

Pedagogical idea/basic view

My teaching is designed so that students will develop their own critical thinking about major issues in world politics. This encompasses acquiring sufficient theoretical/conceptual knowledge, sound application of research methods (and their epistemological foundations) and familiarity with empirical issues.

I am a firm believer in treating students as adults willingly choosing an education program. They are therefore actors of their own learning process and my role as a teacher is to guide and orientate them. I also believe that university education is inherently challenging and requires hard work and dedication.

In my teaching, I combine student presentations, lecturing and group assignments to diversify the learning experience, disseminate knowledge in different ways, and ensure that students feel involved in their own learning process. I pay particular attention to go back and forth between theories and empirics, in order to ensure that students take the necessary step back to discern trends and regularities from the specificities of real-world events.

Teaching Experience

In addition to the classes at SDU listed below, I have been teaching "War in the Modern World" and the "causes of War" at King's College London, "International Security" and "Theories of International Relations" at Sciences Po and several modules on international relations at the University of Montréal. I was a visiting professor at Paris-2 University in Jan/Feb 2018, where I taught a class on international security. I am also a visiting professor at the University of Montréal, where I am teaching a summer school.

Finally, I am also a regular guest teacher at the French, Dutch and Danish war colleges.

I have supervised over 30 master theses and am currently supervising (or co-supervising) 3 PhD theses.

Undervisning og vejledning

US Military Transformation in the Era of Automation

Olivier Schmitt & Vincent Keating
01/09/2018 → 31/08/2021

Int. Political Organisations

Sten Rynning
01/02/2017 → 30/06/2017

Introduction to International Relations

Olivier Schmitt
01/09/2016 → 31/01/2017

Introduction to International Relations

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

Introduction to International Security

Amelie Theussen & Olivier Schmitt
03/09/2018 → 31/01/2019

Russian military transformation

Olivier Schmitt
01/09/2018 → 01/09/2021

The conduct of contemporary warfare - MSc

Olivier Schmitt
01/02/2017 → 30/06/2017

The study of Contemporary Conflicts

Olivier Schmitt
01/09/2017 → 31/01/2018

The Study of Contemporary Conflicts

Olivier Schmitt & Marie Robin
05/09/2019 → 31/01/2020

Understanding contemporary conflicts

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

Why don't they claim their attacks? Rationality and terrorist claim-making

& Olivier Schmitt
01/09/2017 → 01/09/2020

Pedagogical competence

Teacher training programme, King's College London, 2010-2012.
SDU course on PhD supervision, 2018.
Participation in several pedagogy sessions at Sciences Po, 2013-2014.