

Advanced Course in Political Science, spring 2017: "Arctic Politics and Nation-Building in the Arctic"

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Language of instruction: English

The growing interest and focus on the Arctic region from several perspectives has been in focus in the recent years. The Arctic region is now experiencing some of the most rapid environmental, social, economic and geopolitical changes, resulting from combined long-range pollution, climate change and globalization. Simultaneously, what happens in the Arctic region has significant implications on the global economy and world politics. Given these changes, it is crucial that the Arctic peoples and nations, the Arctic countries and the world at large gain a greater understanding of processes taking place in the region.

This course will concentrate on the international dimension of Arctic politics and the developments in the region regarding some clear examples of nation-building processes in the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland and Nunavut. The various actors within Arctic politics will also be explored by comparisons of the Arctic states' strategies, the Arctic Council and its members, the ICC and indigenous peoples living in the Arctic. What are the most pressing issues on the agenda? Which challenges are there? How can the Arctic people overcome their challenges in a globalized world and era?

The theoretical concepts which will be in focus apart from traditional IR theories are security in a broad sense, nationalism and nation-building, self-government, sovereignty, natural resources, and climate change.

Teaching hours: 60 in total including supervision

List of readings: approx. 1500 pages

Exam: Free home assignment of maximum 20 pages (excl. appendix)

Censorship: External

ECTS: 15

Grading: Grades are given according to the GGS-Scale

Preliminary list of readings (book chapters and articles will be available at the intranet):

Main books:

- 1. Scott Burchill and Andrew Linklater (eds.) (2013): *Theories of International Relations*. Fifth Edition. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 388 pages.**
- 2. Peter Hough (2014): *International Politics of the Arctic: Coming in from the cold*. USA and Canada: Routledge. 154 pages.**
- 3. Lassi Heininen (ed.) (2014): *Security and Sovereignty in the North Atlantic*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 126 pages.**

Other Sources:

1. Alyson JK Bailes & Lassi Heininen (2012): *Strategy Papers on the Arctic or High North: A comparative study and analysis*. Centre for Small State Studies: Institute of International Affairs: University of Iceland. 130 pages. Available at: https://rafhladan.is/bitstream/handle/10802/5104/arctic_strategies_innsidur.pdf?sequence=1
2. Articles from *Arctic Yearbook 2016*. Theme of the Arctic Council. Available at: <http://www.arcticyearbook.com/>

Book Chapters:

1. Chapters from Rolf Tamnes and Kristine Offerdal (eds.): *Geopolitics and Security in the Arctic: Regional dynamics in a global world*. London and New York: Routledge. Chapters 2-5: 98 pages.
2. Chapters from Clive Archer, Alyson J.K. Bailes and Anders Wivel (eds.): *Small States and International Security*. London and New York: Routledge. Chapters 1-2, 4+ 6: 62 pages.
3. Chapters from John Coakley: *Nationalism, Ethnicity & the State: Making & Breaking Nations*. Los Angeles-London-New Delhi-Singapore-Washington DC: Sage Publications. Chapters 1, 3, 8 + 10: 89 pages.
4. Chapter from Rachael Lorna Johnstone: *Offshore Oil and Gas Development in the Arctic under International Law: Risk and Responsibility*. Leiden and Boston: Brill Nijhoff. Chapters 2, 5 + 7: 107 pages.
5. Chapters from James Kraska (ed.): *Arctic Security in an Age of Climate Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-2 + 8-10: 73 pages.

Articles:

1. Maria Ackrén (Forthcoming). 'Paradiplomacy in the Arctic - a comparative approach' in Matthias Finger and Lassi Heininen (eds.): *The GlobalArctic Handbook*, Springer International Publishing.

2. Maria Ackrén (2016). 'Public Consultation Processes in Greenland Regarding the Mining Industry', *Arctic Review on Law and Politics*, Vol. 7, No. 1, 2016, pp. 3-19.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.17585/arctic.v7.216>
3. Maria Ackrén and Bjarne Lindström (2012). 'Autonomy Development, Irredentism and Secessionism in a Nordic Context', *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, Vol. 50, No. 4, pp. 494-511 (Special Issue).
4. Maria Ackrén and Uffe Jakobsen (2015). 'Greenland as a Self-Governing Sub-National Territory in International Relations – Past, Current and Future Perspectives', *Polar Record*, Vol. 51, Issue 4, pp. 404-412.
5. Adam Grydehøj, Anne Grydehøj and Maria Ackrén (2012). 'The Globalization of the Arctic: Negotiating Sovereignty and Building Communities in Svalbard, Norway', *Island Studies Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 99-118. Available at: <http://www.islandstudies.ca/node/366>
6. Hurst Hannum and Richard B. Lillich (1980). 'The Concept of Autonomy in International Law', *The American Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 74, No. 4 (Oct., 1980), pp. 858-889.
7. Michael Tkacik (2008). 'Characteristics of Forms of Autonomy', *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights*, Vol. 15, No. 2-3, 2008, pp. 369-401.
8. Jessica Shadian (2010). 'From states to polities: Reconceptualizing sovereignty through Inuit governance', *European Journal of International Relations*, 16(3), pp. 485-510. Available at: <http://ejt.sagepub.com/content/16/3/485.full.pdf+htm>
9. Articles from *The Yearbook of Polar Law*, Volume 4, 2012. Leiden and Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers.

Course outline and schedule for the course (some changes might occur during the course):

Lecture and Date	Topic	Reading	Comments
1	Introduction of the course and Introduction to IR Theories: Realism and Liberalism	Burchill et.al.: Chapter 1-3	Basic concepts and theories
2	The English School, Marx and Marxism, and Historical Sociology	Burchill et.al.: Chapter 4-6	Theories
3	Critical Theory, Post-structuralism, and Constructivism	Burchill et.al.: Chapter 7-9	Theories
4	Feminism, Green Politics, and International Political Theory	Burchill et.al.: Chapter 10-12	Theories
5	Introduction to Arctic Politics	Tamnes and Offerdal (eds.): Chapter 2-3 + Hough: Chapter 1-2	Historical background and overview
6	Globalization, Decolonization and Intergovernmental cooperation	Hough: Chapter 4-5 + Tamnes and Offerdal: Chapter 4 + Ackrén (forthcoming) + Grydehøj et.al. (2012)	Various concepts within IR
7	Non-governmental cooperation	Hough: Chapter 6-7 + Shadian (2010) + Johnstone: Chapter 5	Human rights and indigenous rights
8	Small States in IR	Archer et.al.: Chapter 1-2 + Chapter 4 + 6	Small states and security
9	Arctic Strategies	Bailes and Heininen	Comparison of Arctic strategies
10	Security and Sovereignty in the North Atlantic	Heininen (ed.): Chapter 1-4 + Ackrén and Jakobsen (2015)	Denmark, Iceland, and Greenland
11	Security and Sovereignty in the North Atlantic	Heininen (ed.): Chapter 5-7	USA, Russia and the EU
12	Arctic Security	Kraska (ed.): Chapter 1 + 8-10	In a broad sense and Danish and Greenlandic issues
13	Natural Resources	Tamnes and Offerdal: Chapter 5 + Jonhstone: Chapter 2 + Ackrén (2016)	Oil and gas, mining industry

14	Arctic Council	Articles from <i>Arctic Yearbook 2016</i> and <i>The Yearbook of Polar Law</i>	The function and organization of the AC
15	Nation-building and Nationalism in the Arctic	Coakley: Chapter 1, 3, 8 + 10	Theories and concepts
16	Empirical Evidences	Hannum and Lillich (1980) + Tkacik (2008) + Ackrén and Lindström (2012)	Self-government and movements
17	Climate Change	Kraska (ed.): Chapter 2 + Johnstone: Chapter 7 + Hough: Chapter 3	Shipping, EIA and environmental change
18	Presentations and supervision?		
19	Future of the Arctic	Articles from <i>Arctic Yearbook</i> and <i>The Yearbook of Polar Law</i>	What next?
20	Summary of the course		
Exam	Free Home Assignment	Point of departure from the list of readings	Deadline: