

Module 5 Normative Theories, Ethics and Accountability in International Security Management I			
Workload	ECTS-Credits	Semester	Length of Module
120 hours (41 hours class contact time, 79 hours self study time)	4	1 st semester	1 semester
Responsible academic			
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Structure of the Module		
No.	Section	Class Contact Time
1	Ethical Reasoning in the Context of International Security Management	1,5 SWS
2	Normative Approaches to International Security	1,5 SWS
Module Description		
<p>This module reflects on the ethical and normative dimensions of international security management. The first section starts from a philosophical viewpoint. Students gain knowledge about the main approaches in ethical theory and are invited to consider controversial issues in the field of security management from moral perspectives. The second section deals with international security from a normative political science point of view. The section develops normative and critical security studies for international security management. Both, cooperative and emancipative approaches are evaluated for the production and maintainance of security, from the global down to the local level.</p>		
Module Aims		
<p>Section 1 aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> offer students an advanced overview of philosophical theories relevant to security management issues develop and test students' ability to apply philosophical perspectives to practical case studies and controversial issues in order to find solutions. <p>Section 2 aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> offer an overview of the most important academic discussions on the significance of norms in international security develop a critical understanding of the relations between power and security encourage critical thinking and analysis of global and local security using a wide range of literature as well as empirical data enhance the ability of students to distinguish between different assumptions and normative orientations in the study of international security help students to develop a critical understanding of the implications of such differences for the professional implementation of security. 		
Learning Outcomes/Competences/Skills		

By the end of this module, students will be able to:

- discuss assumptions and approaches of international security critically
- sort different assumptions and arguments into an overall theoretical framework of (critical) security studies
- trace back diverging arguments to different values, goals and purposes connected to security
- deduce practical implications from critical theoretical debates for the conception of international security management
- identify and demonstrate understanding of multiple ethical theories relevant for security management
- demonstrate practical ethical reasoning in a security management context.

Content

Section 1: Introduction to the Main Conceptions / Approaches in Ethical Theory

- Virtue ethics (Aristotle)
- Principles and rights (Kantian ethics)
- Utilitarian ethics (Bentham, Mill, Sidgwick)
- Ethical particularism (Dancy)
- Case studies analysing controversial issues and looking for answers and solutions from a philosophical perspective, practicing ethical reasoning

Section 2: Normative Theories in International Security

- The role of norms in international relations theory
- Rationalist vs. constructivist approaches to studying security
- Securitisation theory and security dissections
- Critical security studies

Prerequisites for attending

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Teaching Language

English

Examination

Essay [Hausarbeit]

Relevance of the Examination for the final Scale

7,0 %