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| Identification | Subject | PSIR571: Contemporary World Politics 3KU /6ECTS credits | |
| | Department | Political Science and Philosophy | |
| | Program | Graduate | |
| | Term | Spring 2022 | |
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| | Office hours | By appointment | |
| Prerequisites | Consent of instructor | | |
| Language | English | | |
| Compulsory/Elective | Required | | |
| Required textbooks and course materials | <p>Core textbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shannon L. Blanton, Charles W. Kegley. <i>World Politics: Trend and Transformation, 2016-2017</i>. (PDF is available) [SHANNON & KEGLEY] <p>Supplementary sources :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> John Baylis, Steve Smith, Patricia Owens. <i>The Globalization of World Politics</i>. Oxford University Press, 2017. Henry Kissinger. <i>Diplomacy</i>. New York, 1994 (It is available in the Academic Library of Khazar University). Zbigniew Brzezinski. <i>The Grand Chessboard. American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives</i>. New York, 1997. William Zartman, Victor A. Kremenyuk. <i>Cooperative Security</i>. New York, 1995. William C. Olson. <i>The Theory and Practice of International Relations</i>. Washington, 1991. Samuel P. Huntington. <i>The Clash of Civilizations and the Remarking of World Order</i>. New York 1996. | | |
| Course outline | This course is designed for the graduate students. The course addresses the main aspects of the relations among transnational actors, the historical developments that affect those actors' relationships, and the salient contemporary global trends that those interactions produce. | | |
| Course objectives | This course is aimed to give the students a wider knowledge about the contemporary world politics, understanding world affairs, for anticipating probable developments, and for thinking critically about the potential long-term impact of those developments on institutions, countries, and individuals across the globe. | | |
| Learning outcomes | <p>By the end of the course the students should be able:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To analyze main tendencies in world politics To compare different theoretical approaches to globalization. To generalize discussion on the issues of international politics To prepare an essay and make presentation on the essay topic | | |
| Teaching methods | Lecture | x | |
| | Group discussion | x | |

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| | Experiential exercise | | |
| | Simulation | | x |
| | Case analysis | | x |
| | Course paper | | x |
| | Others | | |
| Evaluation | Methods | Date/deadlines | Percentage (%) |
| | Midterm Exam | To be determined by the Dean's Office | 30 |
| | Attendance | During the semester | 5 |
| | Essay | 15 March– 30 May | 15 |
| | Group Discussion | During the semester | 10 |
| | Final Exam | To be determined by the Dean's Office | 40 |
| | Total | | 100 |
| Policy | <p>▪ 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.</p> <p>▪ Withdrawal (pass/fail) This course strictly follows grading policy of the School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences. Thus, a student is normally expected to achieve a mark of at least 65% to pass. In case of failure, he/she will be required to repeat the course the following term or year.</p> <p>▪ 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.</p> <p>Essay We appreciate an ability of students to prepare a good essay. The essay should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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</p> | | |

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| | <p>consent of instructor.</p> <p>Essay requirements/standards are available in DPSP.</p> <p>Group discussion</p> <p>Students' activity during classes will be evaluated on the basis of their participation in discussions on various topics during the lesson. The instructor will make notes after each discussion and will evaluate students' activities before the final exam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professional behavior guidelines <p>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.</p> |
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Tentative Schedule

| Week | Date/Day (tentative) | Topics | Textbook/Assignments |
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| 1 | 14.02.2022 | <p>Introduction to the Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics of World Politics • Main aspects of the Syllabus | Course Syllabus |
| 2 | 21.02.2022 | <p>Discovering World Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Challenge of Investigating International Relations • How do Perceptions Influence Images of Global Reality? • | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 1 |
| 3 | 28.02.2022 | <p>Interpreting World Politics Through the Lens of Theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theories and Change in World Politics • Realism • Liberalism • Constructivism • Feminist and Marxist Critiques • International Theory and the Global Future | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 2 |
| 4 | 07.03.2022 | <p>Theories of International Decision Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Policy Making in International Affairs • Models of Decision Making by Transnational Actors • The Domestic Determinants of Foreign Policy Decisions • Global Influences on Foreign | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 3 |

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| | | Policy | |
| 5 | 14.03.2022 | Great Power Relations and Rivalries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Quest for World Leadership • World War I • World War II • The Cold War • The Post–Cold War Era • Looking Ahead: What Does the Future Look Like for the Great Powers? | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 4 |
| 6 | 28.03.2022 | World Politics and the Global South <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonial Origins and Consequences • North and South Today: Worlds Apart • Why Do Such Differences Persist? • Closing The Gap? The Global South’s Prospects in a World of Great Powers • The Global South’s Future | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 5 |
| 7 | 04.04.2022 | Nonstate Actors and the Quest for Global Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonstate Actors in World Politics • Prominent Intergovernmental Organizations • Regional Intergovernmental Organizations • Prominent Types of Nongovernmental Organizations • Malevolent Nonstate Actors • Nonstate Actors and the Future of World Politics | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 6 |
| 8 | 11.04.2022 | Midterm Exam | |
| 9 | 18.04.2022 | The Threat of Armed Conflict to the World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Causes Armed Conflict? • Frequency and Types of Armed Conflict | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 7 |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Conflict within States • Terrorism • Armed Conflict and Its Future | |
| 10 | 25.04.2022 | The Pursuit of Power Through Arms and Alliances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realist Approaches to War and Peace • Power in World Politics • Changes in Military Capabilities • Coercive Diplomacy Through Military Intervention • Realist Interpretations of Alliances in World Politics • Realism and the Balancing of Power | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 8 |
| 11 | 02.05.2022 | The Quest for Peace Through International Law and Collective Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberal and Constructivist Routes to International Peace • Maintaining Collective Security Through International Organizations • Law at the International Level • Legal and Diplomatic Responses to Armed Conflict • Institutions, Norms, and World Order | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 9 |
| 12 | 16.05.2022 | The Globalization of International Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpreting Contemporary Economic Change • Money Matters: The Transnational Exchange of Money • Bretton Woods and Beyond • The 2008 Global Financial Crisis • Recovery and Reform: Challenges Facing Global Finance | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 10 |
| 13 | 23.05.2022 | International Trade in the Global Marketplace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Globalization and Trade • Contending Trade Strategies • Trade and Global Politics • The Fate of Free Trade • Triumph or Trouble for the Global Economy | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 11 |

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| 14 | 30.05.2022 | The Demographic and Cultural Dimensions of Globalization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population Change as a Global Challenge • Global Migration Trends • New Plagues? The Global Impact of Disease • The Global Information Age • Globalization and the Global Future | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 12 |
| 15 | 31.12.2022 | Looking Ahead at Global Trends and Transformations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Trends and Forecasts: Putting Yourself in the Picture • The Global Predicament: Key Questions About a Turbulent World | SHANNON & KEGLEY Chapter 15 |
| 16 | TBA | Final Exam | |

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