

New Wars and Conflicts
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Teaching language:	English
ECTS / weighting:	10

Overview

New Wars provides the students with a theoretically informed understanding of modern warfare, the evolution of war, as well as the connection between war, politics, and society. The course introduces the most important theories and concepts of warfare. It places an emphasis on post-Cold War conflicts though it also examines historical context and long-term trends. *New Wars* addresses the basic question of whether the nature of war has changed, or whether it is merely the character of war that changes, and it elucidates why this question is both central and controversial to scholars of war and peace.

Aim

By the end of the semester, the student should be able to:

- Account for the most important theories and concepts of contemporary warfare
- Account for the most important arguments and viewpoints in the debate about the character of contemporary warfare
- Compare and reflexively discuss central arguments about the nature and manifestations of modern warfare
- Provide a critique of different theoretical perspectives and discuss their relevance for the analysis of contemporary warfare

Simulation game

Participation in simulation game is mandatory. In case of illness or other reasoned absence, students have to state the reasons for absence to the teacher within 24 hours from the start of the simulation game. If the absence is accepted by the teacher, exempted students must hand in a mandatory assignment at a time decided by the teacher and the assignment has to be assessed as passed by the teacher (EKA nr. 9341412).

The simulation game will probably take place in late April. The timing is to be determined because it needs to be coordinated with the other MOISL second semester classes and planned in respect of various administrative deadlines. The date will be set well in advance of the game, though. Please contact Dr Chiara de Franco for additional information.

Exam

The final paper, which counts for 100% of your final grade, is an individual 52-hour individual take home examination written in English. The paper will not exceed 7 pages with no more than 2400 strokes per page (bibliography and appendices included). Additional pages will not be read or taken into consideration for the final grade. Students whose first language is not English should ensure that their paper has been corrected for clarity, grammar and spelling. The paper is submitted electronically via SDU-Assignment in Blackboard before the deadline established by SDU. For more information, see “How to write your final paper” on Black Board.

Schedule

Date	Subject matter	Lecturer	Literature
3 Feb	Introduction	OW/JCP	
10 Feb	New Wars	OW	Kaldor 2012, 2013: 1-31
17 Feb	Old wars? A Clausewitzian approach	JCP	Clausewitz 1832, book 1
24 Feb	New and old terrorism	JCP	Neumann 2009: 14-48, Medina and Hepner 2013: 9-33
3 March	Dark networks, network theory	OW	Arquilla and Ronfeldt 2001, van der Hulst 2011
10 March	War in the Desert: The Arab Revolt and Irregular Warfare in the Sahel-Sahara	OW	Lawrence 1920, Walther et al. 2016
14 March, U53 14-16:00	Coalitions and institutions	Olivier Schmitt	Bensahel 2007, McInnis 2013, Rynning and Schmitt 2017
17 March	Counterinsurgency: Winning hearts and minds	OW	USAMC 2005: xxi-xliii, 1-52, Nagl 2005: 15-33; Knoke 2013
31 March	Boko Haram	Nik Emmanuel	Deltenre and Liégeois 2016, ICG 2016
7 April	War in the Jungle: Counterinsurgency in South-East Asia	OW	Nagl 2005: 59-111, 191-212
21 April	Iraq, Afghanistan and the future of US/European expeditionary operations	Peter Viggo Jacobsen	Jakobsen 2016, 2017
28 April	The Balkans: conflict, war and artificially enforced institutional equilibrium	JCP	Johnson 2008, Jovic 2001
1 May	The war(s) in Syria: the multifaceted character of conflict	JCP	Lawson 2016, Phillips 2015
8 May	Islamic State: the epitome of new terrorism?	JCP	Novenario 2016, Zelin 2016
19 May	Conclusion, overview	JCP	Fleming 2009

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