



On Thursday
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the Institute of International Studies

invites to the lecture of

dr. Kamil Abt (Bond University, Australia)

pt. ***Human Security – an empty signifier or
useful concept for Europe?***

Lecture takes place

In room **201** at **10.30.**

Kamil Abt Ph.D. (Bond University, Australia); research interests: human security, international political theory and philosophy, diplomatic discourse, representation, governmentality, propaganda.

Summary of the lecture:

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The topic of this lecture is that of an exploration, analysis and critique of human security discourse, based on the case study of Japan and its human security foreign policy. Considering the grand scope of human security thought, the lecture will explore whether the human security model exported by Japan and the United Nations has validity in reference to the interests and freedom of the human individual. It will also examine the omissions, silences and theoretical tensions in the discourse and assess these in reference to the realisation of the complex and multi-faceted form of control that constitutes the human security vision. By exploring Japanese human security policy and discourse, which has been in practice for more than ten years, the lecture aims to open the way towards assessing the adequacy of human security as a framework and policy concept for Europe.