

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	6110IRP
Formal Module Title	Securing Spaces: Security and Places in the Modern World
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Seminar	11

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1. To explore the contested concepts and practices of security in the twenty-first century.2. To engage with existing debates in the fields of international relations, security studies and critical security studies.3. To introduce students to the socio-spatial implications of contemporary security governance.4. To explore the impact of external security developments on urban places and environments such as cities, built environments and crowded spaces.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of security-related concepts and practices.
MLO2	2	Critically evaluate and synthesize academic debates in the fields of international relations, security studies and critical security studies.
MLO3	3	Interpret present-day challenges of security governance and methods.
MLO4	4	Appraise security's social implications.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	1. Introduction: What is 'security'? What is 'Security Studies'? 2. Unpacking critical security studies3. International Political Sociology: conceptualizing the 'international' and 'power'4. Security knowledge and policy mobilities 5. Deterritorialisation and reterritorialisation of post-9/11 security: urban responses to global terrorism6. Border security, immigration and media discourses 7. Securitizing sports mega-events8. Technology and (in)security: Surveillance, crowds and urban space 9. 'Vernacular' and 'everyday' securities10. New and emerging security threats
Module Overview	
Additional Information	Given the centrality of security in public debates and on the contemporary political agenda, this module is designed to provide the students an introduction into key debates in the political, social and cultural studies of 'security'. Through the utilization of research-led teaching, this module will first introduce and emphasise the critical approaches to security. Particularly, the module will focus on securitization theory and those lenses offered by International Political Sociology (IPS). Second, it will apply these lenses to contemporary case examples of security in diverse socio-spatial contexts, such as urban settings, global consumption hubs, border security, crowded spaces and the more diffuse 'everyday'. As such, the module will provide students with a better understanding of current theories and practical issues surrounding security in the modern world.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Review paper	35	0	MLO1, MLO2
Essay	Essay	65	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Jan Ludvigsen	Yes	N/A
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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