



CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Bachelor of Social Sciences

Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Law

Course information

Bachelor Year 3 21 HOURS

Fall Semester 5 ECTS

Lectures (CM)

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Course description

The aim of this course is to introduce students to a range of concepts and debates around contemporary international issues. It will analyse the interests of the actors and expose the factors that shape their worldview. We will draw on concrete case studies on security, energy and identity issues to put into perspective the policies implemented to respond to the strategic interests of our actors.

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Topic: The State of play on migration

Joseph Chamie, "International Migration amid a World in Crisis," *Journal on Migration and Human Security*, Vol. 8, No. 3, 2020, p. 230-245.

Topic: The failure of peace in Afghanistan

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Topic: Russia's gas policy

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