

# “The Politics of Multinational Military Operations”

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Guest Course  
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## Course Description

This course will introduce participants to current topics surrounding the politics of international security, and specifically political debates surrounding countries' participation in multinational military operations, taking a comparative perspective. The three-day course will be split into six sessions, starting with (1) a general introduction to gain an overview over recent political and academic debates surrounding these topics. Individual sessions will focus on (2) party politics and security policy, (3) parliamentary involvement in decision-making on the use of military force, (4) the British parliament and war involvement, (5) coalition and alliance dynamics, including coalition formation, burden-sharing, and coalition withdrawal, and (6) national restrictions in multinational military operations.

## Instructor Information

Patrick A. Mello is Visiting Scholar at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt, Germany. His research focuses on international security, foreign policy analysis, and qualitative research methods, especially fuzzy-set Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA), on which he is currently completing a textbook for Georgetown University Press. His book *Democratic Participation in Armed Conflict: Military Involvement in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq* (Palgrave Macmillan) received the 2015 Dissertation Award from the German Political Science Association (DVPW).

## Course Structure and Assessment

Each course session comprises a lecture part and ample room for in-class discussions and debates. The course assessment will be based on a research paper of about 4000 words length. Among other requirements, research papers must include a clearly-defined research question, a concise review of existing literature on the topic, and an empirical section. Details and potential paper topics will be discussed throughout the course.

## Schedule and Session Overview

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Wednesday, 6 November 2019

(1) 17.00–18.15 hrs

### Introduction: The Politics of International Security

*Mandatory reading:*

Mello, Patrick A., and Stephen M. Saideman. 2019. "The Politics of Multinational Military Operations." *Contemporary Security Policy* 40 (1): 30-37.

Raunio, Tapio, and Wolfgang Wagner. 2017. "Towards Parliamentarisation of Foreign and Security Policy?" *West European Politics* 40 (1): 1-19.

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(2) 18.30–20.00 hrs

### Party Politics and Security Policy

*Mandatory reading:*

Haesebrouck, Tim, and Patrick A. Mello. 2019. "Patterns of Political Ideology and Security Policy." *Foreign Policy Analysis* (conditional acceptance), 1-42.

Wagner, Wolfgang, Anna Herranz-Surrallés, Juliet Kaarbo, and Falk Ostermann. 2017. "The Party Politics of Legislative-Executive Relations in Security and Defence Policy." *West European Politics* 40 (1): 20-41.

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Thursday, 7 November 2019

(3) 17.00–18.15 hrs

### Parliaments in Security Policy

*Mandatory reading:*

Lagassé, Philippe, and Patrick A. Mello. 2018. "The Unintended Consequences of Parliamentary Involvement: Elite Collusion and Afghanistan Deployments in Canada and Germany." *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20 (1): 135-57.

Wagner, Wolfgang. 2018. "Is There a Parliamentary Peace? Parliamentary Veto Power and Military Interventions from Kosovo to Daesh." *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20 (1): 121-34.

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(4) 18.30–20.00 hrs

### **The British Parliament and War Involvement**

*Mandatory reading:*

Mello, Patrick A. 2017. "Curbing the Royal Prerogative to Use Military Force: The British House of Commons and the Conflicts in Libya and Syria." *West European Politics* 40 (1): 80-100.

Strong, James. 2018. "The War Powers of the British Parliament: What Has Been Established and What Remains Unclear?" *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20 (1): 19-34.

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**Friday, 8 November 2019**

(5) 11.00–12.15 hrs

### **Military Coalitions: Formation and Defection**

*Mandatory reading:*

Henke, Marina E. 2019. "Buying Allies: Payment Practices in Multilateral Military Coalition-Building." *International Security* 43 (4): 128-62.

Mello, Patrick A. 2019. "Paths towards Coalition Defection: Democracies and Withdrawal from the Iraq War." *European Journal of International Security* (First View, 14 June): <https://doi.org/10.1017/eis.2019.10>.

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(6) 12.30–14.00 hrs

### **National Restrictions in Multinational Military Operations**

*Mandatory reading:*

Mello, Patrick A. 2019. "National Restrictions in Multinational Military Operations: A Conceptual Framework." *Contemporary Security Policy* 40 (1): 38-55.

Saideman, Stephen M., and David P. Auerswald. 2012. "Comparing Caveats: Understanding the Sources of National Restrictions upon NATO's Mission in Afghanistan." *International Studies Quarterly* 56 (1): 67-84.

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## Further Reading (Selection)

- Auerswald, David P., and Stephen M. Saideman. 2014. *NATO in Afghanistan: Fighting Together, Fighting Alone*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Baum, Matthew A., and Philip B. K. Potter. 2015. *War and Democratic Constraint: How the Public Influences Foreign Policy*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Fermann, Gunnar, and Per Marius Frost-Nielsen. 2019. "Conceptualizing Caveats for Political Research." *Contemporary Security Policy* 40 (1): 56-69.
- Fonck, Daan, Tim Haesebrouck, and Yf Reykers. 2019. "Parliamentary Involvement, Party Ideology and Majority-Opposition Bargaining: Belgian Participation in Multinational Military Operations." *Contemporary Security Policy* 40 (1): 85-100.
- Frost-Nielsen, Per Marius. 2017. "Conditional Commitments: Why States Use Caveats to Reserve their Efforts in Military Coalition Operations." *Contemporary Security Policy* 38 371-97.
- Geis, Anna, Harald Müller, and Niklas Schörnig, ed. 2013. *The Militant Face of Democracy: Liberal Forces for Good*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Henke, Marina E. 2017. "The Politics of Diplomacy: How the United States Builds Multilateral Military Coalitions." *International Studies Quarterly* 61 (2): 410-24.
- Kreps, Sarah E. 2010. "Elite Consensus as a Determinant of Alliance Cohesion: Why Public Opinion Hardly Matters for NATO-led Operations in Afghanistan." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 6 (3): 191-215.
- Kriner, Douglas L. 2018. "Congress, Public Opinion, and an Informal Constraint on the Commander-in-Chief." *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20 (1): 52-68.
- McInnis, Kathleen J. 2019. "Varieties of Defection Strategies from Multinational Military Operations: Insights from Operation Iraqi Freedom." *Contemporary Security Policy* 40 (1): 116-33.
- Mello, Patrick A., and Dirk Peters. 2018. "Parliaments in Security Policy: Involvement, Politicisation, and Influence." *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20 (1): 3-18.
- Oktaý, Sibel. 2018. "Chamber of Opportunities: Legislative Politics and Coalition Security Policy." *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20 (1): 104-20.
- Rathbun, Brian C. 2004. *Partisan Interventions: European Party Politics and Peace Enforcement in the Balkans*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- Rosén, Guri, and Kolja Raube. 2018. "Influence Beyond Formal Powers: The Parliamentarisation of European Union Security Policy." *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20 (1): 69-83.
- Schade, Daniel. 2018. "Limiting or Liberating? The Influence of Parliaments on Military Deployments in Multinational Settings." *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20 (1): 84-103.
- Schmitt, Olivier. 2018. *Allies that Count: Junior Partners in Coalition Warfare*. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.
- von Hlatky, Stéphanie, and Justin Massie. 2019. "Ideology, Ballots, and Alliance: Canadian Participation in Multinational Military Operations." *Contemporary Security Policy* 40 (1): 101-15.
- Weitsman, Patricia A. 2014. *Waging War: Alliances, Coalitions, and Institutions of Interstate Violence*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.