



FICHA TÉCNICA DE LA ASIGNATURA

| Datos de la asignatura | |
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| Nombre completo | Current International Issues from a Spanish Perspective |
| Código | E000010702 |
| Nivel | Intercambio |
| Cuatrimestre | Semestral |
| Créditos | 6,0 ECTS |
| Carácter | Optativa |
| Departamento / Área | Departamento de Relaciones Internacionales |
| Responsable | Prof. Pedro Rodríguez (Fall) / Prof. Almudena González del Valle Baena (Spring) |
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| Horario de tutorías | Upon request by email to pjrodriguez@comillas.edu / agvalle@comillas.edu - Tutorials can be individual or group, depending on the needs of the student. |
| Descriptor | Current International Issues from a Spanish Perspective will analyze international issues and dynamics that have had an impact on Spain and the world. |

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DATOS ESPECÍFICOS DE LA ASIGNATURA

| Contextualización de la asignatura |
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| Aportación al perfil profesional de la titulación |
| <p><i>Current International Issues from a Spanish Perspective</i> will analyze international issues and dynamics that have had an impact on Spain and the world. The international history of the country and its evolution in terms on foreign policy will also be studied. The course will be divided in 3 main sections and to be further developed in a variety of themes. The first part will be centered on Spain as a global power. The second section will focus on global actors and the last part will analyze transnational challenges. This course is part of the program known as <i>Diploma International Relations from a Spanish Perspective</i>, offered by Comillas University. <i>Current International Issues from a Spanish Perspective</i> will analyze international issues and dynamics that</p> |



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Prerequisitos

Knowledge of European History, International Relations and Spanish Politics is desirable but not essential, as the course will include an introductory topic to the subject. To attend this course a level of C1 (advanced) English is required. Class attendance and participation are compulsory.

Competencias - Objetivos

BLOQUES TEMÁTICOS Y CONTENIDOS

Contenidos – Bloques Temáticos

Theme 1: Spain as a Global Power

Topic 1: The Muslim Experience in Spain and the Birth of a Modern State

Topic 2: New Worlds and Hispanic Globalization

Topic 3: The End of Empire and Contemporary Transformation

Theme 2: Global Actors

Topic 1: Geopolitical Operators

Topic 2: International Organizations

Theme 3: Transnational Challenges



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| Topic 1: Globalization |
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| Topic 2: Global Environment Crisis |
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| Topic 3: Development and Transnational Migrations |
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| Topic 4: Pandemics and Global Health |
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| Topic 5: International Security |
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| Topic 6: Nationalism and Populism |

METODOLOGÍA DOCENTE

Aspectos metodológicos generales de la asignatura

Metodología Presencial: Actividades

1. Theoretical background provided by the lecturer in class.
2. In class activities: Case studies, article analysis and debates.

Metodología No presencial: Actividades

1. Required readings, summaries, essays and case studies.
2. Written policy papers and group assignments.

RESUMEN HORAS DE TRABAJO DEL ALUMNO

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| FACE TO FACE HOURS: APROX. 60 HOURS | | | |
| Theory Classes | Practical Classes | Academically Guided Activities | Assessments |



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| 40 | 8 | 8 | 4 |
| AUTONOMOUS WORK: APROX. 90 HOURS | | | |
| Self-study of Theoretical Content | Self-study of Practical Content | Group Work Exercises | Revision |
| 35 | 35 | 10 | 10 |
| ECTS CREDITS: 6 | | | |

EVALUACIÓN Y CRITERIOS DE CALIFICACIÓN

| Assessment Activities | Criterion | Weighting |
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| Papers/Essays | Analytical Skills | 30% |
| In class/Remote presentations | Public Speaking | 10% |
| In class/Remote participation | Regular Assignments | 10% |
| Final exam | Essay-Open Book | 50% |

BIBLIOGRAFÍA Y RECURSOS

Bibliografía Básica

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** CHISLETT, William (2013) *Spain: What Everyone Needs to Know*, New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

** HAASS, Richard (2020) *The World: A Brief Introduction*, New York: Penguin Press.

LARRES, K. & WITTLINGER, R. (edit.) (2020) *Understanding Global Politics*, London and New York: Routledge.

MARTÍNEZ MONTES, Luis Francisco (2018) *Spain, a Global History*, Madrid: Global Square Editorial.



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OTHER RESOURCES:

Al Jazeera: www.aljazeera.com

All Africa: www.allafrica.com

Africa Intelligence: www.africaintelligence.fr

Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo: www.aecid.es

Agencia Associated Press: www.ap.org

Agencia Bloomberg Group: www.bloomberg.com

Agencia EFE: www.efe.es

Agencia France Press: www.afp.com

Agencia Reuters: www.reuters.com

Agencia Xinhua: www.xinhuanet.com

American Enterprise Institute: www.aei.org

American Foreign Policy Council: www.afpc.org

Arms Control Association: www.armscontrol.org

Asahi Shimbun: www.asahi.com

Asia-Europe Foundation: www.asef.org

Asia Times Online: www.atimes.com

Asociación Española de Profesores de Derecho Internacional y RR.II.: www.aepdiri.org



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Banco Mundial: www.worldbank.org

BBC: www.bbc.co.uk

Bretton Woods Project: www.brettonwoodsproject.org

Brookings Institution: www.brookings.edu

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists: thebulletin.org

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: www.ceip.org

Center for Strategic and International Studies: <http://csis.org/>

Central Intelligence Agency: www.cia.gov

Centro de Investigaciones América Latina y el Caribe-UNAM: www.cialc.unam.mx

Centro de Relaciones Internacionales y Cooperación Internacional: www.cidob.org

Centro Superior de Estudios de la Defensa Nacional: www.defensa.gob.es/ceseden

CNN: edition.cnn.com

Consejo Europeo de Relaciones Exteriores: www.ecfrmadrid.es

Council on Foreign Relations: www.cfr.org

Diario ABC: www.abc.es

El Mundo: www.elmundo.es

El País: www.elpais.es

La Vanguardia: www.lavanguardia.es

Embajada de Estados Unidos en España: <http://spanish.madrid.usembassy.gov/>

Eurasia net: www.eurasianet.org

European Journal of International Relations: ejt.sagepub.com

Financial Times: www.ft.com

Fund for Peace: www.fundforpeace.org

Fundación Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE): www.fride.org

Foreign Policy Magazine: foreignpolicy.com

Foreign Policy castellano/esglobal: www.esglobal.org

Fundación Relaciones Internacionales y Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE): fride.org

German Marshall Fund of the US: www.gmfus.org

Global Policy Forum: www.globalpolicy.org

Greenpeace: www.greenpeace.org



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Grupo de Estudios en Seguridad Internacional: www.seguridadinternacional.es

Haaretz: www.haaretz.com

Human Rights Watch: www.hrw.org

Información y Análisis de América Latina: www.infolatam.com

Institut Français des Relations Internationales: www.ifri.org

International Atomic Energy Agency: <https://www.iaea.org/front>

International Energy Agency: www.iea.org

International Freedom of Expression Exchange: www.ifex.org

International Institute for Strategic Studies: www.iiss.org

International Monetary Fund: www.imf.org

Institute for Security Studies: www.iss.europa.eu

Instituto Complutense de Estudios Internacionales (ICEI): www.ucm.es/icei

Instituto Español de Estudios Estratégicos: www.ieee.es

IEEE-Panorama Estratégico: www.ieee.es/documentos/panorama-estrategico

Inst. Univ. de Cooperación y Desarrollo-UCM: www.ucm.es/iudesarrolloycoperacion

Le Figaro: www.lefigaro.fr/

Le Monde: www.lemonde.fr

Le Monde Diplomatique: www.monde-diplomatique.fr

Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación: www.maec.es

Ministerio de Defensa: www.mde.es

Naciones Unidas: www.un.org

National Public Radio-USA: www.npr.org

New York Times: www.nytimes.com

Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA): www.oas.org

Organización Mundial del Comercio (OMC): www.wto.org

Organización para la Seguridad y Cooperación en Europa (OSCE): www.osce.org

Organización del Tratado del Atlántico Norte (OTAN): www.nato.int

Política Exterior: www.politicaexterior.com

Real Instituto Elcano: www.realinstitutoelcano.org

Relaciones internacionales, Revista UAM: www.relacionesinternacionales.info



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Reporteros Sin Fronteras: www.rsf-es.org

Revista Electrónica de Estudios Internacionales: www.reei.org

Revista Española de Derecho Internacional: www.aepdiri.org

Spotlight on Military News and International Affairs (SOMNIA): www.cfc.forces.gc.ca

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute: www.sipri.se

Strategic Studies Institute: www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil

The Economist: www.economist.com

The Guardian: www.theguardian.com

The Moscow Times: www.themoscowtimes.com

The South China Morning Post: www.scmp.com

The Telegraph: www.telegraph.co.uk/

The Times of India: timesofindia.indiatimes.com

Unión Europea: europa.eu

United Nations Development Program: www.undp.org

US Department of Defense: www.defenselink.mil

US National Archives and Records Administration: www.nara.gov

US State Department: www.state.gov

Washington Post: www.washingtonpost.com

White House: www.whitehouse.gov

WorldNews Network: wn.com

World Newspapers: www.world-newspapers.com/