



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

Making Sense of Strategy

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Workshop

MAJOR(S)

Not applicable

ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

TEACHING HOURS

8

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

not applicable

LANGUAGE(S)

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COURSE OBJECTIVE

Military strategy is the threat or use of force for political purposes. It is a unique phenomenon and way of rigorous imaginative thinking which can be difficult to understand and, as a skill, to acquire. This workshop will therefore act as an introduction to strategy to make sense of it. In doing so, we will: define and discuss definitions of strategy and the various logics underpinning strategy as a way of thinking and practice; consider the interdisciplinary dimensions which always relate to strategy in theory and practice; how to study strategy; as well as how various forms of military power (land, sea, air, nuclear, cyber) fit into strategy. To contextualize strategy, we will also take a step back to consider the challenges of conceptualizing and practicing grand strategy. We will end with a discussion of the case of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Understand the concept of strategy and its basic component parts (A1, B5, B8)

Analyze the real world practice of strategy (A1, B5, B8)

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Seminar format for directed discussions

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

No formal assessment

COURSE CONTENTS

- Defining and understanding the multiple logics of strategy

- Dimensions of strategy
- How to study strategy
- Strategy and power
- Grand strategy
- Case: the Russian invasion of Ukraine

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Reading list in the course outline.