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**SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

INTP 371 – HUMAN SECURITY

Trimester One 2011
28 February to 2 July 2011



Joseph Duo, Liberian militia commander, July 2003
Photo: Chris Hondros (Getty Images)

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 10-12 or by appointment

TIMETABLE:

Tuesday 3-5pm

VENUE:

New Kirk LT301

ASSESSMENT:

Short Paper (20%)
Research Essay (30%)
Final exam (50%)

COURSE CONTENT, AIMS, DATES, OBJECTIVES AND EVALUATION

CONTENT: This course examines the changing nature of war between and within states, giving particular emphasis to contemporary civil wars. Topics covered include: the relationship between natural resources (e.g. diamonds and oil) and conflict; the role and regulation of mercenaries; terrorism and armed groups; humanitarian aid and war; and the efforts of governments and civil society groups to reduce the harm caused to civilians (e.g. through action against landmines, small arms and cluster bombs). A wide range of cases are discussed in class including Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan, Sierra Leone and Rwanda. In 2011, the course will also explore how we learn about conflict through words, film and images, and how we can learn to critically evaluate these sources.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES: The course will begin with a discussion of the scope, character and consequences of contemporary violence. Why are wars fought today? Is there more or less conflict globally than in the past? What is the role of states, armed groups and private actors in war? It introduces various theoretical explanations for armed conflict, including those that emphasize identity, ethnicity and economic incentives. While this is not a course on conflict resolution, it also examines attempts to prevent conflicts and end the harm they do by focusing on efforts to promote the concept of “human security” and an associated agenda encouraging humanitarian intervention, holding accountable corporations for their actions in conflict zones and efforts to regulate small arms, light weapons, land mines and cluster munitions.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Students passing the course should have a good grasp of the concept of human security and debates about it, as well as have a general understanding of contemporary conflict and efforts to deal with it.

EVALUATION: Evaluation for the course will be based on the following:

- Short Paper (750-1000 words) 20%
- Research paper (2000-2500 words) 30%
- 3 hour final exam 50%

DELIVERY: The class will meet once a week, on Tuesday 3-5pm in Kirk LT301. Occasional guest speakers will also share their knowledge and experiences with the class.

TUTORIALS: As is standard practice with 300-level Politics and IR courses, there are no formal tutorials. However, I will be arranging workshops to help students discuss the material and prepare for the essays. These are entirely optional. Times and dates will be advised in lectures.

DATES: The following are the key course dates for INTP 371:

Trimester dates

Teaching dates: 28 February to 3 June 2011

Mid-trimester break: 18 April to 1 May 2011

Study week: 6–10 June 2011

Examination/Assessment period: 10 June to 2 July 2011

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds.aspx>

ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION

Any additional information will be posted on the School's notice board on 5th Floor of the Murphy Building or distributed by email or via Blackboard. Please note that if your primary email address is not your VUW student account, you should set up your VUW address to forward emails to your preferred address. It is your responsibility to make sure you get all class email notices.

COURSE TEXT

The primary source for course materials is the course handbook for INTP 371: *Human Security* (2011).

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer from 7 February to 11 March 2011, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from the top floor of vicbooks in the Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus. After week two of the trimester all undergraduate textbooks **and student notes** will be sold from Vicbooks **on Level 3 of the Student Union Building**.

Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from the shop. Customers will be contacted when they are available. Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

ADDITIONAL READINGS

In addition to the course notes, we will be using excerpts from *The Human Security Report 2005* (Oxford University Press, 2005), *Human Security Brief 2006* and *Human Security Report 2009* as important texts. The good news is that **free** versions of these reports are available online at: <http://www.hsrgroup.org/> **Make sure you download and read the required sections.**

Additional readings are posted on E-Reserve in the Library or on Blackboard. Recommended readings listed below that are not on E-Reserve or Blackboard can be accessed through the library's [e-journals](#) page. Because this is a course on contemporary conflict, students are also expected to read widely and stay informed about current affairs. Recommended news sources include *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, *International Herald Tribune* as well as the reports of organizations like the International Crisis Group (ICG), Amnesty International, the International Peace Academy, and Human Rights Watch.

THE BLOGS OF WAR

Here are a few relevant blogs I read from time to time. They contain interesting and insightful analysis of contemporary conflict and some also provide bibliographies that may help with your essays.

Danger Room	http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/
Small Wars Journal	http://smallwarsjournal.com/
Kings of War	http://kingsofwar.org.uk/
Long War Journal	http://www.longwarjournal.org/
The Best Defense	http://ricks.foreignpolicy.com/

LECTURE TOPICS, READINGS & DISCUSSION/STUDY QUESTIONS:

March 1 Introduction and the State of War #1

This class will provide an introduction to the course, its content, mandatory requirements and assessment. We will also consider the influences that shape state behaviour and the changing nature of conflict. How has war changed over the last few hundred years?

March 8 The State of War #2

This lecture will continue from week one, looking at contemporary war and attempts to measure the changing prevalence of armed conflict. Has war changed? Is war today more or less common than in the past? Where does it take place? Is it more or less deadly than in the past and if so, why? Who suffers most? What are the sources of our information and how reliable are they?

Readings:

The Human Security Report 2009-10 – Chapter one “Why international wars are increasingly rare” Available here: <http://www.hsrgroup.org/> and chapter two ‘Peace, war and numbers’

John Mueller, ‘The Control of War and the Rise of War Aversion’ and ‘The Decline of War: Explanations and Extrapolations’, in *The Remnants of War*, (Cornell University Press, Ithaca, 2004), p.24-38, 161-181.

Stathis Kalyvas, “‘New’ and ‘Old’ Wars: A Valid Distinction?” *World Politics*, vol. 54. no.1 (2001) 99-118

Mats Berdal, ‘How “New” are “New Wars”?’ Global Economic Change and the Study of Civil War’, *Global Governance*, 9, 2003, pp. 477-502.

Recommended:

Edward Newman, “The ‘New Wars’ Debate: A Historical Perspective is Needed,” *Security Dialogue* vol. 35, (2004) 173-199 (**E-Reserve**)

Sinisa Malesevic, “The Sociology of the New Wars? Assessing the Causes and Objectives of Contemporary Violent Conflicts” *International Political Sociology*, (2008) 2, 97-112

Mikael Eriksson, Peter Wallensteen and Margareta Sollenberg, ‘Armed Conflict, 1989-2002’, *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 40, No.5, pp 593-599.

Human Security Report 2009, (Human Security Centre, University of British Columbia, Vancouver)

[John Bohannon and John Travis “How many have died due to Congo’s fighting? Scientists battle over how to estimate war-related deaths” Science, 21 January 2010](#)

You can find a summary and documents concerning the controversy over the 2009 *Human Security Report* here: <http://tinyurl.com/266j6ra>

John Mueller, “The Banality of ‘Ethnic War’” *International Security*, vol. 25, no. 1 (Summer 2000) 42-70

March 15 Film: Restrepo

This week we will watch a powerful documentary account of the war in Afghanistan directed by Sebastian Junger and Tim Hetherington. *Restrepo* follows the lives of a platoon of soldiers in the Korengal Valley in Afghanistan over the course of a year. It has been described as ‘an impressive, even heroic feat of journalism’ and was nominated for a 2011 Academy Award as Best Documentary. Students will have the chance to answer an essay question based on the film and the related book, *War*, by Sebastian Junger.

Related Readings:

Sebastian Junger, “Into the Valley of Death” *Vanity Fair*, (January 2008) available online at: <http://www.vanityfair.com/politics/features/2008/01/afghanistan200801?currentPage=1>

You can also watch a conversation with Junger about the film here:

<http://video.nytimes.com/video/2010/07/02/world/1247468373224/a-conversation-with-sebastian-junger.html>

March 22 Human Security: Concept and Critique

This week’s class addresses the concept that underpins the course: human security. Since the end of the Cold War there has been a proliferation of new concepts of security: common, comprehensive and cooperative security. One of the more prominent today is the notion of ‘human security.’ This session will critically examine the concept and its contested meanings. Why has human security gained currency? What are the different understandings? What difference can a human security approach make? What are the concept’s shortcomings and prospects?

Readings:

Amitav Acharya, ‘Human Security’ in John Baylis and Smith (eds.), *The Globalization of World Politics*, (4th Edition, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2008), pp.492-505.

Taylor Owen, “In All but Name: The Uncertain Future of Human Security in the UN” in *Rethinking Human Security*, (Blackwell Press: Oxford, 2008) 113-127

Recommended:

S. Neil MacFarlane and Yuen Foong Khong, ‘Human Security and the UN: A Critique’, in *Human Security and the UN: A Critical History*, (Indiana University Press, Bloomington, 2006), pp.225-259, 318-322.

David Chandler, “Human security: the dog that didn’t bark” *Security Dialogue*, vol. 39 (2008)

Roland Paris, “[Human security: paradigm shift or hot air?](#)” *International Security*, vol. 26, no.1 (2001)

Taylor Owen, “Human Security – Conflict, Critique and Consensus: Colloquium Remarks and a Proposal for a Threshold Based Definition,” *Security Dialogue*, vol. 35 (3) (2004) available online at <http://sdi.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/35/3/373.pdf>

See also the selection of short essays in the special issue of *Security Dialogue* vol. 35 (3) (2004) and the papers available at Taylor Owen's website: http://taylorowen.com/?page_id=6

March 29 **Shooting War: Images and Our Understanding of Conflict**

Guest Lecturer: *Dr. Sally Hill, School of Languages and Cultures. Dr Hill has written extensively about the relationship between photography and death.*

Statistics and datasets can only tell us so much about war and suffering. Most people learn about conflict through press and news accounts and pictures play an important role in shaping people's views. This lecture explores what we can (and can't) know about war through images and photographs. What does it mean to take pictures of violence? Can photographs make us feel the suffering of others, or does repeated exposure make us numb? What is the role of the people who bring us stories and pictures about war? Can they ever be objective?

Readings:

Susan Sontag, 'War and Photography', in Nicholas Owen (ed.), *Human Rights and Human Wrongs: Oxford Amnesty Lectures*, (Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2003), pp.253-273.

Judith Butler, 'Photography, War, Outrage' *Proceedings of the Modern Language Association*, Vol.120, No. 3, pp.822-827.

Sean O'Hagan, "[Viewer or voyeur? The morality of reportage photography](#)" *The Guardian*, 8 March 2010

Greg Marinovich and Joao Silva, 'The Sin of Looking', *The Bang Bang Club: Snapshots from a Hidden War*, (Basic Books, New York, 2000), pp.144-153.

Recommended:

Susan Sontag, "[Looking at War](#)" *The New Yorker*, 9 December 2002

Barbie Zelizer, "[Death in wartime: photographs and 'the other war' in Afghanistan](#)" *International Journal of Press/Politics*, vol. 10, (2005) **(E-Reserve)**

Online Resources:

Errol Morris's blog "Zoom" on the *New York Times*' blog page here: <http://morris.blogs.nytimes.com/>

Chris Hondros' website – images and information about the work of one of the world's leading war photographers. Includes material from Iraq, Liberia, the West Bank and Afghanistan: <http://www.chrishondros.com>

For the story of Hondros' picture on the cover of this course outline see: http://www.digitaljournalist.org/issue0511/dis_hondros.html

Harvard's Nieman Foundation also has some useful resources, including this essay about Carolyn Cole's coverage of the war in Liberia: <http://www.nieman.harvard.edu/reportsitem.aspx?id=100765>

'The Big Picture' – superb photojournalism site at <http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/>

Magnum – one of the best known photo agencies: <http://www.magnumphotos.com>

Film Excerpt: *War Photographer* – Academy Award nominated documentary looking at the life and work of one of the world's best war photographers, James Nachtwey.

April 5 The Political Economy of War

World Bank research argues that 'greed' is a much more important explanation for armed rebellion than grievances such as inequality or ethnic and religious discrimination. In this class we will assess the so-called 'greed versus grievance' debate, looking at cases in the Pacific. Are you persuaded by the World Bank's argument? What kind of economic factors increase the probability of a country falling into civil war? Do different kinds of natural resources lead to different kinds of conflict?

Readings:

Paul Collier, "Doing Well Out of War: An Economic Perspective," in Mats Berdal and David Malone, *Greed and Grievance: Economic Agendas in Civil Wars* (Lynne Rienner, Boulder, 2000) 91-112

Michael Ross, "Oil, drugs and diamonds: the varying role of resources in civil wars," in Karen Ballentine and Jake Sherman (eds.) *The Political Economy of Armed Conflict: Beyond Greed and Grievance* (Lynne Rienner, Boulder, 2003) 47-70 (**E-Reserve**)

Glenn Banks, "Understanding 'Resource' Conflicts in Papua New Guinea" *Asia-Pacific Viewpoint*, vol. 49, no. 1, April 2009, 23-34 (**E-Reserve**)

Anthony J. Regan, "The Bougainville Conflict: Political and Economic Agendas," in Karen Ballentine and Jake Sherman (eds.) *The Political Economy of Armed Conflict: Beyond Greed and Grievance* (Lynne Rienner, Boulder, 2003) 133-166

Matthew Allen, "[Greed and grievance: the role of economic agendas in the conflict in Solomon Islands](#)" paper presented at the 10th Pacific Islands Political Studies Association, Port Vila, Vanuatu, 7-8 December 2007 (**Blackboard**)

Recommended:

Brian Fung, "The Geopolitics of the iPhone" *Foreign Policy*, 28 June 2010, available online here: http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/06/28/the_geopolitics_of_the_iphone

Don Hubert, 'Resources, Greed, and the Persistence of Violent Conflict', in Rob McRae and Don Hubert (eds.), *Human Security and the New Diplomacy*, (McGill Queens, Montreal, 2001), pp.178-189.

Philippe LeBillon, "The political ecology of war: natural resources and armed conflict" *Political Geography*, vol. 20 (2001) 564-584 (**E-Reserve**)

Philippe LeBillon and Eric Nicholls, "Ending 'resource wars': Revenue sharing, economic sanction, or military intervention?" *International Peacekeeping*, 14 (5) (2007): 613-632 (**E-Reserve**)

***** SHORT PAPER DUE 5pm April 8 *****

April 12 Aid, Intervention and Conflict

Some writers have argued that humanitarian assistance can actually aggravate or prolong conflict and that the actions of even the best-intentioned aid agencies always disproportionately benefit one side or another in a conflict. Can aid or “humanitarian” interventions ever really ever be neutral? What kind of challenges do humanitarian agencies face in intrastate conflicts?

Mary B. Anderson, ‘Aid’s Impact on Conflict Through Resource Transfers’, *Do No Harm: How Aid Can Support Peace – Or War*, (Lynne Rienner, Boulder, 1999), pp.37-53.

Fiona Terry, ‘Introduction’, in *Condemned to Repeat? The Paradox of Humanitarian Action*, (Cornell University Press, Ithaca, 2002), pp. 1-16

Andrew Anthony, “[Does humanitarian aid prolong wars?](#)” The Observer, 25 April 2010

“[Aid and war: a response to Linda Polman’s critique of humanitarianism](#)” *Overseas Development Institute Opinion*, May 2010

Recommended

David Shearer, ‘Aiding or Abetting? Humanitarian Aid and Its Economic Role in Civil War’, in Mats Berdal and David M. Malone (eds.), *Greed and Grievance: Economic Agendas in Civil Wars*, (Lynne Rienner, Boulder, 2000), pp.189-203.

Linda Polman, *War Games: The Story of Aid and War in Modern Times*. (New York: Viking, 2010)

MID-SEMESTER BREAK

May 3 Civil Society, NGOs and Norm Making

This class will examine the role of NGOs and civil society organizations in pressing for the adoption of human security norms. How are civil society groups able to influence core ‘national security’ issues and what (if anything) does this say about the changing balance of influence between state and non-state actors in world politics? Are NGOs accountable and how can they be manipulated?

Readings:

Rebecca Peters, ‘Campaigning to Create Awareness: How to Influence People and Change the World’, in Paul van Tongeren et al. (eds.), *People Building Peace; Successful Stories of Civil Society*, (Lynne Rienner, Boulder, 2005), pp.519-527.

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, ‘Transnational Advocacy Networks in International Politics: Introduction’, in *Activists Beyond Borders; Advocacy Networks in International Politics*, (Cornell University Press, Ithaca, 1998), 1-38.

Recommended:

Clifford Bob, 'Insurgent Groups and the Quest for Overseas Support' and 'Power, Exchange and Marketing', in *The Marketing of Rebellion: Insurgents, Media and International Activism*, (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2005), pp.14-53

Cindy Horst, "The Role of Diasporas in Civil War" Working paper presented at the PRIO workshop on the Transnational Aspects of Civil War, Oslo, December 2007

May 10 & 17 Human Security Campaigns: Past, Present and Future:

Following the success of the 1997 Ottawa Mine Ban treaty, many NGOs expected to be able to enact similar controls over transfers of small arms and light weapons. How successful were they? What are the similarities and differences between the two cases? More recently, international efforts have turned to the regulation of cluster munitions. What were the issues and challenges involved in controlling the use of cluster bombs? What other human security campaigns are being developed (and which issues are not being addressed)?

Readings:

Kenneth R. Rutherford, 'The Evolving Arms Control Agenda: Implications of the Role of NGOs in Banning Antipersonnel Landmines', *World Politics*, 53, October 2000, pp.74-114.

Jody Williams and Stephen Goose "Citizen Diplomacy and the Ottawa Process: A Lasting Model?" in Williams, Goose and Wareham (eds) *Banning Landmines: Disarmament, Citizen Diplomacy and Human Security* (Rowman and Littlefield, New York 2008) 181-198

R. Charli Carpenter, "Vetting the advocacy agenda: network centrality and the paradox of weapons norms" *International Organization*, vol. 65, no. 1 (Winter 2011) 69-102 (**E-Reserve**)

Recommended:

R. Charli Carpenter, "Studying Issue (Non)-Adoption in Transnational Advocacy Networks," *International Organization*, Volume 61, Issue 3, July 2007 (**E-Reserve**)

Mark Gwozdecky and Jill Sinclair, 'Case Study: Landmines and Human Security', in Rob McRae and Don Hubert, *Human Security and the New Diplomacy*, (McGill Queens, Montreal, 2001), pp.28-40

Diana O'Dwyer, "First landmines, now small arms? The International Campaign to Ban Landmines a Model for Small Arms Advocacy," *Irish Studies in International Relations*, vol. 17 (2006) 77-97 available online at: <http://www.ria.ie/cgi-bin/ria/papers/100570.pdf>

Human Rights Watch, *Flooding South Lebanon: Israel's Use of Cluster Munitions in South Lebanon in July and August 2006*, available online at: <http://www.hrw.org/reports/2008/lebanon0208/>

Take a look at these websites:

Cluster Munition Coalition <http://www.stopclustermunitions.org/>

Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers <http://www.child-soldiers.org/>

The Convention on the Prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of antipersonnel mines and on their destruction. (The Ottawa Treaty)
available online at <http://www.icbl.org/treaty/treatyenglish.html>

Engaging Non-State Armed Groups on a Landmine Ban – <http://www.genevacall.org>

***** RESEARCH ESSAY DUE 20 May 5pm *****

24 May The New Dogs of War? Mercenaries and the Outsourcing of War

We usually think of modern war as something fought by states or non-state actors who want to take over the control of a state. However, there is a growing move to ‘outsource’ or privatise important aspects of the military to private businesses, including core functions such as the use of force and intelligence gathering. What has caused this shift and what are the consequences? When governments are reluctant to act in cases of humanitarian crisis is there a legitimate role for private military actors to be deployed? What can be done to regulate these ‘corporate warriors’?

Peter W. Singer, ‘An Era of Corporate Warriors?’ in *Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Private Military Industry*, (Cornell University Press, Ithaca) 2003, pp.3-18, 256-260.

Peter W. Singer, ‘Morality and the Privatized Military Firm’, in *Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Private Military Industry*, (Cornell University Press, Ithaca, 2003), pp.216-229, 296-299.

Sarah V. Percy, “Mercenaries: strong norm, weak law,” *International Organization*, vol. 61 (Spring 2007) 367-397 (**E-Reserve**)

Recommended:

Deborah Avant, ‘Introduction’, in *The Market for Force: The Consequences of Privatizing Security*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2005, pp.1-39.

James R. Davis, ‘Executive Outcomes in Sierra Leone’, *Fortune’s Warriors: Private Armies and the New World Order*, (Douglas and MacIntyre, Vancouver, 2000), 133-148.

Take a look at the websites of these private military corporations:

G4S <http://www.g4s.com/>

Blackwater (now known as Xe Services LLC) <http://www.xecompany.com/>

DynCorp <http://www.dyn-intl.com/>

Aegis <http://www.aegisworld.com/>

Erinys <http://www.erinys.net>

31 May Making a Killing? Corporations and Conflict

Private corporations are frequently active in zones of conflict in the developing world. How they behave can have an important influence on the nature of the violence. This session looks at the role of extractive industries in three areas: oil, timber and diamonds and examines the efforts of NGOs and governments to control their activities and promote greater transparency

and 'responsible' corporate behaviour. Should corporations have an obligation to protect human rights and prevent conflict? How do campaigns like 'Publish Way You Pay' or the 'Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative' work? How effective have they been? Are divestment campaigns an effective tool for changing the behaviour of multinationals operating in places like Darfur?

Readings:

Jill Shankleman, 'Links Between Oil and Conflict in Producing Areas' and 'Angola: Oil, Conflict, and Postconflict Reconstruction', in *Oil, Profits and Peace: Does Business Have a Role in Peacemaking?*, (US Institute for Peace Press, Washington DC, 2006), pp.37-54

Glenn Banks, "The Activities of TNCs in Extractive Industries in Asia and the Pacific : Implications for Development" *Transnational Corporations*, 18, 1 (April 2009) (**E-Reserve**)

Recommended:

Philip Swanson, "Fuelling Conflict: The Oil Industry and Armed Conflict," available online at: <http://www.fafo.no/pub/rapp/378/index.htm>

Also, please familiarise yourself with at least one of these campaigns/initiatives:

Publish What You Pay <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/english/>

'Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative' <http://eitransparency.org/>

UN Global Compact: <http://www.unglobalcompact.org/>

'Divest from Darfur' <http://www.savedarfur.org/page/content/index/>

FTSE4Good –a Responsible Investment Measure: <http://tinyurl.com/nlogw5>

More useful resources:

The Corporate Social Responsibility Newswire and FAFO websites are also useful resources:
<http://www.csrwire.com>
<http://www.fafo.no/nsp/index.htm>

GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

ASSESSMENT

The course is internally assessed. The word limits, weighting and dates for each task are as follows:

Short Paper	750-1000 words	20%	Due: 5pm	8 April
Research essay	2000-2500 words	30%	Due: 5pm	20 May
Final exam	3 hours	50%	Date will be announced.	

SHORT PAPER

The Short Paper is designed to give you a chance to show your understanding of the key debates around the concept of human security and to critically consider the use of the concept as it relates to one key conflict or issue. Short paper questions will be distributed in the second week of class. The paper is due at **5pm 8 April**

RESEARCH ESSAY

The research essay is designed to give you the chance to apply your understanding of key concepts and theories about internal conflicts as discussed in the course to a specific case or cases. Topics will be distributed before the mid-term break. The research paper is due by **5pm on 20 May**. It must not be more than 2500 words and should include appropriate references and a bibliography (the references and bibliography do not count towards the word limit). Appropriate references mean using academic journals and books, not a quick Google search and a few footnotes to Wikipedia. More information about the research paper will be distributed in class and posted on Blackboard.

If you have difficulties with writing, you should make use of Student Writing Services. They will look at your drafts and offer helpful suggestions.

FINAL EXAM

A three hour final exam will be held during the exam period 10 June to 2 July 2011. The exact date will be confirmed during the semester. Students must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period. If you cannot sit an examination during this period, you should not enrol in the course. The exam will cover all of the material in lectures and in the readings. More information about the format and kind of questions you can expect will be distributed closer to the time.

PENALTIES

Students will be penalised for late submission of essays—a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of eight days. Work that is more than eight days late can be accepted for mandatory course requirements but will not be marked. However, penalties may be waived if there are valid grounds, e.g., illness (presentation of a medical certificate will be necessary) or similar other contingencies. In such cases prior information will be necessary. **Papers must be submitted as hard copies and uploaded to Turnitin.com. Email attachments will not be accepted.**

Extensions and Exemptions: Extensions will usually only be granted to those who meet the University's aegrotat rules, viz. medical certificate or personal bereavement, or critical personal circumstances involving the health of a close relative or exceptional personal circumstances beyond his or her control. If you plan to ask for an extension for any reason

you should contact the lecturer as soon as possible. Please note that I will not grant extensions requested after the deadline for work to be handed in has already passed.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

The required length of the assignments is indicated above and must be adhered to. Write clearly and keep quotations brief and to the point. Keep footnotes to a minimum and follow the School's style sheet (available from Pols office). Essays must be printed not handwritten, ensuring adequate line spacing (preferably double spaced) and margins, and stapled in top left hand corner. A cover page should contain: your name and student number, title of the essay, estimated word count, and time and date of submission. *You must also use the formal cover sheet and plagiarism declaration form provided by the POLS office.* Hard copies of assignments may either be handed to me personally or deposited in my mailbox outside the School Office on the fifth floor of the Murphy Building.

Begin planning for the short paper and major research paper as soon as possible. For the research paper, ensure that the topic and approach adopted are kept within manageable boundaries. If you have any questions about content, please come and see me.

RETURN OF ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments will be returned in lectures.

SUBMISSION OF ALL WRITTEN WORK TO TURNITIN

All written work for this course must be handed in as a hard copy and uploaded to the INTP 371 course page at <http://www.turnitin.com> and may be checked for academic integrity. Turnitin is an online plagiarism prevention tool which identifies material that may have been copied from other sources including the Internet, books, journals, periodicals or the work of other students. Turnitin is used to assist academic staff in detecting misreferencing, misquotation, and the inclusion of unattributed material, which may be forms of cheating or plagiarism. You are strongly advised to check with me if you are uncertain about how to use and cite material from other sources. Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted materials on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions will not be made available to any other party. Further information about how to upload your work to Turnitin.com will be distributed once the course begins.

WORKLOADS AND MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences guidelines, the expected workload for this course is 200 hours in total, spanning the 12 week trimester, mid-trimester break, study week and exam period.

The mandatory course requirements are:

- Submission of the short paper by the due date
- Submission of the research essay by the due date
- Sit the final exam

A student who has obtained an overall mark of 50% or more, but failed to satisfy a mandatory requirement for the course, will receive a K grade, while a course mark less than 50% will result in the appropriate fail grade (D, E or F)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PLAGIARISM

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the *Victoria University Calendar* or go to the Academic Policy and Student Policy sections on:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy>

The AVC (Academic) website also provides information for students in a number of areas including Academic Grievances, Student and Staff conduct, Meeting the needs of students with impairments, and student support/VUWSA student advocates. This website can be accessed at:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/Publications.aspx>

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.