

PhD Program in Security, Risk and Vulnerability

Course Offerings

Core- Curriculum Courses

Security & Strategic Studies

Academic Year 2023-24



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Core-Curriculum Course

Security & Strategic Studies

Foreign and Defense Policy – advanced

Title: Foreign and Defense Policy – advanced

Coordinator: Fabrizio Coticchia (fabrizio.coticchia@unige.it, DISPO), Mara Morini (mara.morini@unige.it, DISPO)

Teachers: Fabrizio Coticchia (DISPO), Mara Morini (DISPO); Hugo Meijer (HLEMeijer@gmail.com, CERI Science Po), Federico Donelli (donellifed@gmail.com, DISPO)

Schedule: February-May 2024 TBD

Duration: 18h

Credits: 3 credits

Abstract: The course aims to explain foreign and defense policy decisions. In line with the most recent scholarly debate in Foreign Policy Analysis, the course focuses specifically of the role of domestic factors (parties, institutions, leaders, bureaucracies, e.g.) in shaping foreign and defense policy decisions. A specific attention will be devoted to the debate on foreign policy and grand strategy. The post-Cold War foreign and defense policy of regional and international actors (USA, China, Russia, Turkey, Italy, Germany, the EU) will be examined in details.

- Foreign Policy decision making process: approaches and analyses
- Domestic actors (parties, parliaments, leaders, public opinion) and foreign policy
- Communication, strategic narratives and security issues
- US-China rivalry
- China, Russia and the EU Strategic Autonomy,
- Russian Foreign policy
- Interference as an external factor in domestic processes
- Influence and Public diplomacy
- German and Italian Foreign policy
- The war in Ukraine

- Turkish foreign policy

Module 1 (6 hours) Domestic actors and Foreign Policy

F. Coticchia - **February 2024, Dispo, UNIGE, TBD**

- Foreign Policy decision making process: approaches and analyses
- Domestic actors and Foreign and Defense Policy (institutions, public opinion, leaders, and parties)
- Selected foreign policy case studies (populist parties and Foreign policy; the defense policy of Italy and Germany in the post-Cold war era)

1) Foreign Policy decision-making process: approaches and analyses. The actual debate

Compulsory Readings:

Hudson, V.M. (2005), "Foreign Policy Analysis: Actor-Specific Theory and the Ground of International Relations," *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (2005), pp. 1-30.

Haesebrouck, T. and Joly, J. (2020) *Foreign Policy Change: From Policy Adjustments to Fundamental Reorientations*, *Political Studies Review*.

Recommended readings:

Butt, A.I., (2019) Why did the United States Invade Iraq in 2003?, *Security Studies*, 28:2, 250-285

Hudson, V. M. and Vore. C. (1995) "Foreign Policy Analysis- Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," *International Studies Review*, 39(2)- 209-238.

Kaarbo, J. (2015), 'A Foreign Policy Analysis Perspective on the Domestic Politics Turn in IR Theory', *International Studies Review*, 17(2): 189–216.

2) Domestic actors and Foreign and Defense Policy (institutions, leaders, public opinion, and parties)

Compulsory Readings:

Wagner, W. and T.Raunio (2020), The Party Politics of Foreign and Security Policy, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 16/4, 2020, 515-531

Coticchia, F. and F.N.Moro, “Peaceful Legislature? Parliaments and military interventions after the Cold War: insights from Germany and Italy”, F.Coticchia, F.N. Moro, *International Relations*, 2021

L. Klarevas 2003, The essential domino of public opinion”, *International Studies Perspective*

Recommended readings:

Mello, P. A., and Peters, D. (2018). 'Parliaments in Security Policy: Involvement, Politicisation, and Influence', *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 20(1): 1–16.

Schuster, J., and Maier, H. (2006), 'The Rift: Explaining Europe’s Divergent Iraq Policies in the Run-Up of the American-Led War on Iraq', *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 2(3): 223–244.

Coticchia, F. and V. Vignoli (2020), Italian political parties and military operations. An empirical analysis on voting patterns", *Government and Opposition*, 2020, vol. 55, no. 3, pp. 456-473.

Destradi, S. Plagemann (2019), J, Populism and Foreign Policy: The Case of India, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 15/2, 283–301.

3) Selected foreign policy case studies (focus: e.g., Italy, Germany, Vietnam, etc.). Paper discussion

Recommended “readings”:

K. Burns and L. Novick (2017), “The Vietnam War”, PBS, available on Netflix

Module 2 (6 hours)

Hugo Meijer, TBD

- 1. Contesting Hegemony: The US-China Great Power Rivalry in the Asia-Pacific**
- 2. Strategic Autonomy? NATO, the War in Ukraine, and European Defence**
- 3. Awakening to China’s Rise: European Foreign and Security Policies toward the People’s Republic of China**

- **Contesting Hegemony: The US-China Great Power Rivalry in the Asia-Pacific TBD**

Compulsory Readings:

- Evelyn Goh, “Contesting Hegemonic Order: China in East Asia,” Security Studies, Vol. 28, No. 3 (2019), pp. 614-644.
- Nina Silove, “The Pivot Before the Pivot: U.S. Strategy to Preserve the Power Balance in Asia”, International Security, Vol. 40, No. 4 (2016), pp. 45-88.

- U.S. Department of Defense, The Indo-Pacific Strategy Report, 2019, pp. 15-51.
- **Strategic Autonomy? NATO, the war in Ukraine, Russia Resurgent and European Defence - TBD**

Compulsory Readings:

- Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Russia Military Power, 2017, pp 1-45.
- European Parliament Research Service, "European Deterrence Initiative: The Transatlantic Security Guarantee," EPSR Briefing, July 2018
- Hugo Meijer and Stephen G. Brooks, "Illusions of Autonomy: Why Europe Cannot Provide for Its Own Security Even if the US Pulls Back," International Security, Vol. 45, No. 3 (2021)
- **Awakening to China's Rise: European Foreign and Security Policies toward the People's Republic of China - TBD**

Compulsory Readings:

- Philippe Le Corre, 'Chinese Investments in European Countries: Experiences and Lessons for the "Belt and Road" Initiative', in Rethinking the Silk Road: China's Belt and Road Initiative and Emerging Eurasian Relations edited by Maximilian Mayer (Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), pp. 161-176.
- Julianne Smith and Torrey Taussig, 'The Old World and the Middle Kingdom: Europe Wakes Up to China's Rise', Foreign Affairs, September/October 2019.
- European Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR/VP), "EU-China: A Strategic Outlook," Joint Communication, 12 March 2019.

Module 3 (4 hours)

Mara Morini, TBD

- 1. The development of the Russian Foreign and Defense Policies
- 2. The Russian-Ukraine War: origins and implications

Readings:

Feklyunina V. (2019), Russian Foreign Policy in R. Sakwa, H. Hale e S. White, Developments in Russian Politics 9, London, pp. 165-179.

McFaul M. (2020), Putin, Putinism, and the Domestic Determinants of Russian Foreign Policy, in “International Security”, 45:2, 95-139

Renz B. (2019), Security, The Military and Politics, in R. Sakwa, H. Hale e S. White, Developments in Russian Politics 9, London, Macmillan, pp. 182-198.

S. Fabian (2019), The Russian hybrid warfare strategy - neither Russian nor strategy, Defense and Security analysis, 35:3, 308-325. I. Stadnik, US-Russian Relations in Cybersecurity: The Constructivist Dimension, European Conference on Cyber Warfare and Security, <https://search.proquest.com/docview/2261017081?pq-origsite=gscholar&fromopenview=true>

Recommended Readings:

Ruth Deyermond (2016) The Uses of Sovereignty in Twenty-first Century Russian Foreign Policy, in “Europe-Asia Studies”, 68:6, 957-984

Galeotti M. (2018), I’m sorry for creating Gerasimov’s Doctrine, Foreign Policy, <https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/03/05/im-sorry-for-creating-the-gerasimov-doctrine/>

Galeotti 82019), The Mythical Gerasimov's Doctrine and the Language of Threat, in Critical Studies on Security, 7, 2, 157-161.

Natalizia G. Valigi M. (2020), From Reset to Restart. The cyclical Relationship between US and Russia in the Post-Cold War, in "The International Spectator", 55:3, 65-81.

G. Golosov, (2020), Useful, but Not Necessarily Idiots. The Ideological Linkages among the Putin-Sympathizer Parties in the European Parliament, Problems of Post-Communism, 67:1, 53-63.

G. Comai (2020), Responding to alleged Russian interference by focussing on the vulnerabilities that makes it possible, in S. Giusti, E. Piras, Democracy and Fake News. Information Manipulation and Post-Truth Politics, Routledge, London, 143-154.

Module 4 (2hours)

Federico Donelli - TBD

- **The Turkish foreign policy**

Compulsory Readings:

Altunışık, Meliha Benli. 2020. The New Turn in Turkey's Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Regional and Domestic Insecurities. In IAI Papers. Rome: Istituto Affari Internazionali.

Haugom, Lars. 2019. "Turkish foreign policy under Erdogan: A change in international orientation?" Comparative Strategy 38 (3):206-223. doi: 10.1080/01495933.2019.1606662.

Recommended Reading:



Kaliber, Alper, and Esra Kaliber. 2019. "From De-Europeanisation to Anti-Western Populism: Turkish Foreign Policy in Flux." *The International Spectator* 54 (4). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/03932729.2019.1668640>.

Core-Curriculum Course

Security & Strategic Studies

International security – advanced

Title: International Security – advanced

Duration: 36 hours

Credits: 6 credits

Coordinator: Giampiero Cama (DISPO),

3.1 Module A: International Security and Conflict Studies – advanced

May-September 2024 - TBD

Coordinator: Giampiero Cama (DISPO),

Teachers: Giampiero Cama (DISPO, giampiero.cama@unige.it), F.N. Moro (University of Bologna, francesco.moro4@unibo.it), C. Ruffa (Swedish Defense University, chiara.ruffa@pcr.uu.se), F.Coticchia (DISPO, Fabrizio.coticchia@unige.it)

Duration: 18 hours

Credits: 3 credits



Abstract: The course aims to illustrate the evolution of contemporary security, focusing on new challenges, strategies and actors. A specific attention will be devoted to conflict studies, investigating features and effectiveness of peacekeeping and peacebuilding operations as well as nature and impact of institutional solutions (e.g., power-sharing) to civil wars

- The evolution of contemporary security
- National security and transnational challenges
- Civil wars: causes and patterns of civil wars
- Insurgencies and Counter-insurgencies. The cases of Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan
- Assessing drivers, features, and effectiveness of Peacekeeping and peacebuilding operations
- Institutional solutions to civil wars: discussing power sharing
- Selected case studies in international security
- Methods in conflict studies

Professor Francesco Niccolò Moro TBS (6 hours)

1. Start-up rebellions
2. Rebel violence
3. Rebel governance

Professor Giampiero Cama TBD (6 hours)

1. Conflict and post-conflict
2. Power Sharing

3. Democratization

Chiara Ruffa (Uppsala University/Swedish Defence University), 6 hours TBD

1. What do peacekeepers do?
2. Does peacekeeping keep peace?
3. Ways ahead and frontiers
4. What does peacekeeping do? And what do peacekeepers do?

Required Readings

- Oksamytna Kseniya and John Karlsrud, 2020, “United Nations Peace Operations and International Relations Theory: An Introduction”, in United Nations Peace Operations and International Relations Theory (edited by Kseniya Oksamytna and John Karlsrud, Manchester University Press, 2020), available as ebook.
- von Billerbeck, Sarah (2020), No action without talk? UN peacekeeping, discourse, and institutional self-legitimation. Review of International Studies. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S026021052000011X>

Optional readings:

- Autesserre, Séverine. ‘International Peacebuilding and Local Success: Assumptions and Effectiveness’. International Studies Review 19, no. 1 (1 March 2017): 114–32. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viw054>.

- Ruffa, Chiara. 'What Peacekeepers Think and Do: An Exploratory Study of French, Ghanaian, Italian, and South Korean Armies in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon'. *Armed Forces and Society* 40, no. 2 (2014): 199–225.

2. Does peacekeeping keep peace?

- Howard, Lise M. 'Peacekeeping Is Not Counterinsurgency'. *International Peacekeeping*, 15 October 2019, 1–4. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13533312.2019.1677288>.
- Bove, Vincenzo, Chiara Ruffa, and Andrea Ruggeri. *Composing Peace. Mission Composition in UN Peacekeeping*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020, introduction
- Fjelde, Hanne, Lisa Hultman, and Desirée Nilsson. 'Protection Through Presence: UN Peacekeeping and the Costs of Targeting Civilians'. *International Organization*, 2019., 1–29. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818318000346>.

Additional readings:

- Ruggeri, Andrea, Han Dorussen, and Theodora-Ismene Gizelis. 'On the Frontline Every Day? Subnational Deployment of United Nations Peacekeepers'. *British Journal of Political Science*, 2016, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S000712341600017X>.
- Beardsley, Kyle, and Sabrina Karim. *Equal Opportunity Peacekeeping: Women, Peace, and Security in Post-Conflict States*. Oxford Studies in Gender and International Relations Series. Oxford University Press, 2017, chapter 1 (available as e-book)
- Olsson, Louise, Angela Muvumba Sellström, Stephen Moncrief, Elisabeth Jean Wood, Karin Johansson, Walter Lotze, Chiara Ruffa, Amelia Hoover Green, Ann Kristin Sjöberg, and Roudabeh Kishi. 'Peacekeeping Prevention: Strengthening Efforts to Preempt Conflict-Related Sexual Violence'. *International Peacekeeping* 27, no. 4 (7 August 2020): 517–85. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13533312.2020.1782752>.

- Moncrief, Stephen. 'Military Socialization, Disciplinary Culture, and Sexual Violence in UN Peacekeeping Operations'. *Journal of Peace Research* 54, no. 5 (September 2017): 715–30. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022343317716784>.

3. Ways ahead and frontiers

- Autesserre, Séverine. 'Going Micro: Emerging and Future Peacekeeping Research'. *International Peacekeeping* 21, no. 4 (8 August 2014): 492–500. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13533312.2014.950884>.
- Diehl, Paul F. 'Behavioural Studies of Peacekeeping Outcomes'. *International Peacekeeping* 21, no. 4 (2014): 484–491.

3.2 Module B: Emerging challenges to international and national security: from migration to terrorism

Coordinator: Marco Di Giulio (Dispo, marco.digiulio@unige.it)

Teachers: Marco di Giulio (Dispo), Eugenio Cusumano, (Leiden – Ca' Foscari, e.cusumano@hum.leidenuniv.nl),

Schedule: April-June 2024 TBD

Duration: 18 hours

Credits: 3 credits

Abstract: The course aims to examine the features of some key multidimensional and non-purely military challenges to international security. The course provides a comprehensive and detailed analysis of the characteristics and impact of these challenges, combining security studies and public policy.

- Multidimensional challenges to international and national security
- A securitization process?
- The evolution of terrorism: actors and contexts



- The emerging needs of counter terrorism
- Drivers of radicalization
- Migrations flows and international security: analyses and debates
- The refugee crisis: looking for a new governance of migration issues
- Maritime Security
- Security and Climate change
- Failure in Organizations
- Selected case studies

Professor Marco Di Giulio (4 hours)

1. History, time, and sequences in the analysis of politics
2. Organization, ideas and learning Paper presentation

Professor Eugenio Cusumano – 6 hours TBD

1. Irregular Migration across the Mediterranean: Routes, Drivers, Actors, and Implications
2. Border Control at Sea between Values and Interests: Maritime Rescue as a Contested Norm

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Eugenio Cusumano (6 hours)

TBD

Irregular maritime mobility from Africa and the Middle East has long been framed as a national security threat by Italian, Spanish, Greek and Maltese authorities alike. With over 16,000 reported deaths between 2015 and 2020, however, seaborne migration across the Central Mediterranean route connecting Libya to Italy is also a human security challenge, which has made the EU's Southern maritime borders the deadliest worldwide. The conflicting imperatives of curbing irregular migration and reduce the loss of life at sea have generated a complex array of security policies and civil society initiatives. This session will focus on the strategic, legal and normative challenges attached to governing irregular mobility across the Central Mediterranean sea corridor connecting Libya and Tunisia to Italy, assessing the strategic, legal and normative implications of different maritime border control arrangements.

Objectives

- Identify the different public and private actors involved in irregular maritime migration governance across the Mediterranean
- Map the different policies devised by Italy and the EU to govern irregular migration across the Central Mediterranean over the last decade
- Assess the effectiveness and implications of different maritime border control arrangements

Questions for discussion

- What are the reasons underlying the increase in irregular migration occurred since 2013 and its subsequent decrease since the summer of 2017?
- Why have Italy and the EU increasingly externalized migration control to Libya's authorities?
- Are externalization policies effective? Are they lawful?
- What are the political and legal disincentives attached to rescuing migrants in distress at sea?

- Are sea rescue operations a pull factor of migration?

Required Readings:

Cusumano E. and Villa M. (2020). 'Over Troubled Waters. Maritime rescue operations in the Central Mediterranean', in International Organization for Migration (ed.), Migration in the Central Mediterranean Route and Beyond: Safety, Support and Solutions (Geneva: International Organization for Migration).

Müller P and & Slominski P. (2020) Breaking the legal link but not the law? The externalization of EU migration control through orchestration in the Central Mediterranean, Journal of European Public Policy. DOI 10.1080/13501763.2020.1751243

Baldwin-Edwards M. and Lutterbeck D. (2019). Coping with the Libyan migration crisis. Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies. 10.1080/1369183X.2018.1468391

Cusumano E. (2018). Migrant Rescue as Organized Hypocrisy? EU Maritime Missions Offshore Libya between Humanitarianism and Law Enforcement, Cooperation & Conflict. DOI 10.1177/0010836718780175

Optional Readings:

Aalberts, T., & Gammeltoft-Hansen, T. (2014). Sovereignty at Sea: The Law and Politics of Saving Lives in Mare Liberum. Journal of International Relations and Development 17: 439–468.

Basaran T. (2015). The Saved and the Drowned: Governing Indifference in the Name of Security. Security Dialogue, 46(3): 205–20.

Carrera S. and Cortinovis R. (2019). Search and rescue, disembarkation and relocation arrangements in the Mediterranean: Sailing away from responsibility? CEPS Paper, Liberty and Security in Europe.

Cusumano E. and Gombeer K. (2019). In Deep Waters. The Legal, Ethical and Political Implications of Closing Italian Ports to Migrant Rescuers, *Mediterranean Politics* Vol. 25 No. 2

Cusumano E. and Pattison J. (2018). The Non-governmental Provision of Search and Rescue in the Mediterranean and the Abdication of State Responsibility, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 31 No. 1.

Cusumano E. and Villa M. (2020). From “Angels” to “Vice Smugglers”: the Criminalization of Sea Rescue NGOs in Italy. *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*. DOI 10.1007/s10610-020-09464-1

Cuttitta P. (2020). Search and Rescue at Sea, Non-Governmental Organisations and the Principles of The EUs External Action. In: Carrera S, Curtin D and Geddes A (eds.) 20 years Anniversary of the Tampere Programme:

Europeanisation Dynamics of the EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. Florence: European University Institute, 123-144.

Geddes A. and Pettrachin A. (2019). Italian migration policy and politics: Exacerbating paradoxes. *Contemporary Italian Politics* 12(2): 227-242.

Ghezelbash D., Moreno-Lax V., Klein N., Opeskin N. (2018) Securitization of Search and Rescue at Sea: the Response to Boat Migration offshore Australia and in the Mediterranean’. *International&Comparative Law Quarterly* 67(2): 315-351.

Lutterbeck D. (2018). Blue vs Green: The Challenges of Maritime Migration Controls. *Journal of Borderland Studies*. DOI 10.1080/08865655.2019.1652672

McDowell S. (2020). Geopoliticizing Geographies of Care: Scales of Responsibility Towards Sea-borne Migrants and Refugees in the Mediterranean, *Geopolitics*, DOI: 10.1080/14650045.2020.1777400.

Moreno-Lax V. (2018). The EU Humanitarian Border and the Securitization of Human Rights: The “Rescue-through-Interdiction / Rescue-without-Protection” Paradigm. *Journal of Common Market Studies* 56(1): 119-140.

Perkowsky N. and Squire V. (2019). The anti-policy of European anti-smuggling as a site of contestation in the Mediterranean migration ‘crisis’. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 45(12): 2167-2184

Pusterla F. (2020). Legal Perspectives on Solidarity Crime in Italy. *International Migration*, DOI 10.1111/imig.12740

Squire, V. (2020). *Europe’s Migration Crisis*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2020.

Research design and comparative methods

Teachers: Fabrizio Coticchia (DISPO, reference teacher and coordinator), Andrea Ruggeri (University of Oxford, andrea.ruggeri@politics.ox.ac.uk) TBC, Valerio Vignoli (University of Milan, Valerio.Vignoli@unimi.it).

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Duration: 18 hours

Credits: 3 credits

When: December 2023 – February 2024

Abstract:

- **Research design and methods**
- **Research Questions**
- **Theory**
- **Comparative Research Methods**
- **Case, mechanisms and process tracing**
- **Introduction to statistics and multivariate analysis**

Module 1 (6 hours):

Fabrizio Coticchia (UNIGE) - December 2023– January 2024

1. 1. **Intro on Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations, 12 December 16-18, sala A, DISPI**
2. 2. **Comparative Research Methods, 18 December 16-18, sala A, DISPI**

3. 3. Cases and Mechanisms. Process Tracing. Debate on Papers, 9 January, TBC

Required Readings

- Beach, D. e Brun Pedersen, R. (2013) *Process-Tracing Methods. Foundations and Guidelines*, Ann Arbor, The University of Michigan Press. Selected Chapters
- Morlino, L. (2018). *Comparison: A Methodological Introduction for the Social Sciences*. Budrich. Selected Chapters
- Pennings, P. and Keman H. (2020), “Comparative Research Methods”, in D. Caramani, *Comparative Politics*, OUP 2020
- Schmitter, P.C. (2016), *The Design of Social and Political Research*

Suggested Readings

Bennett, A. e George, A.L. 1997

Process Tracing in Case Study Research, Working Paper, MacArthur Foundation.

Bennett A. 2015

“Using Process Tracing to Improve Policy Making: The (Negative) Case of the 2003 Intervention in Iraq”, *Security Studies*, 24:2, 228-238.

Collier, D. 2011

Understanding Process Tracing, in «PS-Political Science», ottobre, pp. 823-830.

Collier, D. e Mahon, J.E. Jr. 1993. *Conceptual Stretching Revisited: Adapting Categories in Comparative Analysis*, in «American Political Science Review», LXXXVII, pp. 845-855.

Eckstein, H. 1975

Case Study and Theory in Political Science, in F.J. Greenstein e N.W. Polsby (eds), *Handbook of Political Science*, vol. 6: *Strategies of Inquiry*, Reading (MA), Addison-Wesley, pp. 79-137.

Evangelista, M. 1986

“Case Studies and Theories of the Arms Race”, Bulletin of Peace Proposals , Vol. 17, No. 2, pp. 197-206

George, A.L. e Bennett, A. 2005

Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences, Cambridge (MA)-London, The MIT Press.

Gerring, J.

2004 What Is a Case Study and What Is It Good for? APSR, 98(2)

2007 Case Study Research. Principles and Practices, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

2010 “Casual Mechanisms...Yes, But”, Comparative Political Studies, 1499-1526

2012 “Mere Description. British”, Journal of Political Science, 42, pp 721-746

King, G., Keohane, R.O. e Verba, S. 1994

Designing Social Inquiry. Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research, Princeton (NJ), Princeton University Press.

Lasswell, H.D. 1968. The Future of the Comparative Method, in «Comparative Politics», I, pp. 3-18.

Levy, J. S. 2008

“Case Studies: Types, Designs, and Logics of Inference”, Conflict Management and Peace Science, 25:1–18.

Lijphart, A. 1971

Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method, in «American Political Science Review», LXV, pp. 682-693.

1975 The Comparable-Case Strategy in Comparative Research, in «Comparative Political Studies», VIII, pp. 158-177.

Ragin, C.C. e Zaret, D. 1983

Theory and Method in Comparative Research. Two Strategies, in «Social Forces», LXI, pp. 731-754.

Sartori, G. 1970

Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics, in «American Political Science Review, LXIV, pp. 1033-1053.

Schmitter, P.C. (ed) 2009

The Nature and Future of Comparative Politics, in «European Political Science Review», I, 1, pp. 33-61.

Tilly, C. 2001

Mechanisms in Political Process, in «Annual Review of Political Science», 4, pp. 21-41.

Yin, R.K. 1985

Case Study Research: Design and Methods, Thousand Oaks (CA)-London, Sage Publications

Module 2 (6 hours)

A. Ruggeri, TBC, January/February 2024

- 1. Posing and Drafting Research Questions in IR**
- 2. What is a theory in IR? How to build it and what to make of it?**
- 3. How would you know if you were wrong? Research Design**

Module 3 (6 hours):

Valerio Vignoli (UNIMI) – January/February 2024 TBC

- 1. Introduction to statistics and multivariate analysis in IR (I)**

During the class, all the most essential concepts of both descriptive and inferential statistics to read a quantitative paper in IR will be covered, by guiding the students through the analysis of a dataset with the software R Studio.

2. Introduction to statistics and multivariate analysis in IR (II)

A handful of articles from top IR journals will be thoroughly discussed by the teacher as to show how to structure a quantitative research in the field and assess how the students have assimilated the concepts explained in the previous class.

3. Introduction to statistics and multivariate analysis in IR (III) – Paper presentation

Each of the students is asked to prepare a presentation of an article concerning his/her research interest that employs statistics and multivariate analysis as a method. The students are expected to critically engage with the article.

Readings Class I

On statistics (Recommended)

Norris, G., Qureshi, F., Howitt, D., & Cramer, D. (2014). Introduction to statistics with SPSS for social science. Routledge.

On quantitative research in IR (mandatory)

Braunmoeller B. F., & Sartori A. E. (2004) The Promise and Perils of Statistics in International Relations. In Sprinz D. F. & Wolinsky-Nahmias Y. (eds.) Models, Number, and Cases: Methods for Studying International Relations

Mansfield E. D., & Pevehouse J. C. (2008) Quantitative approaches. In Reus-Smit C. & Snidal D (eds.) The Oxford Handbook of International Relations

Dataset (elective)

Di Salvatore, J. (2020). Obstacle to peace? Ethnic geography and effectiveness of peacekeeping. British Journal of Political Science, 50(3), 1089-1109.

Readings Class II

Articles to be presented and discussed in class (mandatory)



Büthe, T., & Milner, H. V. (2008). The politics of foreign direct investment into developing countries: increasing FDI through international trade agreements?. *American journal of political science*, 52(4), 741-762.

Cederman, L. E., Wimmer, A., & Min, B. (2010). Why do ethnic groups rebel? New data and analysis. *World Politics*, 62(1), 87-119.

Gartzke, E., & Gleditsch, K. S. (2006). Identity and conflict: Ties that bind and differences that divide. *European Journal of International Relations*, 12(1), 53-87.

Further articles (elective)

Bremer, S. A. (1992). Dangerous dyads: Conditions affecting the likelihood of interstate war, 1816-1965. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 36(2), 309-341.

Martin, L. L. (1993). Credibility, costs, and institutions: Cooperation on economic sanctions. *World Politics*, 45(3), 406-432.

Neumayer E. (2002). Do democracies exhibit stronger international environmental commitment? A cross-country analysis. *Journal of peace research*, 39(2), 139-164.

Core-Curriculum activities

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Management and Organization Activities

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