THE EU COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENSE POLICY IN ACTION

I. Objective of the class

The objective of the class is to examine the European Union’s Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) in action. We will analyze the actors, the structures, the instruments and capacities involved in CSDP as they are actually implemented in European Union civilian and military operations over these last ten years. We will combine various conceptual and empirical approaches used in the study of the EU, with International Relations and strategic studies perspectives.

The first sessions will provide a general framework in two main ways: on the one hand, we will present and discuss the main characteristics of CSDP and the main issues of this fundamental dimension of the EU. On the other, we will present the conceptual frameworks that will allow us to examine the civilian and military operations of the EU, their objectives, their characteristics and results. The following sessions will be case studies devoted to the main EU CSDP operations, notably Artemis/DRC, EUFOR RD Congo, EUFOR Tchad/RCA, EUFOR Althea, EUNAVFOR Somalie, EULEX Kosovo.

II. Requirement

The course will combine lectures and discussion of the readings. Questions and class participation are welcomed.

- Students are expected to do all the required reading for each session prior to class. I recommend – but this is not required – that students write a short summary, or a personal critique, of the session’s readings (about 500 words). This helps to gain a better understanding of the text and of the lecture.

- A final paper (3000/3500 words). Each student will choose a CSDP civilian or military operation that he/she will examine and assess. Among possible operations: Artemis/DRC, EUFOR RD Congo, EUFOR Tchad/RCA, EUFOR Althea, EUNAVFOR Somalie, EULEX Kosovo. A complete list of operations is available at: http://www.consilium.europa.eu/showPage.aspx?id=261&lang=en
III. Content

COURSE OUTLINE AND SCHEDULE

1. – EU civilian and military operations: definitions and analytical frameworks
2. – From EU “grand strategy” to operations
4. – EUFOR Chad/RCA (2008-09)
5. – Bosnia Herzegovina / EUPM (Bosnia) / EUFOR Althea
6. – EUNAVFOR Somalia Atalanta (launched 2008)
7. – Civilian Crisis Management: EULEX Kosovo, EUPOL COPPS, etc.
8 – Conclusion, comparison with Japan

Monday 1st August:
- EU civilian and military operations: definitions and analytical frameworks (sessions 1 and 2 – 90 minutes + 90 minutes)
- From EU “grand strategy” to operations (session 3 – 90 minutes)

Tuesday 2 August:
- From EU “grand strategy” to operations (session 4 – 90 minutes)

Wednesday 3 August:
- EUFOR Chad/RCA (2008-09) (sessions 7 and 8 – 90 minutes + 90 minutes)
- Bosnia Herzegovina / EUPM (Bosnia) / EUFOR Althea (session 9 – 90 minutes)

Thursday 4 August:
- Bosnia Herzegovina / EUPM (Bosnia) / EUFOR Althea (session 10 – 90 minutes)
- EUNAVFOR Somalia Atalanta (launched 2008) (sessions 11 and 12 – 90 minutes + 90 minutes)

Friday 5 August:
- Civilian Crisis Management: EULEX Kosovo, EUPOL COPPS, etc. (sessions 13 and 14 – 90 minutes + 90 minutes)
- Conclusion, comparison with Japan (session 15 – 90 minutes)

READINGS AND BOOKS

Recommended supplementary readings listed below are designed to provide background and additional information in preparing papers or suggest further line of inquiry for those who desire it.

For the main characteristics of CSDP, including a set of useful maps and documents:

EU Security and Defence news. The weekly e-newsletter on EU Common Security and Defence Policy activities. A useful official source for the conduct of EU operations.


**Main references (chronological order):**


*CSDP on the web:*

[http://www.csdpmap.eu/](http://www.csdpmap.eu/)

CSDP MAP collates the expanse of already existing information on CSDP missions and the regions where missions are conducted, to contribute to better understanding of CSDP process and planning for civil society, NGOs, as well as the staff in EU institutions, EU delegations and governments – policy makers and policy making recipients. The webportal hence enhances understanding of CSDP policy and mission planning and helps to improve relations between the EU institutions, governments and the mission ‘recipients’ (including civil society) alike, as well as linking impact on the ground with the aim of CSDP missions.

*Council - Europe promotes peace and security*
Official introduction to the action of the EU in favor of peace and security: objective of CSDP, civilian crisis management, EU missions and operations, counterterrorism and counterproliferation.

**European Commission - DG External Relations - Common Foreign and Security Policy**

CSDP on the European Commission website.

**Council - EU-UN Cooperation in crisis management**

EU-UN cooperation in crisis management.

**European Parliament - Committee on Foreign Affairs**

**EU Institute for Security Studies - Security & Defence Policy**

Summaries of EU legislation: Implementation of the CFSP and ESDP

**EU Glossary - Petersberg tasks**

**1. EU civilian and military operations: introduction, definitions and analytical frameworks (1/8)**


**Recommended Supplementary Readings:**


2. From Grand Strategy to Operations (first half 1/8 – second half 2/8)


Recommended Supplementary Readings:


Kati Leinonen, “Get it Right! Giving the appropriate place to gender and human rights in the Common Security and Defence Policy,” in: Kirsi Henriksson, ed.,

**Recommended Supplementary Readings:**


4. EUFOR Chad/RCA (2008-09) (3/8)


Recommended Supplementary Readings:


5. Bosnia Herzegovina / EUPM (Bosnia) / EUFOR Althea Bosnie (1er demi 3/8-2ème demi 4/8)


Recommended Supplementary Readings:


Recommended Supplementary Readings:


7. Civilian Crisis Management: EULEX Kosovo, EUPOL COPPS, etc. (5/8)


Recommended Supplementary Readings:


8 – Conclusion, comparison with Japan