrian Chairmanship, Vienna, seminar co-chair

Dr. Dmitri Trenin, Director, Carnegie Moscow Center, Moscow, Russia

Prof. Dr. Caroline Wanjiku Kihato, Associate Professor, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
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.

An Emerging Quadripartite Relationship: USA-Europe-Russia-China: from bi-polar to multi-polar to bi-polar again?

Thursday to Saturday, November 15-17, 2018
Module I.

*The EU, OSCE, ASEAN, SCO - The Institutions and negotiation processes – achievements, shortcomings, prospects and relevant dimensions*

Themes:

A. The OSCE as key forum for a comprehensive security framework for Europe and the world/the Northern Hemisphere.
   - The OSCE, its origins, evolution and current challenges
   - The Helsinki Process, the Charter of Paris and its gradual institutionalization
   - The organization today, set-up and key actors
   - Europe and the EU in the crosshairs of other actors – China, Russia, non-state actors;
   - Regionally: Middle East and the Mediterranean, Turkey, Afghanistan and Central Asia

B. The current geopolitical security environment from a European perspective:
   - The post-cold war / post 2011 order, global and regional multilateral institutions and the process of European integration as peace project
   - The East-West/US-Soviet constellation as defining framework
   - The fall of the Iron Curtain, the implosion of the Soviet Union and no End of History
   - Council of Europe, EU and NATO enlargement, the NATO-Russia Council, PfP, wars in the western Balkans, Georgia and Ukraine; the end of convergence of political systems

C. Determining factors for the current security environment
   - Hard and soft security, the quest for CSBMs and their limitations
   - hybrid warfare, cyber security, limitations to arms control, military technological developments
   - violations of international agreements and lack of new treaties

D. The EU, European Union: its origins, evolution and current challenges
   - EC EEC, Treaty of Lisbon - institutionalization
   - The EU as global payer and player
   - The EU’s CSFP, ESDF, PESCO today

E. ASEAN its origins, evolution and current challenges
   - Institutional History and institutionalization
   - The organization today, set-up and key actors

F. SCO, Shanghai Cooperation Organization its origins, evolution and current challenges
   - Institutional History and institutionalization
   - The organization today, set-up and key actors
Draft Seminar Schedule

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Wednesday, September, 26.
Location: 019 Bendheim Hall

12:00 noon Opening Luncheon Talk

Commissioner Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for European Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Union, Brussels

Thursday, September, 27.
Location: 019 Bendheim Hall

12:00 noon CD Luncheon Seminar “EU Foreign and Security Policies”

Amb. Thomas Mayr-Harting, Director General, EEAS, European Commission, Brussels

04:30 pm Public Roundtable

Christopher Nixon Cox, ’01, Co-founder, OC Global Partners, LLC, New York
Amb. Thomas Mayr-Harting, Director General, EU External Affairs, Brussels
Amb. Prince Stefan von Liechtenstein, Ambassador to the Holy See, frmr. Amb to Germany
Amb. Christian Strohal, High Representative, Austrian OSCE Chairmanship

Prof Ezra Suleiman, IBM Professor in International Studies, Director, Program in Contemporary European Politics and Society
Location: 019 Bendheim Hall

07:00 pm Dinner, The Nassau Club, Princeton

Friday, September, 28
Location: 019 Bendheim Hall

10:00 am Private Seminar Discussion on Fundamental Issues of OSCE

12:00 noon Keynote Address: Amb. Thomas Greminger, SG, OSCE

03:30 pm Amb. Christian Strohal, High Representative, Austrian OSCE Chairmanship
The OSCE - Human Rights, Election Supervision, Cyber regime etc.

06:00 pm Reception & Working Dinner
Location: 019 Bendheim Hall

Saturday, September, 29

10:00 am Continued Seminar Discussion

ASEAN: Amb. Michael Reiterer, Seoul, South Korea / Skype
SCO : Amb. Robert Finn, Turkey / Skype
Location: 019 Bendheim Hall

01:00 pm Working Luncheon: Participants Interventions and Suggestions

03:00 pm Seminar Module I., Ends