

Military Politics

PhD Course Plan

7 ECTS

Aim

The University of South Denmark and the Royal Danish Defence College are collaboratively hosting a 7-ECTS course titled *Military Politics* in October-December, 2021. The course is intended for PhD students studying in International Relations, Political Science, Sociology, Media Studies and related fields. The course asks, how do and how should the senior military officers in democratic states engage in domestic political processes? These questions will students to challenge existing theories of civil-military relations and engage in a dynamic process of theory revision and co-construction.

The course is unique in its structure and will provide students an unusual opportunity to influence both international research and Danish policy. Students will attend four traditional study days (Oct 28-31). Next, on Nov 1-2, students will take an active role in a two-day international conference on this topic, co-hosted by the Royal Danish Defence College, the University of South Denmark and Princeton University, and featuring keynote speakers Prof. Risa Brooks (Marquette University), Ms. Rose Gottemoeller (former US Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security and former Deputy Secretary General of NATO) and Gen. Philip Breedlove (Retired, formerly Supreme Allied Commander, Europe) and two dozen of the world's leading experts on this topic. During the conference, students will track the discussion and develop several lessons learned documents summarizing the findings of the course and conference, which they will then have the chance to present to an audience of Danish experts on Dec 15.

Learning Objectives

After completing the module, the student will have acquired the following knowledge, skills and competencies:

Knowledge

1. Insight into selected civil-military relations topics and emerging military politics research
2. Understanding of the historical development of civil-military relations and military politics as research agendas
3. Understanding of relevant policy and regulations on military political behavior within a region of their specification

Skills

4. Synthesize findings from the course and conference in a lessons learned product
5. Navigate the global literatures on civil-military relations and military politics

6. Work collaboratively with fellow PhD students and network with visiting scholars and practitioners working on military politics topics

Competencies

7. Be able to criticize, reflect on and evaluate new concepts in military politics and civil-military relations
8. Assess the need for, as well as guide and contribute to the development of future policies concerning the role of senior officers in their domestic political settings
9. Be able to contribute to emerging scholarly debates over the proper role of senior officers in democratic political processes

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Session 1: Revisiting the Civil-Military Relations Tradition (Frederiksberg Palace)

OCT 28, 0900-1030 session 1, part 1: Thomas Crosbie (convenor)

OCT 28, 1100-1230 session 1, part 2: Thomas Crosbie (convenor)

Session 2: Inventing the Military Politics Tradition (Frederiksberg Palace)

OCT 28, 1330-1430, session 2, part 1: Risa Brooks (convenor)

OCT 28, 1500-1630, session 2, part 2: Thomas Crosbie (convenor)

Session 3: Varieties of Regulation and Control (Frederiksberg Palace)

OCT 29, 0900-1030 session 3, part 1: Amelia Theussen (convenor)

OCT 29, 1100-1230 session 3, part 2: Lena Trabucco (convenor)

Session 4: Contemporary War and Military Autonomy (Frederiksberg Palace)

OCT 29, 1330-1430, session 4 (one part): Craig Whiteside (convenor)

Session 5: Exit Strategies and Military Politics (Frederiksberg Palace)

OCT 30, 1100-1230 session 5, part 1: Gen. James Campbell (R-USA) (convenor)

OCT 30, 1330-1430, session 5, part 2: Thomas Crosbie (convenor)

Session 6: Voice Strategies and Military Politics (Frederiksberg Palace)

OCT 30, 1500-1630, session 6, part 1: Vincent Keating and Thomas Crosbie (convenors)

Session 7: Loyalty and Neglect Strategies and Military Politics (Frederiksberg Palace)

OCT 31, 0900-1030 session 6, part 2: Sharon Weiner (convenor)

OCT 31, 1100-1230 session 7, part 1: TBA (convenor)

OCT 31, 1330-1430, session 7, part 2: Thomas Crosbie (convenor)

Session 8: Conference Keynotes (Bldg. 118, Svanemøllen Barracks)

NOV 1, 0830-1630

Session 9: Conference Panels (Bldg. 118, Svanemøllen Barracks)

NOV 2, 0830-1630

Session 10: Lessons Learned Presentations (Location TBD)

DEC 15, 0900-1200

[Further Particulars](#)

This course is 7 ECTS point, which corresponds to 275 hours workload, which is divided as follows:

Learning Activity	ECTS Points
Class Instruction (Oct 28-31, Dec 15)	2 ECTS
Conference Days (Nov 1-2)	2 ECTS
Reading	1 ECTS
Final paper and presentation	2 ECTS
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>7 ECTS</i>

[Presence Periods](#)

Students will be present for the following:

- four attendance days: from 0900-1600, Oct 28-31

- two conference days: from 0830-1630, Nov 1-2
- one presentation day: from 0900-1200, Dec 15

Examination

Type of test: Examination will be in the form of a presentation to Danish stakeholders and the teaching team. Students will be free to develop their own topic on the theme of military politics, but must draw upon:

- 1) two or more course sessions
 - a. one from topic 1-4, and
 - b. one from topics 5-7, and
- 2) take into account arguments advanced in at least one conference presentation.

Duration: Presentation topics will be determined through discussion with the instructors.

Assessment: Pass / Fail

Censorship: Nil

Learning Conditions

Language of instruction and assessment is English.