

**MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: ECONOMY, POLITICS AND LAW**  
**INFORMATION ON THE COURSE**

Course Data	
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**TOPIC GROUPS AND CONTENTS\***

**Module Description:**

In an era of increased economic globalisation, political actors, institutions and organisations are becoming global in reach. The aim of this module is to equip master students with the necessary tools to be able to identify and analyse the main actors and trends that shape contemporary global politics. This is achieved by familiarising the students in the first half of the module with the main theories and conceptual frameworks that underpin current debates in the fields of global politics and global political economy, and subsequently, in the second half, by asking them to apply the acquired theoretical tools of analysis upon empirical topics.

## Contents – Topics

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S10	US Hegemony and Decline	S20	Future of Global Politics

## BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

### Basic Bibliography

#### Text Books

#### Readings for each Session:

#### *Theoretical Part*

#### Session 1: Introduction

##### Essential

Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2011) *Globalization of World Politics*, Chap. 1

##### Complimentary

Hay, C. (2002) *Political Analysis: A Critical Introduction*, Chap. 3 and 5

## **Session 2: The History of Global Politics**

### Essential

Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2011), Chap. 2,3,4

### Complimentary

Huntington, S. (1993), 'The Clash of Civilizations?' *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 72, No. 3: 22-49.

Fukuyama, F. (1989), 'The End of History?' *National Interest*, Summer.

## **Session 3: Globalisation**

### Essential

Hirst, P and G. Thompson (2002) 'The Future of Globalisation', *Cooperation and Conflict*, 37(3), 247-265.

### Complimentary

Schwartz. H (2006) Globalisation: the Long View, in Stubbs and Underhill (eds.) *Political Economy and the Changing Global Order*.

Cerny, P. (2006) Political Globalisation and the Competition State, in Stubbs and Underhill (eds.) *Political Economy and the Changing Global Order*, OUP.

## **Session 4: Realism and Liberalism**

### Essential

Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2011), Chap. 5,6,7

### Complimentary

Gilpin, R. (1984) "The richness of the tradition of political realism," *International Organization*, 38(2), 287-304

Keohane, R. (1987) "Power and Interdependence Revisited (with Joseph S. Nye, Jr.), *International Organization*, 41(4), Fall 1987, 725-53.

## **Session 5: Critical Theories**

### Essential

Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2011), Chap. 8,9

### Complimentary

Cox, R. (1981) 'Social Forces, States and World Orders: Beyond International Relations Theory', *Millenium*, 10(2), 126-155

Wendt, A. (1992) 'Anarchy is what States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power

Politics', *International Organization*, 46(2), 391-425.

## **Session 6: Models of Capitalism**

### Essential

Hall, P. (2007) The Evolution of Varieties of Capitalism in Europe, in Bob Hancke et al (ed) *Beyond Varieties of Capitalism*, Oxford, Oxford University Press.

### Complimentary

Goyer, M. (2007) Capital Mobility, Varieties of Institutional Investors and the Transforming Stability of Corporate Governance in France and Germany, in Bob Hancke et al (ed) *Beyond Varieties of Capitalism*, Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Crouch, C (2005) Models of Capitalism, *New Political Economy*, 10(4), 439-65.

## **Session 7: European Integration**

### Essential

Rosamond, B. (2000) *Theories of European Integration*, Basingstoke, Palgrave, Chap. 3,4.

### Complimentary

Moravcsik, A. (2009) 'Liberal Intergovernmentalism' in A. Wiener and T. Diez (eds). *European Integration Theory*, Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Burgess, M (2009) 'Federalism', in A. Wiener and T. Diez (eds). *European Integration Theory*, Oxford, Oxford University Press.

## **Session 8: Other Regionalisms**

### Essential

Lombaerde, P. et al. (2010) 'The problem of comparison in comparative regionalism', *Review of International Studies* 36 (3): 731-753.

Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2011), Chap. 26

### Complimentary

Tom Ginsburg (2010) 'Eastphalia as the perfection of Westphalia', *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* 17 (1): 27-45.

Andres Malamud (2010) 'Latin American regionalism and EU studies', *European Integration* 32 (6): 637-657.

## **Session 9: Global Governance:**

### Essential

Held. D. and A. McGrew (2008) *Governing Globalisation*, Introduction Chapter.

Rosenau, J. (2008) Governance in a New Global Order, in Held. D. and A. McGrew (2008) *Governing Globalisation*.

### Complimentary

Woods, N. (2008) *Global Governance and the Role of Institutions*, in Held. D. and A. McGrew (2008) *Governing Globalisation*.  
Rhodes, R. A. W. (1996), 'The New Governance: Governing Without Government', *Political Studies* XLIV: 652-667.

## **Session 10: US Hegemony and Decline**

### Essential

Strange, S (1987) 'The Persistent Myth of Lost Hegemony', *International Organization*, 41(4), 551-74.

### Complimentary

Cox, M. (2001) "Whatever Happened to American Decline? International Relations and the New United States Hegemony", *New Political Economy*, 6(3), 311-340.  
Kennedy. P. (2010) "Back to Normalcy", *New Republic*, December.

## ***Empirical Part***

## **Session 11: The United Nations**

### Essential

Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2011), Chap. 19

### Complimentary

United Nations (2005) "In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all", Report of the Secretary-General.  
European Parliament (2015) "Reforming the United Nations: State of Play, Ways Forward", Policy Department, March.

## **Session 12: Modern Warfare**

Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2011), Chap. 13

### Complimentary

Missiroli, A. (2013) *Enabling the Future: European military capabilities 2013-2025: challenges and avenues*, EUISS, Report No.16, May 2013.  
Smith, S (2013) 'A Sino-Japanese Clash in the East China Sea', Contingency Planning Memorandum, No. 18, Council on Foreign Relations.

## **Session 13: From G8 to G20**

### Essential

European Parliament (2015) "The Group of Twenty (G20): Setting the global agenda, Briefing, January

### Complimentary

Subacchi, P and S. Pickford (2015) *International Economic Governance: Last Chance for*

the G20?, Chatham House, Briefing, November.

Wade, R. (2011) 'Emerging World Order? From Multipolarity to Multilateralism in the G20, the World Bank and the IMF, *Politics and Society*, 39(3), 347-378.

## **Session 14: Global Civil Society**

### Essential

Pianta, M. (2013) Democracy Lost: The Financial Crisis in Europe and the Role of Civil Society, *Journal of Civil Society*, 9(2), 148-161.

### Complimentary

Scholte, J.A. (2013) Civil Society and Financial Markets: What is Not Happening and Why, *Journal of Civil Society*, 9(2), 129-147.

Graeber, D. (2011) 'Occupy Wall Street rediscovers the radical imagination', *The Guardian*, 25 September.

## **Session 15: Brazil in Global Politics**

### Essential

Malamud, A. (2011) "A leader Without Followers? The Growing Divergence Between the Regional and Global Performance of Brazilian Foreign Policy", *Latin American Politics and Society*, 53(3).

### Complimentary

Otero-Iglesias, M. (2012) "The EU and Brazil: What Crisis? What partner? What Strategy? In G. Grevi and T. Renard (eds.) EU Strategic Partnerships and the Global Economic Downturn, FRIDE and Egmont.

Kirton, J. (2011) 'Brazil's Contribution to G20 and Global Governance', Paper prepared for the 16th ENERI, Conference, Brasilia, May 18-19.

## **Session 16: Global Warming**

### Essential

Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2011), Chap. 21

Press Update

### Complimentary

Lázaro-Touza, L. (2016) "COP21 and the Paris Agreement: a diplomacy masterclass in search of greater climate ambition", Elcano Royal Institute, ARI 2/2016.

Berstein, S. (2006) "Environment, Economy, and Global Environmental Governance" in Stubbs and Underhill (eds.) *Political Economy and the Global Changing Order*, OUP.

## **Session 17: China in Global Politics**

### Essential

Shambaugh, D. (2013) "China and Global Governance", chapter in Shambaugh, D, *China*

*Goes Global*, Oxford, Oxford University Press.

### Complimentary

Dollar, D. (2015) 'China's rise as a regional and global power : the AIIB and the one belt, one road' Brookings, Paper, Summer.

Godemont, F. et al. (2011) 'The Scramble for Europe', Policy Brief, European Council on Foreign Relations, July.

## **Session 18: Global Currencies**

### Essential

Helleiner, E. (2008) 'Political determinants of international currencies: What future for the US Dollar?' *Review of International Political Economy*, 15(3), 354-78.

### Complimentary

Otero-Iglesias, M and F. Steinberg (2013) 'Reframing the euro vs. dollar debate through the perceptions of financial elites in key dollar-holding countries', *Review of International Political Economy*, 20(1), 180-214.

Cohen, B.J (2011) 'The Benefits and Costs of an International Currency: Getting the Calculus Right', *Open Economy Review*, 23(1), 13-31.

## **Session 19: Currency Wars**

### Essential

Cohen, B. J. (2006) 'The Macrofoundations of Monetary Power', in D. M. Andrews (ed.) *International Monetary Power*, Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 31-50.

### Complimentary

Henning, C.R. (1998) 'Systemic Conflict and Regional Monetary Integration: The Case of Europe', *International Organization*, 52(3), 537-73.

Otero-Iglesias, M. 'Currency Wars between the US and China: Where does the EU Stand?' in Men, J. (ed.) *The EU, the US and China – Towards a New International Order?* Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing (forthcoming, 2014).

## **Session 20: The Future of Global Politics**

### Essential

Bremmer, I and N. Roubini (2011) A G-Zero World, *Foreign Affairs*, March/April.

### Complimentary

Cox, M. (2012) 'Power shifts, Economic Change and the Decline of the West?', *International Relations*, 26(4), 369-388.

Mahbubani, K. (2008) 'The Case Against the West', *Foreign Affairs*, May/June.

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([www.carnegieendowment.org](http://www.carnegieendowment.org))

International Institute for Strategic Studies ([www.iiss.org](http://www.iiss.org))

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*Comparative European Politics, Comparative Politics, Economy & Society, Citizenship Studies, European Journal of International Relations, Global Governance, Global Society, Globalization(s), International Affairs, International Organization, International Politics, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Perspectives, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, Millennium, New Political Economy, Review of International Political Economy, Review of International Studies, Socio-Economic Review, The World Economy, World Politics*

## TEACHING METHODOLOGY

### General methodological aspects of the course

#### In-the-classroom methodology: Activities

#### **Organisation of the Module:**

Classes are organised in 20 two hour sessions. In every class from session 2 onward there will be a presentation by the students, and a subsequent Q&A session. Afterwards the lecturer will give a mini-lecture to clarify concepts and fill the possible theoretical and empirical gaps. The third part of the session will be used for group work, case studies and open discussions based on the required readings for every session. The teaching will be student-led. Thus students are encouraged to actively participate in class, and not only learn from the teacher but from each other.

#### **Assessment:**

Every student will have to prepare at least one up to 20 minutes group presentation on one of the module topics. These presentations will be assessed and will count for 25% of the mark. Participation in class will count for another 25%. Finally, 50% of the final mark will be based on the submission of a 2000 word essay on a research question of free choice but related to one of the topics covered in the module. The essay will have to be handed in the last session of the course.



Out-of-classroom methodology: Activities

SUMMARY OF STUDENT WORK HOURS			
	In-the-classroom number of hours	Out-of-classroom number of hours	Total of Hours
Lectures	14	10	24
Debate	13		13
Classroom presentations	13	27	40
CREDITS ECTS: 4			77

### EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

The module will be assessed through different methods. In particular through the assessment of in-class presentations, where those concepts and theories need to be presented in a concise and clear manner, and especially through the assessment of the research essay, which will indicate the level of theoretical and conceptual knowledge that the student has acquired throughout the course.

Evaluation Activities	Weight in evaluation**
Essay	50%
Class Presentation	25%
Class Participation	25%

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Workable Competences/Learning Objectives
Generic Competences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>an ability to analyse, compare and critically evaluate fundamental</li></ul>

assumptions and arguments in debates around Global Politics

- an ability to construct and substantiate a critical argument;
- good investigative and information retrieval skills
- good written communication skills in English;
- good time management; and
- an ability to devise viable essay topics

#### Course Specific Competences

##### Conceptual (know)

- a sound knowledge and deep understanding of the key concepts and theoretical debates in Global Politics, with special reference to governance and global democracy.