

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

Session	Theoretical Topics	Session	Empirical Topics
S1	Intro to Global Politics	S11	The UN
S2	History of Global Politics	S12	From G8 to G20
S3	Globalisation	S13	Global Civil Society
S4	Realism and Liberalism	S14	Global Populism
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S6	Models of Capitalism	S16	Modern Warfare
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S8	Global Inequality	S18	Global Currencies
S9	Global Governance	S19	Currency Wars
S10	US Hegemony and its Decline	S20	Future of Global Politics

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Basic Bibliography

Text Books

Readings for each Session:

Theoretical Part

Session 1: Introduction to Global Politics

Essential

Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2017, 7th ed) *Globalization of World Politics*, Chap. 1

Complimentary

Hay, C. (2002) *Political Analysis: A Critical Introduction*, Chap. 2, 3 and 5

Session 2: The History of Global Politics

Essential

Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2017), 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

Rodrik, D. (2011) *The Globalisation Paradox*, OUP, Chap. 9.

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 (2017), Chap. 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, 10

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 and D. Soskice (2001) "An introduction to Varieties of Capitalism", to be found online at LSE webpage

Complimentary

Sapir, A (2006) "Globalisation and the Reform of European Social Models", *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 44(2), 369-390.

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

Session 7: European Integration

Essential

Ryner, M. and A. Cafruny (2017) *The European Union and Global Capitalism*, Palgrave, Chap. 1 and 2.

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: Global Inequality

Essential

Milanovic, B. (2016) *Global Inequality*, Chap. 1

Complimentary

Krugman, P. (2015) "Review: 'The Economics of Inequality', by Thomas Piketty, New York Times, August 2.

IMF (2015) "Causes and Consequences of Income Inequality: A global perspective", June.

Session 9: Global Governance:

Essential

Held, D. and C. Roger (2013) *Global Governance at Risk*, Introduction Chapter

Complimentary

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

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 (2017), Chap. 21

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: From G8 to G20

Essential

Liao, R. (2016) "The End of the G20", *Foreign Affairs*, September 14.

Qureshi, Z. (2015) "G20: From crisis management to policies for growth", Brookings Report, September.

Complimentary

Laub, Z (2014) "The Group of Eight (G8) Industrialised Nations", Council on Foreign Relations, Backgrounder.

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 13: Global Civil Society

Essential

- Marchetti, R. (2016) "Global Civil Society", E-International Relations, December 28.
- Graeber, D. (2011) 'Occupy Wall Street rediscovers the radical imagination', *The Guardian*, 25 September.

Complimentary

- Scholte, J.A. (2013) Civil Society and Financial Markets: What is Not Happening and Why, *Journal of Civil Society*, 9(2), 129-147.
- Scholte, J.A. (1999) "Global Civil Society: Changing the World?". CSGR WP No. 31/99

Session 14: Global Populism

Essential

- Zakaria, F. (2016) "Populism on the March", *Foreign Affairs*, November/December

Complimentary

- Moffitt, B. (2016) "Face the Facts: Populism is here to Stay", *The Conversation*, 29 August.
- Jones, E. (2017) "Populism in Europe: A Government and Opposition Collection"

Session 15: Global Warming

Essential

- Foran, C. (2016) "Donald Trump and the Triumph of Climate Change Denial", *The Atlantic*, December 25.

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 16: Modern Warfare

Essential

- Baylis, J., S. Smith and P. Owens (2017), Chap. 14
- European Parliament (2014) "Cyber defence in the EU: Preparing for cyber warfare?", Briefing, October.

Complimentary

Smith, S (2013) 'A Sino-Japanese Clash in the East China Sea', Contingency Planning Memorandum, No. 18, Council on Foreign Relations.

Luttwak, E. (1999) "Give War a Chance", *Foreign Affairs*, July/August.

Session 17: China in Global Politics

Essential

Zheng, C. (2016) "China's Domestic Debate on Global Governance", *The Diplomat*, November 23.

Hanemann, T. and M. Huotari (2017) "Record flows and Growing Imbalances", *Merics Report*, January

Complimentary

Van der Putten, F-P. et al (2016) 'Europe and China's Silk Roads', ETNC Report, December.

Glaser, C. (2011) "Will China's Rise Lead to War?", *Foreign Affairs*, March/April.

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. (2015) "Stateless Euro: The Euro Crisis and the Revenge of the Chartalist Theory of Money", *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 53(2), 349-64.

Zhang, M. (2015) "Internationalisation of the Renminbi", CIGI Paper No. 2, March.

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. (2014) '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.

Session 20: The Future of Global Politics

Essential

Drezner, D. (2017) "Why China will be able to sell itself as the last liberal great power", *The Washington Post*, January 24.

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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The Diplomat (www.thediplomat.com)

Brookings (www.brookings.edu)

Real Instituto Elcano (www.realinstitutoelcano.org)

Chatham House (www.chathamhouse.org)

CIGI (www.cigionline.org)

Center for Global Development (www.cgdev.org)

Carnegie Endowment for Intern. Peace (www.carnegieendowment.org)

International Institute for Strategic Studies (www.iiss.org)

Reviews.

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 and Debates	20	11	31
Essay research and writing		16	16
Classroom presentations	20	11	31
CREDITS ECTS: 4			78

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"> • an ability to analyse, compare and critically evaluate fundamental 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)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a sound knowledge and deep understanding of the key concepts and theoretical debates in Global Politics, with special reference to governance and global democracy.