**'Securing the Anthropocene: Discourses, Knowledge(s) and Techniques’, Institute of Political Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague, 27 February - 1 March 2018**

The Anthropocene captures more than a debate over how to address the problems of climate change and global warming. Increasingly, it is seen to signify the end of the modern condition itself and potentially to open up a new era of political possibilities. The focus on a raft of new security problems and new ways of approaching policy-making coincides with a growing array of scientific and technological advances, including algorithmic computation, Big Data and the Internet of Things. Spread over three consecutive days, this intensive course focuses on what security might mean in the Anthropocene. It is divided into three sections, discourses (various ways in which the Anthropocene is understood and discussed), knowledge(s) (how and why new ways of knowing are being advocated) and techniques (new practices and ways of being which seek to go beyond the limits of traditional ways of problem-solving).

The course is run by Professor David Chandler, University of Westminster (UK) who edits the journal *Resilience: International Policies, Practices and Discourses* and is the author of a number of books on contemporary approaches to international policy governance and new security regimes. His personal webpages can be found here: [www.davidchandler.org](http://www.davidchandler.org).

**Tuesday 27 February**

*Part One – Discourses*

**Seminar 1 - 2.00-3.30pm – What is the Anthropocene?**

Readings:

\* Dipesh Chakrabarty, ‘The Climate of History: Four Theses’, *Critical Inquiry* 35 (Winter 2009) pp. 197-222.

<http://www.law.uvic.ca/demcon/2013%20readings/Chakrabarty%20-%20Climate%20of%20History.pdf>

\* Simon Dalby, ‘Framing the Anthropocene: The good, the bad and the ugly’, *The* *Anthropocene Review*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (2016), pp. 33–51.

<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2053019615618681>

**Seminar 2 - 3.30-5.00pm – What does the Anthropocene mean for Knowledge and Security?**

Readings:

\* Madeleine Fagan, ‘Security in the Anthropocene: Environment, Ecology, Escape’, *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 23, No. 2 (2017) pp. 267–291.

<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1354066116639738>

\* Anthony Burke, Stefanie Fishel, Audra Mitchell, Simon Dalby, and Daniel J. Levine, ‘Planet Politics: A Manifesto from the End of IR’, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, Vol. 44, No. 3 (2016) pp. 499–523. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0305829816636674>

**Wednesday 28 February**

*Part Two – Knowledge(s)*

**Seminar 3 - 2.00-3.30pm – Mapping Assemblages – Nonlinear Knowledge**

Readings:

\* Craig R. Allen and C. S. Holling, ‘Novelty, Adaptive Capacity, and Resilience’, *Ecology and Society*, Vol. 15, No. 3 (2010) article 24

<http://www.buyteknet.info/fileshare/data/analisis_lect/Resilience_Allen-Holling.pdf>

\* David Chandler, *Ontopolitics in the Anthropocene*, chapter 2 ‘After Neoliberalism: Mapping Assemblages’

PDF of the book will be provided

**Seminar 4 - 3.30-5.00pm – Sensing, Big Data and the Posthuman – Correlational Knowledge**

Readings:

Kenneth Neil Cukier and Viktor Mayer-Schoenberger, ‘The Rise of Big Data: How It's Changing the Way We Think About the World’, *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2013. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/system/files/pdf/articles/2013/92305.pdf>

Elizabeth R. Johnson, ‘At the Limits of Species Being: Sensing the Anthropocene’, *South Atlantic Quarterly*, Vol. 116, No. 2 (2017) pp. 275-292.

<https://read.dukeupress.edu/south-atlantic-quarterly/article-abstract/116/2/275/3849/At-the-Limits-of-Species-Being-Sensing-the>

**Thursday 1 March**

*Part Three – Techniques*

**Seminar 5 - 2.00-3.30pm – Hacking and Sympoiesis – Knowing through 'Becoming with’**

Readings:

\* Donna Haraway, ‘Anthropocene, Capitalocene, Chthulhucene: Donna Haraway in conversation with Martha Kenney’, from *Art in the Anthropocene: Encounters Among Aesthetics, Politics, Environments and Epistemologies* (eds) Heather Davis and Etienne Turpin

<https://lasophielle.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/ab1cd-artanthro_haraway_proof.pdf>

\* Invisible Committee, ‘fuck off, google’, excerpt from *To Our Friends* (2014)

<https://events.ccc.de/congress/2014/Fahrplan/system/attachments/2530/original/fuckoffgoogleeng.pdf>

**Seminar 6 - 3.30-5.00pm – What is after the End of the World?**

Readings:

\* L Rist et al, ‘Applying resilience thinking to production ecosystems’ Ecosphere (open access) (2014)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1890/ES13-00330.1/abstract>

\* David Chandler, *Ontopolitics in the Anthropocene*, chapter 3 ‘From the “Black Box” to the “Great Outdoors”’

PDF of the book will be provided