

Identification	Subject	PSIR 620: Foreign Policy of Azerbaijan 3KU /6ECTS credits
	Department	Political Science and Philosophy
	Program	Undergraduate
	Term	Spring 2022
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Prerequisites	Presentation skills; MS Office skills (especially, PowerPoint Skills); desire for critical thinking and independent learning; ability to work with various sources	
Language	English	
Compulsory/Elective	Required	
Required textbooks and course materials	<p>Core Textbooks: Svante E. Cornell, <u>Azerbaijan since Independence</u> (New York: M.E.Sharpe, 2011) Alexandros Peterson, <u>Azerbaijan in Global Politics: Grafting Foreign Policy</u>. Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, 2009. Steve Smith, Amelia Hadfield and Tim Dunne (eds.), <u>Foreign Policy: Theories, Actors, Cases</u> (3rd ed). New York: Oxford University Press, 2017. Nazrin Mehdiyeva, <u>Power Games in the Caucasus: Azerbaijan’s Foreign and Energy Policy towards the West, Russia and the Middle East</u>. London, 2011.</p> <p>Supplementary sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Svante E. Cornell, <u>The International Politics of the Armenian-Azerbaijani Conflict: The Original “Frozen Conflict” and European Security</u> (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017) 2. Tadeusz Swietochowski, <u>Russian Azerbaijan, 1905-1920: The Shaping of a National Identity in a Muslim Community</u> (Cambridge, 2004) 3. Brenda Shaffer, <u>The Limits of Culture: Islam and Foreign Policy</u> (London: The MIT Press, 2006) 4. Shirin Akiner (ed.), <u>The Caspian: Politics, Energy and Security</u> (London, 2004) 5. Thomas de Waal, <u>Black Garden: Armenia and Azerbaijan through Peace and War</u> (New York, 2003) 6. <u>The Limits of Leadership: Elites and Societies in the Nagorny Karabakh Peace Process</u> (Accord, 2006) 	
Course outline	This course is designed to provide the undergraduate students with knowledge and understanding of the foreign policy of Azerbaijan. The main focus of the course will be on the theoretical approaches to foreign policy and their empirical analysis in the case of Azerbaijan. Various statecraft of Azerbaijan’s foreign policy will be examined during the course. Students will be urged to critically question and analyze the foreign policy of the country since 1991.	
Course objectives	<p>Objectives</p> <p>The objective of the course is to equip students with general knowledge about the foreign policy of Azerbaijan. In addition, the programme has the following specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide students with theory-based explanations of the foreign policy decisions • To provide students with knowledge on the evolution of Azerbaijan’s foreign policy • To equip students with necessary skills to critically apply the theoretical 	

	knowledge to the empirical analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve students' analytical and critical thinking skills by asking them to facilitate and lead discussions on the above listed themes 		
Learning outcomes	By the end of the course the students should be able: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To apply the theories of foreign policy to explain the Azerbaijan's foreign policy To critically analyze various events and decisions made by the policymakers in the foreign policy domain To discuss causes and consequences of foreign policy conflicts/discords To write an analytical essay on a chosen topic and make a presentation 		
Teaching methods	Lecture		x
	Group discussion		x
	Experiential exercise		
	Simulation		
	Case analysis		x
	Course paper		x
	Others		
Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm Exam	To be determined by the Dean's Office	25
	Attendance		5
	Research Paper		15
	Active participation at seminars		15
	Final Exam	To be determined by the Dean's Office	40
	Total		100
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 51% 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. <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 consent of instructor. Essay requirements/standards are available in DPSIR.</p> <p>Group discussion Students' activity during classes will be evaluated on the basis of their participation in</p>		

		discussions on various topics during the lesson. The instructor will make notes after each discussion and will evaluate students activities before the final exam.	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. 	
Tentative Schedule			
Week	Date/Day (tentative)	Topics	Textbook/Assignments
1.	15.02.2022	Introduction to the Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Syllabus • Understanding Foreign Policy 	Valerie M. Hudson, ‘The History and Evolution of Foreign Policy Analysis’ in Smith, Hadfield and Dunne (eds.), Foreign Policy
2.	22.02.2022	Theoretical approaches to Foreign Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realism and Foreign Policy • Liberalism and Foreign Policy • Constructivism and Foreign Policy 	William C. Wohlforth, ‘Realism and Foreign Policy’, in Smith, Hadfield and Dunne (eds.), Foreign Policy, pp. 31-48 Michael W. Doyle, ‘Liberalism and Foreign Policy’, in Smith, Hadfield and Dunne (eds.), Foreign Policy, pp. 49-70 Jeffrey T. Checkel, ‘Constructivism and Foreign Policy’, in Smith, Hadfield and Dunne (eds.), Foreign Policy, pp. 71-82
3.	01.03.2022	Theoretical analysis of Azerbaijan’s foreign policy: which is the most relevant theory?	Svante Cornell, ‘Caucasus Context: Formulating Foreign Policy’, <u>Azerbaijan since Independence</u> , pp. 297-317 Maliki-Aliyev, K, “Azerbaijan’s Foreign Policy: Between East and West”, Istituto Affari Internazionali Working Paper 13/05, January 2013, https://www.iai.it/sites/default/files/iai_wp1305.pdf Elmar Mammadyarov, ‘Walking A Tightrope: Azerbaijan’s Foreign Policy Strategy in A Changing Environment’, Azerbaijan Focus, 1 (1) (June – August 2009), pp. 17-26 Novruz Mammadov, ‘About the Main Directions in the Foreign Policy of Azerbaijan’, Azerbaijan Focus, 2 (2) (2010), pp. 17-50 Nazrin Mehdiyeva, ‘Introduction:

			<p>Azerbaijan in Great Power Politics’ and ‘How Do Small States Survive?’, in <u>Power Games in the Caucasus: Azerbaijan’s Foreign and Energy Policy towards the West, Russia and the Middle East</u></p> <p>‘Foreign Policy Azerbaijan's Bilateral and Multilateral Diplomacy’, in Alexandros Petersen, Fariz Ismailzade (eds.), <u>Azerbaijan in Global Politics: Crafting Foreign Policy</u></p>
4.	08.03.2022	World Women’s Day	
5.	15.03.2022	Key actors, structures and perceptions in Azerbaijan’s foreign policy	<p>Walter Carlsnaes, ‘Actors, Structures, and Foreign Policy Analysis’, in Smith, Hadfield and Dunne (eds.), Foreign Policy, pp. 85-100</p> <p>Nazrin Mehdiyeva, ‘How Do Small States Survive?’, in <u>Power Games in the Caucasus: Azerbaijan’s Foreign and Energy Policy towards the West, Russia and the Middle East</u></p> <p>Tadeusz Swietochowski, ‘Azerbaijan: A Borderland at the Crossroads of History’, in Frederick Starr (ed.), The Legacy of History in Russia and the New States of Eurasia (New York, 1994)</p> <p>Elmar Mammadyarov, ‘Walking A Tightrope: Azerbaijan’s Foreign Policy Strategy in A Changing Environment’, Azerbaijan Focus, 1 (1) (June – August 2009), pp. 17-26</p> <p>Novruz Mammadov, ‘About the Main Directions in the Foreign Policy of Azerbaijan’, Azerbaijan Focus, 2 (2) (2010), pp. 17-50</p> <p>Alexandros Petersen, Fariz Ismailzade (eds.), ‘Foreign Policy Azerbaijan's Bilateral and Multilateral Diplomacy’, in <u>Azerbaijan in Global Politics: Crafting Foreign Policy</u></p>
6.	22.03.2022	Novruz break	
7.	29.03.2022	The primacy of national security in	Brian C. Schmidt, ‘Primacy of

		Azerbaijan's foreign policy	National Security', in Smith, Hadfield and Dunne (eds.), Foreign Policy, pp. 155-170 National Security Concept of the Republic of Azerbaijan 2007
8.	05.04.2022	Midterm Exam	
9.	12.04.2022	Territorial integrity and Azerbaijan's foreign policy	Svante Cornell, 'The Shadow over Azerbaijan: Karabakh', in <u>Azerbaijan since Independence</u> Alexandros Petersen, Fariz Ismailzade (eds.), 'Armenia-Azerbaijan Conflict', in <u>Azerbaijan in Global Politics: Crafting Foreign Policy</u> Svante E. Cornell, <u>The International Politics of the Armenian-Azerbaijani Conflict: The Original "Frozen Conflict" and European Security</u> (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017)
10.	19.04.2022	Energy and Foreign Policy	Nazrin Mehdiyeva, 'Personalities, Processes, Institutions: Sculpting Azerbaijan's Foreign and Energy Policy' and 'Mining, Pipelines and Deals: Strategic Maneuvering with Russia on the Caspian', in <u>Power Games in the Caucasus: Azerbaijan's Foreign and Energy Policy towards the West, Russia and the Middle East</u> Svante Cornell, 'Azerbaijan's Economy: The Primacy of Oil', in <u>Azerbaijan since Independence</u> Alexandros Petersen, Fariz Ismailzade (eds.), 'Energy and Economy as Part of Foreign Policy', in <u>Azerbaijan in Global Politics: Crafting Foreign Policy</u>
11.	26.04.2022	Political economy of Azerbaijan's foreign policy	Nazrin Mehdiyeva, 'Postscript and Conclusions: What Future for Azerbaijani Gas and Strategic Manoeuvring?', in <u>Power Games in the Caucasus: Azerbaijan's Foreign and Energy Policy towards the West, Russia and the Middle East</u>
12.	03.05.2022	Azerbaijan's foreign policy towards its neighbors: Russia	Svante E. Cornell, 'Russia: A Declining Counter-Change Force', in <u>The International Politics of the Armenian-Azerbaijani Conflict</u> Svante E. Cornell, 'Russia, the

			Resurgent Imperialist’, in <u>Azerbaijan since Independence</u> Nazrin Mehdiyeva, ‘In the Name of Sovereignty: Azerbaijan’s Perceptions and Strategies in Dealing with Russia’s Military Might’, in <u>Power Games in the Caucasus</u>
13.	10.05.2022	Azerbaijan’s foreign policy towards its neighbors: Turkey	Nazrin Mehdiyeva, ‘From Euphoria to Pragmatism: The Evolution of Azerbaijan’s Policy Towards Turkey’, in <u>Power Games in the Caucasus</u> Svante E. Cornell, ‘Turkey, Best Neighbor or Big Brother?’, in <u>Azerbaijan since Independence</u> Svante E. Cornell, Turkey’s Role: Balancing the Armenia-Azerbaijan Conflict and Turkish-Armenian Relations, in <u>The International Politics of the Armenian-Azerbaijani Conflict</u>
14.	17.05.2022	Azerbaijan’s foreign policy towards its neighbors: Iran	Svante E. Cornell, ‘The Islamic Republic of Iran’s Policy Toward the Nagorno Karabakh Conflict’, in <u>The International Politics of the Armenian-Azerbaijani Conflict</u> Svante E. Cornell, ‘Iran and the “Other” Azerbaijan’, in <u>Azerbaijan since Independence</u>
15.	24.05.2022	Azerbaijan’s foreign policy towards the West	Nazrin Mehdiyeva, ‘The Western Dimension of Azerbaijan’s Strategic Maneuvering’, in <u>Power Games in the Caucasus</u> Svante E. Cornell, ‘Azerbaijan and the West’, in <u>Azerbaijan since Independence</u> Svante E. Cornell, ‘Missing in Action: US Policy’ and ‘The European Union and the Armenian–Azerbaijani Conflict: Lessons Not Learned’, in <u>The International Politics of the Armenian-Azerbaijani Conflict</u>
16.	31.05.22	Conclusion	
	TBA	Final Exam	

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

