



Suffolk University, Government Department

Spring Semester 2009 Syllabus

GVT 509-AE United Nations Seminar

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Overview:

This seminar offers an intensive study of the UN, its subsidiary bodies, and their role in international relations. Research is required on a particular African member-state, acquisition of knowledge of UN processes and procedures. A seminar paper is required of each student. Students may attend the Harvard UN Model Conference on 12-15 February 2009 in Boston. The course will be conducted through a combination of lectures and class discussion, presentations and group work. Students are expected to complete weekly required reading prior to each class, (esp. Ziring, Laurence et al. and Hanhimaeki), and get an idea of the recommended reading under each section, attend and participate fully in all discussions and sessions.

Objective:

Upon completion of the course, students will have practice in oral presentations, negotiations, good offices functions and mediation.

Course Requirements and Grades will be based on the:

50 % Class participation includes group work, in the Harvard Model UN Conference preparation and auditing and participation in the UNSLP is part of your for-credit class work 6.30-7.45pm, MUNCE Archer 110 on Thursdays, as well as the Study Visit to the UN in New York on 26 March 2009.

10% Literature Review (ca. 1000 words) of a UN related topic (mid-term) due on 5 March 2009.

40 % Seminar paper (ca. 8000 words for grad. students and 4000 words for undergrads) due on 16 April 2009 on a particular African country using materials of this seminar. This should be an analysis of one of the cases studied in class where the UN produced a positive result. The best term papers will be published on the website of the United Nations Studies Project (UNSP) at Suffolk, see examples of the 2008 Spring UN course at: <http://www.Suffolk.edu/college/27517.html>, subject to the authors consent. Additional details about each assignment will be provided in class.

Negotiating teams will work together during the first part of the term on topics as assigned and report to the full class during the semester, in the context of participation in the Nation Harvard UN Model Conference, 12-15 February 2009 in Boston (<http://www.hnmun.org>, Username: NMUN2009, password: Resolution).

Students will also have an opportunity to dialogue with invited outside specialists.

The policy for this course is that by submitting any assignment for this course, the student affirms the Honor Pledge that the student has neither given nor received unauthorized aid on that assignment. Students may collaborate on reading summaries but they must submit their own written work. Research papers must be the individual work of each student.

Required Readings:

The Hanhimaeki book should be purchased, the Ziring book will be in the CAS Library, 3a and b and 4 are on the Blackboard, 3c and 5 and 6 are available on line.

1. Hanhimaeki M, Jussi: *The United Nations*, 2008, Oxford University Press
2. Ziring, Lawrence et al.: *The United Nations: International Organization and World Politics*. Belmont 2005
3. a. The UN Charter, b. Universal Declaration of Human Rights, c. 2005 World Summit Outcome (UN New York)
http://www.un.org/summit2005/presskit/fact_sheet.pdf.

Class Schedule and assignments (subject to adjustments in light of the Harvard MUN conference requirements etc.)			
Date	Class	Class Topics/ Discussion/	Required readings/assignments
15 Jan	1	The UN: Historical & Institutional analysis The 2009 conference 12-15 February will be discussed, Rules of Procedure I, Students' group work	L. Ziring et al.: <i>The United Nations in Historical Perspective</i> . 1-30. JH 1-50 UN Charter Ch. I, II NHMUN materials
22 Jan	2	Theory and practice, legal and policy aspects of the UN The 2009 conference 12-15 February will be discussed, Rules of Procedure II Students' group work Discussion to prepare study trip to New York	L. Ziring et al.: 24-60, JH 50-70 UN Charter Ch. III, IV, Outcome Doc. 2005 UN Summit NHMUN materials
29 Jan	3	UN Security Council: Policy & practice The 2009 conference 12-15 February will be discussed, Rules of Procedure III, Students' group work	L. Ziring et al. 61-78, JH 50-70 UN Charter Ch. VI, VII NHMUN materials
5 Feb	4	UN Secretary-General: Policy & practice The 2009 conference 12-15 February will be discussed, 'Responsibility to protect', Students' group work	"Agenda for Peace" UN Charter Ch. XV, esp. Art. 99 NHMUN materials
12 Feb	5	UN Conflict prevention and crisis management Students who participate in the 2009 conference 12-15 February are at the Conference opening	UN Charter Ch. 5 NHMUN materials
19 Feb	6	UN and regional issues concerning Africa Students' presentations	UN Ch. VIII NHMUN materials
26 Feb Midterm	7	Preventive role of UN Peacekeeping-building-making Video on UN Peacekeeping	JH 71-91, Johnstone: Briefing on PKOps, NHMUN materials
5 Mar	8	UN challenges in the areas of human rights- and refugee Protection and in other humanitarian emergencies Students presentations	JH 111-134, Univ. Dec. Human Rights NHMUN materials Lit. Review Due
12 Mar	9	UN Peace enforcement in times of security threats and terrorism, Students' group work	Simulation, Bruderlein: <i>Managing sec. Risks</i> , NHMUN materials
19 Mar Spring	-	No class- Spring Break	
26 Mar	10	UN Study visit to New York (one day) see sep. program	
2 Apr	11	Review of the UN in New York MDGs and other Development issues Negotiation teams will continue working sessions	Country presentations NHMUN materials
9 Apr	12	Disarmament and arms control Emerging issues with relevance to UN preventive diplomacy Students' negotiation teams will be set up	L. Ziring et al.: <i>Disarmament and Arms control</i> , 324-371 NHMUN materials
16 Apr Final Paper	13	Students' negotiation teams will present their report Wrapping up and evaluations	Final Term Paper, 4000 words Due by email to the instructor by noon

Other general recommended materials include:

1. *An Agenda for Peace: Preventive Diplomacy...* U.N. Doc. A/47/277, S/24111 (1992). <http://www.un.org/Docs/SG/agpeace.html>
2. High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges & Change, *A More Secure World: Our Shared Responsibility*, U.N. Doc. A/59/565, 04
3. Panel on United Nations Peace Operations, *Comprehensive Review of the Whole Question of Peacekeeping Operations in All Their Aspects*, U.N. Doc. A/55/305, S/2000/809 (Aug. 21, 2000) (prepared by Lakhdar Brahimi), available at http://www.un.org/Depts/dpa/prev_dip/fst_prev_dip.htm [hereinafter *Brahimi report*].

In order to make our discussions about the United Nations more concrete, it will be important for all of us to keep up with current events at the United Nations. Fortunately, an organization called the United Nations Foundation publishes a daily summary of news relation to the work of the United Nations from around the world, with links to many news outlets that have published articles on

the UN. It is called UN WIRE, a free service you get via email, and you should all sign up for it using the link of the course web site. When you sign up, you can specify issues that you are particularly interested in following, see at: un.wire@smartbrief.com

Schedule and additional recommended readings (some of which will be on the blackboard) include;

15 Jan. 1: The UN: Historical and Institutional Overview

Franck, Thomas, M: "The United Nations as Guarantor of Int'l. Peace and Security: Past, Present and Future" in: Christian Tomuschat ed. The United Nations at Age Fifty, A Legal Perspective, Kluwer, 1995, pp 22-38.

22. Jan. 2: Legal and policy aspects of the UN

Walt, Stephen M., "International Relations: One World, Many Theories," *Foreign Policy*, No. 110 (Spring 1998) online.

29 Jan. 3: UN and Regional Issues Concerning Africa (Mauretania—HNMUN 2009)

Ramacharan, Bertram: Conflict Prevention in Practice, ed. Nijhoff, 2005, selected case studies on:

1. The Continental Early Warning System of the African Union, B. Ramcharan, pp 71-74
2. The ASEAN ... Conflict Prevention in Southeast Asia and East Asia, Robin Ramcharaan, pp 91-112
3. International Conflict Prevention: Fact finding mission, Bulgaria and Turkey, B. Ramcharan, pp 113-138
4. Internal Conflict Prevention: The UN Observer Mission to South Africa, A. King, pp 153-156
5. Preventing War between Eritrea and Yemen over the Hanish Islands, B. Ramcharan, 157-198
6. Internal Conflict ... Containment of Terrorism: Panel of Eminent Persons to Algeria, B.R. pp 169-190
7. Good Offices, ... nature of the Border dispute b/n Cameroon and Nigeria, Jack Christofides, pp 211-219
8. Burundi: Evolution of Conflict prevention Approaches, Yasser Sabra, pp 219-229.

5 Feb. 4: UN Secretary-General: Policy and practice and the "Responsibility to Protect"

Slaughter, Anne-Marie and Lee Feinstein: "A Duty to protect", *Foreign Affairs*, 2004, on line <http://www.foreignaffairs.org>, 7 pp.

Djibom, Joel: An Analysis of Hammarskold's Theory of Preventive Diplomacy, Thesis presented... UN Peace Support Operations, pp. 1-52, see also: <http://www.peaceopstraining.org/theses/djibom.pdf> Accessed, 21 Nov. 2008.

12 Feb. 5: UN Conflict prevention and crisis management

Toscano, Roberto, "Conflict Prevention: Performance, Prospect, and Potential" in Kirton, J.J. and R. N. Stefanova, *The G8, the United Nations and Conflict Prevention*, Asgate, 2004, pp 87-102.

Dobbins, James and al: The UN's Role in Nations-Building, From Congo to Iraq the UN success rate among missions studied—seven out of eight societies left peaceful, six out of eight left democratic—substantiates the view that nation-building can be an effective means of terminating conflicts, insuring against their reoccurrence... <http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG304/index.html>.

Druke, Luise: "The United Nations in Conflict Prevention", in: *The Art of Conflict Prevention*. Brassey's Atlantic Commentaries, No. 7, London, New York, 1994, eds. Wemer Bauwens and Luc Reyhler, <http://www.luisedruke.com/books.htm>, pp. 22-71.

19 Feb. 6: UN and Regional conflict management and prevention

Patil, Anjali V., *The UN Veto in World Affairs 1946-1990, a Complete Record and Case Histories of the Security Council's Veto*, UNIFO, Mansell, 1992, pp 11-16,

26 Feb. 7: Preventive role of UN Peacekeeping-building-making

Johnstone, Ian; Annual Review of Global Peace operations, 2007 Briefing Paper, with the support of Peacekeeping. Best Practices Section, UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations & the Int'l Peace Academy,

http://www.cic.nyu.edu/internationalsecurity/docs/peacekeeping_BRIEFINGPAPER.pdf.

Doyle, Michael, Sambanis, Nicholas: Making War & Building Peace, pp 1-23 and making Peace: Successes El Salvador, Cambodia, Eastern Slavonia, East Timor, pp 197-243 and the Peacebuilding Record pp 334-346 (Suffolk Library GVT 468/668 - UN and Humanitarian Governance, Spring 2008)

5 Mar. 8: UN Challenges in the area of human rights-and refugee protection and in other humanitarian emergencies

Flood, Patrick James; The effectiveness of UN Human Rights Institutions, Excerpt on “SR on Chile”, pp 82-97

Ramcharan, Bertram: Conflict Prevention in Practice, ed. Nijhoff, 2005, The Prevention of Gross Violations of Human Rights, Report of the Office of High Commissioner for Human, Rights (2000), CHAPTER XVIII and The Human Rights Dimension: Human Rights And Risk Analysis, CHAPTER XVII, pp 229-235.

Clapham, Andrew: Human Right, Oxford University Press, 2007, pp 57-81 (Suffolk Library GVT 468/668 - UN and Humanitarian Governance, Spring 2008)

Druke, Luise: Preventive Action for Refugee Producing Situations, Lang, Frankfurt, New York, European University Studies, 2nd. Ed.1993, see <http://www.luisedruke.com/luise/kn2.pdf>, online, 191-225.

Hannum, Hurst. (2006) Human Rights in Conflict Resolution: The Role of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in UN Peacemaking and Peacebuilding. Human Rights Quarterly, Vol. 28, pp. 1-85, online: http://muse.jhu.edu/login?uri=/journals/human_rights_quarterly/v028/28.1hannum.html

12 Mar. 9: UN Peace enforcement in times of security threats and terrorism

Bruderlein C., Gassmann, P. “Managing Security Risks in Hazardous Missions: The Challenges of Securing UN Access to Vulnerable Groups” in Harvard Human Rights Journal, Vol. 19 (Spring 2006), pp. 63 – 92.

Coleman, Katharina P.: International Organizations and Peace Enforcement, The Politics of International Legitimacy, Cambridge University Press, 1999, Intro. peace enforcement pp 8-10 and Conclusions pp 279- 313.

19 Mar. Spring Break

26 March 10: United Nations Study Visit to New York (one day)

See the program separately

2 Apr. 11: Assessment of experience from the UN in New York

11.1. Dimitris Bourantonis and Jarrod Weiner, The United Nations in the New World Order, St. Martin’s Press, New York 1995,

9 Apr. 12: Emerging Issues with relevance to conflict prevention and preventive diplomacy

12.2. John Ruggie, Presentation to the Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly on 28 October 2008 ... And Human Rights Council, and Resolution 8/7. Mandate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/E/HRC/resolutions/A_HRC_RES_8_7.pdf, accessed 16 Nov08.

16 Apr. 13: Wrapping up, lessons learned, recommendations and conclusions and further study and research And evaluation of the course: Term Research Paper is due at noon by email to the instructor.

Annex

The following documents pertain to the Harvard National Model Conference 12-15 February 2009 and are annexed here for easy reference for the Suffolk MUN Delegation, available online at:

<http://www.hnmun.org/2008/websys.exe?file=refdesk/library.html>

HNMUN 2009 Guide to Delegate Preparation (426 KB)	Nov 19, 2008 06:51 pm
This document provides an overview of substantive activities at conference, a list of differences between HNMUN and other Model UN conferences in the world, an explanation of the characteristics of our various committees, a listing of the powers of the committee staff and the updated Rules of Procedure. Category: HNMUN 2009 Application Forms	
HNMUN 2009 Guide to First Time Delegations (320 KB)	Nov 19, 2008 07:00 pm
This document is a guide is aimed at familiarizing delegates who are new to Model UN, or to HNMUN, with the events at conference. Category: HNMUN 2009 Application Forms	
HNMUN 2009 Non-Governmental Organizations Program Form (60 KB)	Oct 06, 2008 10:36 pm
This document is the application for HNMUN's unique NGO program in which delegates are able to represent NGOs in our different committees. This application is due by 14 November 2008. Category: HNMUN 2009 Application Forms	
HNMUN Specialized Agencies Application Form (211 KB)	Oct 28, 2008 02:02 pm
This document is the application for certain Specialized Agencies committees at HNMUN. This application is due by 14 November 2008. Category: HNMUN 2009 Application Forms	
Disarmament and International Security Committee (4678 KB)	Oct 24, 2008 11:14 am
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Historical General Assembly, 1967 (1814 KB)	Oct 28, 2008 02:03 pm
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World Summit For Sustainable Development Committee (2445 KB)	Oct 22, 2008 11:15 am
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The study guide for the Legal Committee will be posted shortly. Category: HNMUN 2009 General Assembly	
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The study guide for the World Health Organization committee will be posted shortly. Category: HNMUN 2009 General Assembly	
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UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (4369 KB)	Oct 21, 2008 07:48 pm
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UN Commission on the Status of Women (5593 KB)	Oct 21, 2008 08:52 pm
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UN Children's Fund (3644 KB)	Oct 21, 2008 09:09 pm
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