COURSE DETAIL

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT
Country Norway
Host Institution University of Oslo
Program(s) University of Oslo
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science International Studies
UCEAP Course Number 109
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT
UCEAP Transcript Title NUCL WEAPON&CONFLCT
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description
Nuclear weapons pose an enduring challenge to international security and stability. In this class, students examine the nuclear strategies of different nuclear weapons states, ranging from small states to the most powerful states in the international system. Students study basic theories about how nuclear weapons affect international conflict, and why nuclear weapons states adopt different strategies. Delving inside the state, the course examines how perception and bias affects how decision-makers seek to operationalize these strategies. This interactive class is organized around three thematic clusters: the nuclear revolution, national nuclear strategies and, crisis stability. In studying these issues, students use theoretical and empirical approaches as well as simulations and applied analyses. Students understand practitioner perspectives in analyzing how states seek to tackle the risks of a nuclear arms race in Europe. The course also explores the dynamics of crisis escalation through a simulation exercise based on a nuclear crisis in northern Norway in 1995.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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