



Research Topics

1. Climate and Environmental Security

Environmental security once opened up a new field of research and policy that has been given new spatial and temporal horizons when climate change moved to the top of the agenda in the mid-2000s. Climate change is a conceptual, theoretical, political, and practical challenge that institutions and governments face when mitigating with the stresses and shocks of a changing climate, exposing societies and states to risks of instability, all the while aggravating existing fragilities and instabilities in many parts of the world. How has climate change impacted the way we approach security in the globalized era? How should international actors mitigate emerging security threats exacerbated by climate change? What is security in a world threatened by melting glaciers, rising sea levels and temperatures, increasing extreme weather events, and a declining biosphere? How can one integrate the climate-security nexus into security or defence activities?"

2. Globalization, Technology, and International Security

Rapid developments of new technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), robotics and unmanned vehicles (UV's) have posed new challenges to global peace and security and stimulated new discussions in the legality, ethicality, and legitimacy of their usage at the global political landscape. What are emerging security issues related to the fast development of new technologies? What role do security agencies play in mitigating technological security threats posed by foreign players?

3. Gender, Peace, Security

Conflict, insecurity and threats of various contexts impose significant challenges on the variety of gender demographics, as well on men, women and children. Often, seemingly gender-neutral security policies are not equally impactful across different gender groups. How can policies, programs and initiatives better endure security for people of all ages and genders?_How do gendered perspectives enable us to better comprehend the complex dimensions of international security today?

4. The Implications of COVID-19 on Peace and Security

The COVID-19 Pandemic has isolated communities, sparked increased polarizing policies and sentiments and, most importantly, resulted in death tolls that remain increasing to this day. The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed us to re-evaluate both domestic and international security. What are security issues that have been given a new meaning by the pandemic? How has the pandemic influenced our understandings of global security? To what extent has the pandemic forced governments to re-evaluate their health and emergency management policies moving forward?