Security and Development

This course is addressed to students interested in a comprehensive introduction to the relationship between security and development studies. The course is divided into three sections. Section one introduces a discussion on a spectrum of empirical findings questioning the relationship between reasons of conflict and developmental issues. Section two examines in detail the concepts and dimensions of development theory within the framework of historical discourse on development studies and related pendulum of focus on state, market and society in the globalization process. Section three explores the reemergence of security and development studies in light of the debate on failed states and state-building as well as the cases of Iraq and Afghanistan.

The course aims to improve students’ skills to analyze issues and contemporary policy debates on the relationship between security and development studies by acquired knowledge about competing theoretical perspectives and empirical findings as well as assignments.

Course Materials:
There is one textbook:

Other required readings for this course can be obtained from the professor and all the journal articles can be accessed through the Electronic Journals Database available on the Bilkent library web site.

Requirements and Course Grade:
1. Weekly assignments: 50%
2. Research assignment: 40%
3. Presentation and debate: 10%

Weekly Assignments:
See the handout and weekly e-mails.

Research Assignment:
The students will work in two groups to prepare a research paper on state-building/transformation debate in Afghanistan and Iraq under the security and development nexus. The required components of the research paper will be given in a guideline. The major questions (see below) to seek an answer in the research paper should based on the empirical findings of the quantitative studies, formal models, and theoretical arguments including critical approaches covered in the course. The assignment is due for the last week of the course. The groups will present their research in class.

- What are the context specific reasons of civil conflict in Iraq/Afghanistan?
  - Historical background of state formation in Iraq/Afghanistan
  - Historical discourse of civil conflict in Iraq/Afghanistan
- What are the overlapping factors (explanatory variables that are identified both in the broader literature on reasons of civil conflict and in the context specific factors) that cause civil conflict in Iraq/Afghanistan?
- What are the policy prescriptions of major actors involved in state-building/transformation of Iraq/Afghanistan? Are there any similarities or differences between practices and policy recommendations of state-building/transformation in these countries and scholarly arguments in the literature on security and development?
- What would be your policy recommendations for state-building/transformation in Iraq/Afghanistan to improve security and development given your analysis for the questions above and your acquired knowledge in the course?
Introduction

SECTION ONE: Inter-State/Intra-State Conflict and Development

Week 1: Causes of Inter-State Conflict: Regime Type and Political Development

Assignments:
Suggested:

Week 2: Causes of Inter-State Conflict: Economic Development
Suggested:

Week 3: Causes of Intra-State Conflict: Grievance, Identity and Political Development

Assignments:

Week 4: Causes of Intra-State Conflict: Greed and Economic Development

Assignments:
SECTION TWO: Development Studies

Week 5: What is development research? Theoretical Heritage in Development Studies

Modernization, State Building and Political Development
15) J. Martinussen, Chapters 1, 2, 12 (pp.165-181).

Assignments:

Suggested:

Week 6: State and the Development Process
18) J. Martinussen, Chapters 13, 14, Chapters 17 (pp. 219-227)

Week 7: Economic Growth, Underdevelopment and Dependency
19) J. Martinussen, Chapters 5, 6, 7, 17 (pp. 237-251)

Week 8: State or Market?
20) J. Martinussen, Chapters 17 (pp. 251-256), 18.

Assignments:
   http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~drodrik.academic.ksg/growthintro.pdf

Week 9-10: Alternative Approaches of Development: Civil Society and the Development Process
26) J. Martinussen, Chapters 20, 21, 24.

Assignments:
SECTION THREE: Security and Development

Week 11: State Failure and State-Building I
30) J. Martinussen, Chapters 19, 23.
Suggested:

Week 12: State Failure and State-Building II

Week 13: State Building Dilemma, Critics and Challenges

Week 14-15: Security and/or Development in Iraq and Afghanistan