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PCR 811: Principles of Security Practice and Management

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Course Description

This course critically evaluates the traditional and post-traditional literature and theories in the subfield of security studies. It provides an understanding of the nature of security and types of security, its practice, and management. This course goes beyond the narrow conceptualization of security and examines who or what is being secured and for and by whom. It introduces students to the policies, principles, and frameworks for recognizing security issues and solutions.

Course Objectives

The general objective of this course is to provide students with knowledge that will help them develop critical thinking around the issues of security, its practice, and management. The specific objectives of the course include;

1. To help the students understand the dynamic meaning and nature of security.
2. To expose the students to the various theoretical streams of security.
3. To help the students close the gap between security performance and security management expectations.
4. To empower security practitioners with prerequisite knowledge of identifying security issues and solutions.
5. To inculcate a spirit of professionalism within the security fraternity.

Learning Outcomes

It is expected that this course will help students to develop a range of critical understanding of issues around security concept and content both kinetic and non-kinetic. At the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Gain knowledge of the different theoretical approaches in security studies.
2. Understand the differences between the critical approach of security studies
3. Understand various ways of empirically examining critical security questions.
4. Develop high quality technical and procedural methods in understanding and evaluating security issues.
5. Identify real-life examples and applications to professionally resolve security challenges.

Grading Method

Class Attendance 10%
Critical Thinking Papers 10%

Class Participation 20%
End of Semester Examination 60%
Total 100 %

Course Contents

Module One: Introduction to Security and Security Studies

- a) Meaning of Security
- b) Issues in Security
- c) Who's Security
- d) Historical evolution of Security Studies
- e) Types of Security
- f) Dimensions of security

Module Two: Theoretical Approaches to Security

Traditional Theories

- a) Idealism
- b) Realism
- c) Liberalism
- d) Constructivism

Classical Approaches

- a) Critical Theory
- b) Feminism
- c) Post-Structuralism
- d) Securitization Theory

Module Three: Introduction to Security Management

- a) What is Security Management
- b) Nature of Security Management
- c) Components of Security Management
- d) Actors and activities in Security Management

Module Four: Security Policy and Principles of Security Management

- a) What is Security Policy?
- b) Nature and components of Security Policies.
- c) Principles of Security Practice and management.
 - i. Confidentiality
 - ii. Integrity
 - iii. Availability
 - iv. Authenticity
 - v. Non-repudiation of user data.

Module Five: Intelligence and Security Management

- a) Meaning and Nature of Intelligence
- b) Types of Intelligence
- c) Intelligence in Security Studies
- d) Intelligence Collection and Disciplines
- e) Intelligence Analysis and Evaluation

- f) Counter-Intelligence and Intelligence Security Management

Module Six: Security Practice and Management in Nigeria

- a. The Nigerian Security Environment
- b. Security Architecture in Nigeria
- c. The actors in the Nigerian Security Environment
- d. Practice and Management of Security in Nigeria
- e. Challenges of the Nigerian Security Environment
- f. Prospects for a secured Nigeria

Suggested Reading Materials

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