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## Teaching Philosophy

My teaching philosophy is rooted in my experience that students are adults who are motivated to learn but also focused on the end game—the final exam of the individual course, mandatory requirements throughout the semester, coordination among several courses, and ultimately the job market that lures in the horizon. My teaching is designed to help students in this effort to move from A to B but also, and significantly, to help them engage issues and perspectives in their own right and for the purpose of advancing critical thought and insight.

The principle I go by is that students will be more successful at the university and later in the job market if they gain the “agency” of critical thinking—the ability to engage complex information and make sense of it. Thus, if my teaching is successful, students will become more curious and reflective.

In my teaching I therefore challenge students to read complex texts and to transform it into their own knowledge that they must communicate sometimes in short written formats (blogs, policy papers, newspaper op-eds), sometimes in larger essays (academic research papers), and sometimes in student presentations in class. I am particularly focused on conceptual analysis and students’ ability to give meaning to concrete and complex problems, as opposed to theory development. My teaching aims to help students navigate and influence society.

## Teaching

### Humanitarian Intervention and Peacebuilding

Rynning, S. & Castan Pinos, J.  
01/09/2016 → 15/01/2018

### Int. Political Organisations

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2017 → 30/06/2017

### Vidensfag 5: International politik og organisation

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2015 → 30/06/2015

### Vidensfag: International politik og organisation

Rynning, S. & Keating, V.  
01/02/2018 → 30/06/2018

### International politik og organisation

Keating, V. & Rynning, S.  
01/02/2014 → 30/06/2020

### New Wars and Conflict

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2015 → 30/06/2015

### Introduction to International Relations

Keating, V., Schmitt, O. & Rynning, S.  
01/09/2014 → 31/01/2018

### **International Order Since 1815**

de Franco, C.  
01/09/2013 → 31/01/2017

### **Human Security and the Building of Peace**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2012 → 31/01/2016

### **Arctic Security**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2017 → 31/01/2018

### **International Security and Order**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2017 → 31/01/2018

### **Advising Governments: Inside the Making of Security Policy**

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2018 → 30/06/2018

### **New Wars and Conflict**

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2018 → 30/06/2019

### **Understanding contemporary conflicts**

Schmitt, O.  
01/02/2016 → 30/06/2016

### **How NATO manages new threats. Inside the black box of NATO parliamentarianism.**

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2017 → 30/06/2017

### **New Wars and Conflict - Political and Social Science**

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2018 → 30/06/2018

### **Recent Political History**

Petersen, K. & Rynning, S.  
01/01/2007 → 31/12/2008

### **Introduction to International Relations**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/1999 → 30/06/2002

### **Classical Realism and International Politics**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2006 → 31/01/2007

### **Geopolitics**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2008 → 31/01/2009

### **Theories of European Integration**

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2007 → 30/06/2007

### **Dynamics of Transatlantic Security Cooperation**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2008 → 31/01/2009

### **Ideas and American Foreign Policy**

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2009 → 30/06/2009

### **Advanced International Relations Theory: Roots of Realism**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2009 → 31/01/2010

### **NATO and Afghanistan**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2009 → 31/01/2010

### **The United States and the Middle East**

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2010 → 30/06/2010

### **Understanding War: Sources of the Iraq War, 2002-2010**

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2011 → 30/06/2011

### **International Order since 1815**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2012 → 30/06/2014

### **International Relations**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2007 → 31/01/2008

**International Relations**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2013 → 31/01/2014

**International Political History**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2005 → 31/01/2007

**International Political History**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2009 → 31/01/2010

**The Study of Contemporary Conflict**

Rynning, S.  
02/02/2018 → 30/06/2018

**NATO and Afghanistan, 2001-2012**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2012 → 31/01/2013

**International Politics and Organization**

Rynning, S.  
02/02/2011 → 30/06/2011

**Dynamics of Transatlantic Security Relations: Cooperation or Conflict?**

Rynning, S.  
02/02/2010 → 30/06/2010

**International Politics and Organization**

Rynning, S.  
02/02/2011 → 30/06/2011

**Dynamics of Transatlantic Security Relations: Cooperation or Conflict?**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2008 → 31/01/2009

**Introduction to International Relations**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2011 → 31/01/2012

**Introduction to International Relations**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2012 → 31/01/2013

### **Theories of European Integration**

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2006 → 30/06/2006

### **New Wars and Conflict**

Theussen, A. & Rynning, S.  
01/02/2019 → 31/08/2021

### **Armed Drones and the Control of War: Strategy, Warriors and Technology**

Rynning, S.  
01/09/2018 → 31/01/2019

### **International Security and Order**

Lemnitzer, J., Rynning, S. & Keating, V.  
01/09/2018 → 31/01/2021

### **New Wars and Conflict - Political and Social Science**

Theussen, A., Schmitt, O. & Rynning, S.  
01/02/2019 → 31/08/2021

### **The study of Contemporary Conflicts**

Schmitt, O. & Rynning, S.  
01/09/2018 → 31/01/2020

### **Vidensfag: International Politik og Organisation**

Rynning, S.  
01/02/2019 → 31/08/2019

## **Supervision**

### **PhD supervision: Tallat Rønn Shakoor**

Rynning, S.  
01/10/2018 → ...

### **PhD supervision: Laura Hollænder**

Rynning, S.  
01/10/2018 → ...

### **PhD supervision: Annabelle Vuille**

Rynning, S.  
01/10/2018 → ...

### **PhD supervision: Jannicke Fiskvik**

Rynning, S.  
01/03/2016 → 31/03/2019

**PhD supervision: Amelie Theussen**

Rynning, S.  
01/01/2015 → 31/12/2017

**PhD supervision: André Ken Jakobsson**

Rynning, S.  
01/01/2014 → 31/12/2016

**PhD supervision: Jacob Barfoed**

Rynning, S.  
01/01/2014 → 31/12/2016

**PhD supervision: Jens Ringsmose**

Rynning, S.  
01/01/2003 → 31/12/2006

**PhD supervision: Michael Keith Agner**

Rynning, S.  
01/01/2008 → 31/12/2010

**PhD supervision: Jakob Sinding Skött**

Rynning, S.  
01/01/2009 → 31/12/2011

**PhD supervision: Henrik Boesen Larsen**

Rynning, S.  
01/01/2012 → 31/12/2014

**PhD supervision: Jakob Aarøe Jørgensen**

Rynning, S.  
01/01/2013 → 31/12/2015

## **Training**

Pedagogical training course, University of South Carolina, USA, 1994 and 1997

Learning by doing at the University of South Carolina, the University of Copenhagen, the University of Southern Denmark, and via numerous guest lectures at universities and policy institutions.