

GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Core modules (for the 2012/2013 edition)

Year 1

Module: **Theories of IR**

Lecturer: Jerzy Ciechański, PhD

Description coming soon

Module: **Globalism and Regionalism**

Lecturer: Jakub Zajączkowski, PhD

Description coming soon

Module: **International Security**

Lecturer: Prof. dr hab. Roman Kuźniar

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Module: **Comparative Politics**

Lecturer: Alicja Curanović, PhD

The range of comparative politics is very broad due to the ambition to answer the meta-questions: What is politics? How does it function? How can we interpret it? The underlying premise of research in the field of the comparative politics is to test theoretical concepts by using examples.

The limited time frame of the course requires narrowing the scope of the problems to the most essential issue of comparative politics – political systems. The object of the classes is to improve students' understanding of the nature of political systems in a wider context of various political phenomena and processes, *inter alia*, political culture (race, religion, language etc.), perception and images, identity and nationalism, civil society, political violence, regime, mechanisms of interdependency and cooperation.

During the course the following three-step approach shall be applied: (1) defining a particular problem, (2) analyzing the chosen cases (states), (3) comparing the cases with the emphasis on possible patterns, similarities and differences. The crucial ability to be developed during the course is critical thinking.

Module: **Multiculturalism in IR**

Lecturer: Hanna Schreiber, PhD

Main discussion themes include: meeting a „Stranger” – in the origins of cultural studies. Definitions of culture. The problems with describing and valuing different cultures – ethnocentrism. Stereotype and prejudice. The relations of culture to economy and environment. Ethnicity and ethnonationalism. The notions of race, nation, dependent nations, ethnic groups, indigenous peoples, minorities. Cultural and national identity. Multicultural society. The right to culture and cultural heritage. The types of cultural changes. Cultural genocide (ethnocide). Multicultural reconciliation and cultural justice. Universality and relativism in international relations.

Module: International Social Policy

Lecturer: Paula Marcinkowska, PhD

International Social Policy: the course introduces the notion of social policy as well as an impact of globalization on the social policy. It examines the internationalization of social policy. The primary objective of the course is to acquaint students with social policies of international organizations: United Nations and its specialized agencies such as ILO, WHO, FAO; Council of Europe (European Social Charter); European Union (i.a. European Social Model, health issues, labour rights, development policy). The course also investigates social issues within the international non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Module: International Economic Relations

Lecturer: Agnieszka Aleksy-Szucsich, PhD

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Module: International system of Human Rights protection

Lecturer: Agnieszka Bieńczyk-Missala, PhD

Description coming soon

Module: International Finance

Lecturer: Agnieszka Aleksy-Szucsich, PhD

The objective of this course is to provide students with knowledge about the functioning of the international financial markets and institutions. It begins with explaining the basics of the financial system and then it describes the different financial markets: the money market, the bond market and the stock market. It describes the mechanisms which govern the functioning of those markets and gives a thorough overview of the different debt and equity instruments which are traded there. Then, it talks about the functioning of the central bank and the conduct of the monetary policy. The main topics which are covered here include: the formal structure, the main functions and the economic goals of the central bank, as well as the tools of the monetary policy which are used to manage the money supply and the interest rates in the economy. Subsequently, the course explains the functioning of the foreign exchange market and the international financial system. It describes how the exchange rate is determined in the short- and long-run and it describes the different

international regimes of exchange rates in the world. During the last class the students learn about and discuss the various aspects of the latest international financial crisis.

Module: Development Economics

Lecturer: Karina Jędrzejowska, PhD

The course aims to provide a thorough review and critical assessment of contemporary issues in economic development and the political economy of development, covering the main analytical approaches, empirical evidence, institutions and policy issues in development economics.

Module: Human Security

Lecturer: Dorota Heidrich, PhD

The course is to acquaint students with the idea of Human Security (HS) and problems of gender in the realm of HS idea. The very notion will be analyzed and placed in the realm of security studies.

The aim of the course is to show its participants the importance and peculiarity of the idea of Human Security. Upon completion of the course the participants are expected to be able to place Human Security of the agenda of states' foreign policy and multilateral institutions. Throughout the course students will discuss: human security in the realm of security studies; shift in the security paradigm; history of the concept of Human Security; definition of Human Security; elements of Human Security – freedom from fear and freedom from want; Human Security vs Responsibility to protect – how do these concepts interrelate; Human Security in states' foreign policy (eg. Canada, Japan, Norway); Human Security as an idea for multilateral cooperation; NGOs and Human Security.

Module: Transnational actors and movements

Lecturer: Justyna Nakonieczna, PhD

The course's aim is to present and analyse transnationality in international relations. During the classes students will identify transnational actors and movements from both practical and theoretical perspectives. The concept of transnationality will be discussed as well as problem of global civil society. The features, activities and impact of transnational actors and movement on international relations is to be described as well as main theories explaining their role in international relations. We will focus on transnational social movements - their origins, types and ways of actions, especially on global justice movement, named alterglobalisation movement.

Module: European Institutions

Lecturer: Andrzej Szeptycki, PhD

International organizations combine two key features of contemporary international relations: institutionalization and multilateralism. That is why their role in international politics is constantly growing. In Europe, already twenty seven states cooperate within the frames of the European Union. Nevertheless there are some other important European institutions which include the EU members, as well as other European states. That is why this unit focuses not only on the development and specificity of the European Union, but also analyses the activities of a dozen of other regional and sub-regional organizations which exist in Europe.

The topics covered during the course include :

1. Europe – a continent, a history, a civilization
2. European cooperation and integration – theoretical approach(es)
3. First projects of European unification
4. European Communities/European Union (I) – history
5. European Communities/European Union (II) - institutions and decision making
6. European Communities/European Union (III) - economic and social issues
7. European Communities/European Union (IV) - from Six to Twenty Seven and Beyond
8. European Communities/European Union (V) - EC/EU in the World
9. North Atlantic Treaty Organization
10. Council of Europe
11. CSCE/OSCE
12. Subregional structures in Western Europe
13. Subregional cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe
14. CIS and other structures on the post-Soviet area

Module: **Developing Countries in IR**

Lecturer: Jakub Zajączkowski, PhD

Description coming soon

Year 2

Module: **International Trade system -WTO**

Lecturer: tbc

Description coming soon

Module: **Public International Law**

Lecturer: tbc

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Module: **International Political Economy**

Lecturer: Agnieszka Aleksy-Szucsich, PhD

The course of International Political Economy (IPE) presents the various aspects of the relationship between politics and economics in the world arena. It begins with describing the origins of IPE and the contemporary economic order. Then it focuses on the current topics and debates within IPE: International Trade, Money and Finance, Development and Globalization. The part on International Trade presents: the basics of economic theory of international exchange; as well as the origins, characteristics, functioning and the liberal underpinnings of the contemporary multilateral trading system. It also describes the domestic politics of international trade. The part on Money and Finance focuses on: the postwar international monetary system; the regulation of the international financial system, the latest international financial crisis; the politics of international and domestic monetary and financial relations; and the role of the multinational corporations (MNCs). The part on Development describes and assesses the different development approaches pursued by the developing countries, especially those of Latin America and East Asia. It also tackles the problem of inequalities of power and wealth in the world and within the institutions of global governance. Finally, the section on Globalization portrays contending explanations of that process and discusses the alternative viewpoints on the consequences of globalization.

Module: Multinational Corporations

Lecturer: Aleksandra Jarczewska, PhD

The overall aim of the course is to provide students with a conceptual, theoretical knowledge of strategic management concepts and multinational corporations' (MNCs) activities in a global environment. The main focuses of the course are strategic management and internationalization processes in multinational corporations.

The course first concentrates on international business and globalization, then introduces the general concept of strategy and why companies need to apply them. Implementation of strategy and its tools will be discussed. The course will also present business and corporate strategies in a form of case studies. The other field of interest will be Polish context of companies activities (MNCs' activities in Poland and Polish companies acting abroad).

Module: Foreign, Security and Defence Policy of EU

Lecturer: tbc

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Module: India and China Foreign Policy

Lecturer: Jakub Zajackowski, PhD

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Module: US Foreign Policy

Lecturer: tbc

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Module: **EU Economic Law**

Lecturer: tbc

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Module: **Poland's Foreign Policy**

Lecturer: Prof. dr hab. Roman Kuźniar

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Module: **Cultural and Economic aspects of International Management**

Lecturer: tbc

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