

Course	GEOPOLITICS			
	Type	Semester	ECTS	Code
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Course lecturer Course assistant Course tutor				
Aim and objectives	<p>The purpose of the course is to provide students with an introduction to geopolitics. The course will delve into the main ideas and concepts of geopolitics by studying them within the contemporary dynamics of international relations. Students will gain insight into different geopolitical theories and their application in real-world situations, as well as their interaction with various geopolitical actors. Additionally, students will be introduced to current developments regarding the direction geopolitical debates are taking and how they are affected by changes related to power, identity, space, and technology in an increasingly globalized and disorderly world. Furthermore, the course will thoroughly analyze the world's main regions, focusing on historical aspects, socio-economic challenges, and the geopolitical configuration and relevance that characterize these regions.</p>			
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize and interpret the fundamental concepts and ideas of geopolitical thought. • Evaluate the historical background of the geopolitical tradition and identify the key researchers and their contributions to the development of geopolitics as a scientific field. • Identify the primary geopolitical actors in the global political arena and analyze the distribution of power in the contemporary geopolitical system. • Comprehend the significance of geopolitical characteristics and historical aspects in shaping the geopolitical objectives of states. • Analyze the relationship between traditional geopolitics and the contemporary trends and ideas of the main geopolitical actors. 			
Course content	Course plan	Week		
	Introduction:	1		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syllabus elaboration: course content, method, organization and course requirements. 			
	Geopolitical analysis	2		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four pillars of power • Hierarchical Order of Powers • The Influence of Geography • The Geopolitical Map of the Future • Geopolitics and Geographical Changes 			
	The study of Geopolitics	3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions • Phases of Modern Geopolitics 				
Geopolitical theory and structures	4			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proliferation of Nation-States • Geopolitics and general systems • Equilibrium, turbulence and world order 				
The Cold War and its consequences	5			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geopolitical restructuring • Phase 1: 1945-1956 • Phase 2: 1957-1979 • Phase 3: 1980-1989 • The collapse of the Soviet superpower • Change in the century. XXI 				

	Revision, class discussions, presentations and test preparation	6		
	Mid-term exam	7		
	Europe	8		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical background • Economic and political challenges • Geopolitics • Looking ahead 			
	East Asia and Pacific	9		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical background • Asian economic miracles • Geopolitics • Looking ahead 			
	South Asia	10		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical background • Economic and political challenges • Geopolitics • Looking ahead 			
	Middle East	11		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical background • Economic and political challenges • Geopolitics • Looking ahead 			
	Africa	12		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical background • Economic and political challenges • Geopolitics • Looking ahead 			
	Americas	13		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical background • Economic and political challenges • Geopolitics • Looking ahead 			
	Presentation of analysis, article reviews and seminars	14		
	Final test	15		
Teaching/learning methods	Activity	Weight (%)		
	1. Lectures	50%		
	2. Seminars	30%		
	3. Case studies	10%		
	4. Role play	5%		
	5. Study visits	5%		
Assessment methods	Assessment activities	Number	Week	Weight (%)
	1. Mid-term exam	1	7	40%
	2. Presentations of scientific/professional articles	1	2-15	10%
	3. Final Exam	1	15	50%
	4. Participation	1	1-15	5%
Course resources and means of materializations	Means	Number		
	1. Class (e.g)	1		
	2. Laboratory (e.g)	n/a		
	3. Moodle	1		

	4. Software MATLAB/SPSS/SIMULINK	n/a	
	5. Projector	1	
ECTS workload	Activity type	Weekly hours	Total workload
	1. Lectures	2	30
	2. Consultations	0.5	7.5
	3. Presentations of articles and seminars	2	20
	4. Independent study	2	47.5
	5. Exams	2	20
Literature/References	Core literature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saul Bernard Cohen. <i>Gjeopolitika: Gjeografia e marrëdhënieve ndërkombëtare</i>. A.I.S. Tiranë, 2016. • Tim Marshall. <i>Të burgosur nga gjeografia: dhjetë harta që ju tregojnë gjithcka që duhet të dini për politikën globale</i>. PEMA. Prishtinë, 2022. • Haxhi Ferati. <i>Gjeopolitika dhe Gjeostrategjia: Teoria dhe Praktika</i>. Pena. Prizren. 2019. • Colin Flint, <i>Introduction to Geopolitics</i>, Routledge, ed. 2017, • Haass, Richard. <i>The World: A brief introduction</i>. Penguin, 2021. • Artikuj të përzgjedhur nga xhornalet: "Geopolitics" (https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/fgeo20); • Artikuj të përzgjedhur nga revistat: "Foreign Affairs" (https://www.foreignaffairs.com/); "Foreign Policy" (https://foreignpolicy.com/); "The Economist" (https://www.economist.com/) etj. • Materiale tjera të shpërndara në klasë nga mësuesi i lëndës. 		
	Additional literature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flint, Colin, and Peter J. Taylor. <i>Political geography: world-economy, nation-state and locality</i>. Routledge, 2018. • Robert D. Kaplan, <i>The Revenge of Geography</i>, Random House USA Inc, ed. 2012. 		
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