

Identification	Subject	PSIR 216– Geopolitics - 3KU /6ECTS credits
	Department	Political Science and Philosophy
	Program	Undergraduate
	Term	Fall, 2026
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Prerequisites	Consent of instructor	
Language	English	
Compulsory/Elective	Required	
Required textbooks and course materials	Core Textbook: Colin Flint, Introduction to Geopolitics, Fourth Edition, London and New York, 2022 (https://www.researchgate.net/publication/353134656_Introduction_to_Geopolitics) Supplementary sources : • Robinson, William I., Geopolitics, History, and International Relations, New York, 2009 (PDF is available) • Farid Shafiyev, The Caspian Region: Geopolitics, Challenges and Opportunities. Center of Analysis of International Relations, June, 2026 (PDF is available) • A. Dugin. Foundation of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997 (PDF is available) • Christopher J. Fettweis, Sir Halford Mackinder Geopolitics, and Policymaking in the 21st Century, USA, 2000. (https://press.armywarcollege.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1974&context=parameters)	
Course outline	This course is designed for the undergraduate students. Course aims to understand how certain factors — such as geographic location, strategic depth, access to resources, communication routes, connectivity and proximity to conflict zones — constrain, without determining, the options available to state and non-state actors. It is a framework of restraints and opportunities within which strategies are formulated.	
Course objectives	Objectives • This course is aimed to give the students the general knowledge about theoretical and practical aspects of Geopolitics. We will begin with a general overview and then go into more details. Generic Objective of the Course • To meet curriculum requirements of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Specific Objectives of the Course • To support the students academically, to improve their chance of realizing their potential • To encourage students participation and interaction and fostering, and atmosphere of tolerance and respect • To support the students to improve their ability to discuss and to defend their position • To build background for the students' further development in Law and International Relations	
Learning outcomes	By the end of the course the students should be able: • To build up and work with a team for decision making. • To consider external and internal factors while making a decision	

	- To develop and interpret political statements - To evaluate alternative projects and suggest one with maximum utility - To prepare an essay		
Teaching methods	Lecture		x
	Group discussion		x
	Experiential exercise		
	Simulation		x
	Case analysis		x
	Course paper		x
	Others		
Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm Exam	TBA	30
	Class Participation	During the semester	5
	Project (Essay)	02.12.26	15
	Presentation/Group Discussion	23.12.26	15
	Final Exam	TBA	35
	Total		100
Policy	▪ Preparation for class The structure of this course makes your individual study and preparation outside the class extremely important. The lecture material will focus on the major points introduced in the text. Reading the assigned chapters and having some familiarity with them before class will greatly assist your understanding of the lecture. After the lecture, you should study your notes and work relevant problems from the end of the chapter and sample exam questions. ▪ Withdrawal (pass/fail) This course strictly follows grading policy of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Thus, a student is normally expected to achieve a mark of at least 60% to pass. In case of failure, he/she will be required to repeat the course the following term or year. ▪ Cheating/plagiarism Cheating or other plagiarism during the Quizzes, Mid-term and Final Examinations will lead to paper cancellation. In this case, the student will automatically get zero (0), without any considerations. ▪ Essay We appreciate an ability of students to prepare a good essay. The essay should be - An original research of the students. - Written according to the international standards with introduction, internal parts, conclusion, and used special literature. - Limited in size (10 -12 pages/Times New Roman - 12). - Printed in computer, and has a cover page. Students have to make presentation on the essay topic. This activity will be evaluated on the basis of two components: the written copy and presentation. As soon as it is possible, we will offer you a list of themes for essays. Every student can choose for the essay a theme with the consent of instructor.		

	Essay requirements/standards are available in DPSIR. ▪ Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence This course follows Khazar University's <i>Rules for the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence</i>. Students may use generative artificial intelligence tools only for brainstorming, developing a preliminary outline, organizing information, and checking grammar and spelling. GAI tools must not be used to produce all or a substantial part of a presentation, prepare historical analysis or conclusions, generate or falsify academic references, or complete midterm examinations, final examinations, quizzes, or other in-class assessment tasks. GAI-generated material may not replace assigned readings or reliable academic sources. In text-based materials, GAI-assisted content must not exceed the University's permitted maximum of 25%. Students remain fully responsible for the accuracy, reliability, and proper referencing of all submitted material. Any use of GAI must be clearly disclosed at the end of the assignment or on the final slide of a presentation, identifying the tool used, the purpose of its use, and the parts of the work it assisted. Example disclosure: "ChatGPT (OpenAI, 2026) was used solely to assist with the preliminary organization and grammatical editing of this presentation. The historical research, analysis, arguments, and conclusions were developed independently by the students." Unauthorized or undisclosed use of GAI constitutes a violation of academic integrity and may result in a warning, resubmission, grade reduction, or a grade of zero. ▪ Professional behavior guidelines The students shall behave in the way to create favorable academic and professional environment during the class hours. Unauthorized discussions and unethical behavior are strictly prohibited.
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Tentative Schedule			
Week	Date/Day (tentative)	Topics	Textbook/Assignments (Reading materials will be sent to students before each lecture)
1	16.09. 2026	Introduction to the Course: Definition of Geopolitics • Syllabus and its Requirements • How to Prepare the Essay	A. Dugin. Foundations of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997, Introduction, pp. 7–16.
2	23.09.2026	States as spatial organisms • German "organic school" • States as living organisms • Raum - the political organization of the soil • Law of expansion	A. Dugin. <i>Foundations of Geopolitics</i> , Moscow, 1997, Chapter 1, pp. 16–20.
3	30.09.2026	The Geographical Pivot of History • Scientist and politician • Geographical axis of history • Russia's key position • Three geopolitical periods	A. Dugin. <i>Foundations of Geopolitics</i> , Moscow, 1997, Chapter 3, pp. 24–29.

4	07.10.2026	The Might of the Sea ● Sea Power ● Marine civilization = commercial civilization ● Conquest of the world: USA manifest destiny ● France against Germany	A. Dugin. Foundations of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997, Chapter 4, pp. 29–33.
5	14.10.2026	Continental Block ● War and Thought ● New Eurasian Order ● Compromise with Thalassocracy	A. Dugin. Foundations of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997, Chapter 7, pp. 39–43.
6	21.10.2026	. Eurasia Middle Earth ● The fate of the Eurasian ● Russia- Eurasia ● Turan ● Location ● Ideocracy ● USSR and Eurasianis	A. Dugin. Foundations of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997, Chapter 9, pp. 48–54.
7	28.10.2026	Geopolitics as an instrument of national policy ● Planetary dualism is the basic law of geopolitics ● A geopolitician cannot but be engaged ● The fate of scientists the fate of powers	A. Dugin. Foundations of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997, Chapter 10, pp. 54–58.
8	04.11.2026	Modern Atlantism ● Atlantists won the Cold War ● Two versions of the latest Atlanticism ● Clash of Civilizations: Huntington's Neo-Atlanticism	A. Dugin. Foundations of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997, Part II, Chapter 2, pp. 61–70.
9	11.11.2026	Holiday	
10	18.11.2026	Midterm Exam	
10	25.11.2026	Mondialism ● Prehistory of Mondialism ● Convergence theory ● Planetary victory for the West ● "End of History" by Francis Fukuyama ● "Goeconomics" by Jacques Attali	A. Dugin. Foundations of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997, Part II, Chapter 3, pp. 70–77.

11	02.12.2026	Applied Geopolitics ● "Internal geopolitics" the Yves Lacoste school ● Electoral "geopolitics" ● Mediocracy as a "geopolitical" factor ● History of geopolitics	A. Dugin. Foundations of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997, Part II, Chapter 4, pp. 77–80.
12	09.12.2026	Geopolitics of the European "new right" ● Europe of one hundred flags ● Europe from Vladivostok to Dublin ● Thinking continents ● Eurasian Empire of the End ● Indian Ocean as a path to world domination	A. Dugin. Foundations of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997, Part II, Chapter 5, pp. 80–88.
13	16.12.2026	Neo-Eurasianism ● Eurasian passion: Lev Gumilev ● New Russian Eurasians ● Towards a new bipolarity	A. Dugin. Foundations of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997, Part II, Chapter 6, pp. 88–94.
14	23.12.2026	Redivision of the world ● Land and sea. Common enemy ● Western axis: Moscow Berlin. European Empire and Eurasia ● Axis Moscow Tehran. Central Asian Empire	A. Dugin. Foundations of Geopolitics, Moscow, 1997, Part III, pp. 94– onward.
15	30.12.2026	Generalisation of the Course	
	TBA	Final Exam	

This syllabus is a guide for the course and any modifications to it will be announced in advance.