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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

International Politics and Organization

Rynning, S.
01/02/2019 → 31/08/2019

Supervision

Ph.d. Supervisor: Tallat Rønn Shakoore

Rynning, S.
01/10/2018 → ...

Ph.d. Supervisor: Laura Hollænder

Rynning, S.
01/10/2018 → ...

Ph.d. Supervisor: Annabelle Vuille

Rynning, S.
01/10/2018 → ...

Ph.d. Supervisor: Jannicke Fiskvik

Rynning, S.
01/03/2016 → 31/03/2019

Ph.d. Supervisor: Amelie Theussen

Rynning, S.
01/01/2015 → 31/12/2017

Ph.d. Supervisor: André Ken Jakobsson

Rynning, S.
01/01/2014 → 31/12/2016

Ph.d. Supervisor: Jacob Barfoed

Rynning, S.
01/01/2014 → 31/12/2016

Ph.d. Supervisor: Jens Ringsmose

Rynning, S.
01/01/2003 → 31/12/2006

Ph.d. Supervisor: Michael Keith Agner

Rynning, S.
01/01/2008 → 31/12/2010

Ph.d. Supervisor: Jakob Sinding Skött

Rynning, S.
01/01/2009 → 31/12/2011

Ph.d. Supervisor: Henrik Boesen Larsen

Rynning, S.
01/01/2012 → 31/12/2014

Ph.d. Supervisor: 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.