

Descriptif d'enseignement / Course descriptions

3ème année internationale / International undergraduate program

Semestre 1

Titre du cours - Course title

From Conflict Prevention to Post-Conflict Reconstruction

Type de cours : Séminaire d'ouverture

Langue du cours/Language of instruction : English

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Résumé du cours – Objectifs - Course description – Targets

The proliferation of emergency crises since the end of the Cold War led to the increasingly frequent deployment of civil and military actors to deal with complex situations. Since then, cooperation between actors on the ground and at political and strategic levels have been considered necessary. Since 9/11, the war against terrorism has transformed the conditions of Western interventions.

Under the auspices of the United States, states are reclaiming the initiative in humanitarian action, which is being integrated into other components of diplomatic and military action. Given the strength of the US political and military machinery and its influence on the strategic policies of America's allies, the challenges arising from the militarisation of civil actors cannot be ignored by Europe.

In dealing with complex humanitarian operations, multinational interoperability aims to expand the scope of operations from military jointness to civil-military integration by including non-governmental organizations and private military/security companies. US doctrine on interagency co-operation states that advanced co-ordination forges a vital link between the military and civilian instruments of power as well as non-state agencies and that "obtaining coordinated and integrated effort in an interagency operation is critical to success".

Evaluation - Assessment

- 1 short collective policy-oriented research paper and various oral policy simulations will be part of the general assessment methodology.
- Individual oral contributions to the debates/presentations is encouraged as well.

Plan - Séances - Course outline

- (1) The changing nature of conflicts (Post-Cold War)
- (2) The evolution of military missions (90s and 2000s)



- (3) The origins of conflict prevention and SSR
- (4) New military missions and civilmilitary challenges: The role of private actors
- (5) Civilmilitary transformations: Interagency initiatives and the Comprehensive Approach
- (6) Collective Activity / policy papers (The Way Forward)

Bibliographie - Bibliography:

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