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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

Sten Rynning & Jaume Castan Pinos  
01/09/2016 → 15/01/2018

### Int. Political Organisations

Sten Rynning  
01/02/2017 → 30/06/2017

### Vidensfag 5: International politik og organisation

Sten Rynning  
01/02/2015 → 30/06/2015

### Vidensfag: International politik og organisation

Sten Rynning & Vincent Keating  
01/02/2018 → 30/06/2018

### International Politik og Organisation

Vincent Keating & Sten Rynning  
01/02/2014 → 30/06/2020

### New Wars and Conflict

Sten Rynning  
01/02/2015 → 30/06/2015

### Introduction to International Relations

Vincent Keating, Olivier Schmitt & Sten Rynning  
01/09/2014 → 31/01/2018

### **International Order Since 1815**

Chiara De Franco  
01/09/2013 → 31/01/2017

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

Sten Rynning  
01/09/2012 → 31/01/2016

### **Arctic Security**

Sten Rynning  
01/09/2017 → 31/01/2018

### **International Security and Order**

Sten Rynning  
01/09/2017 → 31/01/2018

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

Sten Rynning  
01/02/2018 → 30/06/2018

### **New Wars and Conflict**

Sten Rynning  
01/02/2018 → 30/06/2019

### **Understanding contemporary conflicts**

Olivier Schmitt  
01/02/2016 → 30/06/2016

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

Sten Rynning  
01/02/2017 → 30/06/2017

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

Sten Rynning  
01/02/2018 → 30/06/2018

### **Recent Political History**

Klaus Petersen & Sten Rynning  
01/01/2007 → 31/12/2008

### **Introduction to International Relations**

Sten Rynning  
01/09/1999 → 30/06/2002

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

Sten Rynning  
01/09/2006 → 31/01/2007

### **Geopolitics**

Sten Rynning  
01/09/2008 → 31/01/2009

### **Theories of European Integration**

Sten Rynning  
01/02/2007 → 30/06/2007

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

Sten Rynning  
01/09/2008 → 31/01/2009

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

Sten Rynning  
01/02/2009 → 30/06/2009

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

Sten Rynning  
01/09/2009 → 31/01/2010

### **NATO and Afghanistan**

Sten Rynning  
01/09/2009 → 31/01/2010

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

Sten Rynning  
01/02/2010 → 30/06/2010

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

Sten Rynning  
01/02/2011 → 30/06/2011

### **International Order since 1815**

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01/09/2012 → 30/06/2014

### **International Relations**

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01/09/2007 → 31/01/2008

**International Relations**

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01/09/2013 → 31/01/2014

**International Political History**

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01/09/2005 → 31/01/2007

**International Political History**

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01/09/2009 → 31/01/2010

**The Study of Contemporary Conflict**

Sten Rynning  
02/02/2018 → 30/06/2018

**NATO and Afghanistan, 2001-2012**

Sten Rynning  
01/09/2012 → 31/01/2013

**International Politics and Organization**

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02/02/2011 → 30/06/2011

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

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**Introduction to International Relations**

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## **Theories of European Integration**

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01/02/2006 → 30/06/2006

## **Supervision**

### **Ph.d. Supervisor: Tallat Rønn Shakoor**

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### **Ph.d. Supervisor: Laura Hollænder**

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### **Ph.d. Supervisor: Annabelle Vuille**

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### **Ph.d. Supervisor: Jannicke Fiskvik**

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### **Ph.d. Supervisor: Amelie Theussen**

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### **Ph.d. Supervisor: André Ken Jakobsson**

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### **Ph.d. Supervisor: Jacob Barfoed**

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01/01/2014 → 31/12/2016

### **Ph.d. Supervisor: Jens Ringsmose**

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01/01/2003 → 31/12/2006

### **Ph.d. Supervisor: Michael Keith Agner**

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01/01/2008 → 31/12/2010

### **Ph.d. Supervisor: Jakob Sinding Skött**

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01/01/2009 → 31/12/2011

**Ph.d. Supervisor: Henrik Boesen Larsen**

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01/01/2012 → 31/12/2014

**Ph.d. Supervisor: Jakob Aarøe Jørgensen**

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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.