

**POLT 797/897: Selected Topics in U.S. Foreign Policy**

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**TRANSNATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES TASKER**

This task is worth 35% your final course grade.

I define a transnational security issue as one which no single state or group of states can manage alone. In other words, it is an issue that is global in its threatening nature and its potential management. From my perspective, these issues are far more critical than most state-to-state issues,

On either 29 November or 6 December 2017, you will present a power point briefing to the class on one of the following transnational security issues:

- pandemic epidemic
- crime
- environment
- climate change
- terrorism
- drugs
- migration/refugees
- macroeconomic disruption
- nuclear proliferation
- cyber disruption.

If you have another such issue in mind, discuss it with me. I may allow you to research that issue.

In preparation for the presentation, you will provide me a draft paper on 4 October (10% of the course grade) and a second draft on 1 November (15% of the course grade). In these papers, you will define the issue, discuss it as a transnational security issue, and describe the current global situation. The paper will be at least three single-spaced pages, with end notes and a bibliography added, written in accordance with Writing in POLT 797.

The power point presentation will consist of a ten minute presentation and a ten minute questions/answers period. This activity will provide 10% of your course grade.