

## **Security Studies**

Security Studies focus on what are, if not the most important, certainly the most dramatic issues in international relations. Any theory in this field takes a specific form, such as identifying or defining a security problem. In other words, the approach of Security Studies requires a solid prior understanding of theories of international relations.

The course is divided into two main sections. The first is dedicated to issues centered on the state. If the state is considered unitary and legitimate, the primary security problem it might face would be war with another similar political entity. This section of the course thus examines the ways in which the possibility of interstate war can be controlled.

In its second part, the course questions the centrality of the state within security concerns. This section addresses a wide range of issues, from terrorism to the environment, which involve the actions of non-state actors and factors.

During the seminars, influential texts from the specialized literature are discussed, selected based on the course topics from the previous week. The discussion of these texts is intended not only to help solidify knowledge but also to facilitate its continued application.