

Advanced Geopolitics

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Departments	Department of International, European Union and Comparative Law, Global Governance
Teaching Languages	English
ECTS	3
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Course Goals

- Understanding the basic geopolitical doctrines and their evolution over time, both theoretically and in practical foreign policy
- Getting familiar with the key players, agendas and grand strategies that are shaping today's global and regional affairs
- Analyzing the key current geopolitical trends and concepts that are shaping international relations

Previous knowledge

The student's background in the course "Geopolitics" will be a great addition to address "Advanced Geopolitics", as many of the latter concepts are based on the former's.

Prerequisites

No previous course is a must to enroll in "Advanced Geopolitics".

Teaching methodology

The teaching and learning dynamics gravitate around presential sessions, complemented with autonomous work.

During the class sessions, student participation is encouraged. Every session is designed to foster participation through firechats, debates, opinions and other contributions.

Each session will require a complementary autonomous work in order to prepare specific topics that are part of the exam content. This will imply reviewing the session materials (slides) as well as selected articles and other resources (available via Moodle or recommended in class).

Further code of counduct guidelines, resources and recommendations will be provided in the course's syllabus and in class.

Description

Course contribution to

This course furthers the learning of "Geopolitics" of the first year syllabus. It dives and explores the key geopolitical theories, doctrines and associated foreign policies that have shaped the contemporary world.

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Short description

This course analyses the main geopolitical dynamics since the late XIX century until nowadays. It pays particular attention, among others to WWI (1914-18), the Interwar Period (1919-1939), WWII (1939-1945), The Cold War (1947-1991), the consequences of the 9-11 attacks in 2001, the Iraq invasion in 2003, the 2022 invasion of Ukraine and the latest geopolitical events in the Middle East and the South China Sea/Taiwan.

Bibliography

Adam Tooze, The Deluge, Penguin Press (Book)
 John Lewis Gaddis, The Cold War. A New History., Penguin Press (Book)
 Fareed Zaharia, The Post-American World. Release 2.0., W. W. Norton & Company (Book)
 Richard Haas, A World in Disarray, Penguin Press (Book)
 Ian Kershaw, To Hell and Back: Europe, 1914-1949, Viking Press (Book)

Activities

In-class discussions and debates
 Written and/or oral exams
 Readings
 Presentations
 Case study analyses

Content

#	Topic
1	The Rise of Geopolitics · Early doctrines
2	Geopolitics of WWI, Interwar Period and WWII
3	Geopolitics of the Cold War
4	US Contemporary Geopolitics
5	China's Contemporary Geopolitics
6	Russia's Contemporary Geopolitics
7	EU's Contemporary Geopolitics
8	Middle East Contemporary Geopolitics
9	Populism and Geopolitics
10	Geopolitics and Pandemics

Assessment

Tool	Assessment tool	Category	Weight %
Written and/or oral exams	Final written exam	Retake and ordinary round	100.00%

PROGRAMS

G114S-Global Governance Exchange Program (Undergraduates: Law)
G114S Year 1 (Optative)

GEL23-Bachelor of Global Governance, Economics and Legal Order (Undergraduates: Law)
GEL23 Year 2 (Optative)