GPA 422 Human Security

Pre-Requisites: None

Course description

The primary aim of this course is to introduce students to different discourses on Human Security and its various components as an alternative security construct. The course also examines the evolution of human security, its contemporary praxis and its viability as a meaningful tool to improve the human condition.

Learning objectives:

- To learn about the meaning of Human security
- To generate historically informed discussion about the evolution of idea of Human security
- To learn about different dimension of Human Security
- To gain an understanding of current praxis, discourses and controversies surrounding Human security
- Identify key threats to human security
- Compare and contrast traditional international relations approaches to security with the doctrine of human security.
- Examine the various initiatives developed by states, non-state actors, and intergovernmental organizations to enhance human security

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the course, students will be able to:
- Understand the notion of Human Security as an alternative construct to State-Centric view of security
- engage in discussions about the future direction of security
- gain a conceptual and practical understanding of Human Security as an emerging paradigm
- have a broad and deeper understanding of the necessity of pursuing Human Security as a viable approach to improving human condition in Pakistan

Course contents:

Conceptual foundations of Human Security; Human Security as an emerging discipline; Basis assumptions of Human Security perspective; Praxis of Human Security – human needs, identity issues and the need for normative discourses; Critique and evaluation Human Security as an approach to security; Impediments to realizing potential of Human Security.

Textbooks

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6. Barry Buzan and O. Waever and Ja.de. Wilde (1998). *Security: A New Framework for Analysis*. Boulder, Co: Lynne Rienner
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9. Charli Carpenter, (2014*) Lost Causes.* Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
10. Amanda Murdie, (2014) *Help or Harm*. Stanford University Press.
11. Tuba Inal, (2013) *Looting and Rape in Wartime*. University of Pennsylvania Press.
12. Emilie Hafner---Burton, (20130 *Making Human Rights a Reality.* Cambridge University Press.
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