

## Course Outline

Virtual Exchange Autumn Semester 2021\_22

### Course Title:

The Dynamics of Contemporary International Political Issues

Number of ECTS-Credits: 3

### Format of the course:

- synchronous online course (FIX timeslots)
- asynchronous online course (NO fix timeslots)
- mix of synchronous and asynchronous online course
- synchronous hybrid course (students can choose online OR on campus in FIX timeslots)
- asynchronous hybrid course (students can choose online OR on campus in NON-fix timeslots)
- mix of synchronous and asynchronous hybrid course
- other, namely:

### Number of Students accepted

- Total number of students is limited to
- Total number of students is unlimited
- Total number of virtual exchange students is limited to
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Responsible lecturer: Michael Jeive

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## 1. Course content

This module is designed to develop the participants' understanding and ability to reflect on complex issues in international politics and international relations by applying a range of analytical tools and concepts from international politics.

Over the course of this module, you will strengthen your understanding of the importance of politics and international relations in the world arena.

Students from Switzerland and partners universities will be given the opportunity to work together to examine major international issues and conduct joint analyses integrating insights from their local environment.

## 2. Learning objectives

Students should have the following competencies after completing this course:

Knowledge and understanding

- Explain key political concepts.
- Identify and explain historical and cultural antecedents of contemporary political conflicts
- Describe and differentiate historical economic systems and forces such as Mercantilism, Liberalism and Structuralism and their profound influence on the world today

Application of knowledge and understanding

- Analyse the web of stakeholder relationships and structures which bind individuals, business and governments
- Analyse global political issues using theories examined during the module

Ability to make judgements

- Assess contemporary issues in international politics and international relations
- Evaluate current international issues which influence international business decision-making.

Communication

- Speak knowledgeably on the contents of the required readings
- Distinguish inherent bias and critically engage with academic and non-academic specialist sources

Self-learning skills

- Develop research and analysis skills and apply these in context
- Study independently

## 3. Prior knowledge and entry requirements

- As this module requires participants to be able to discuss complex issues fluently, a good level of English is required min. B2/C1 (CEFR), IELTS 5.5, TOEFL iBT 46-59 or equivalent
- There are no further formal entry requirements for this course.

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#### 4. Course structure and dates

The course is based around eight online sessions delivered on Monday evenings from 17.30–19.00 Central European Time ([calculate your local time](#))

Each online session will focus on one particular theme and will include pre and post session tasks to deepen learning.

Online sessions will be delivered via Zoom, MS Teams or a similar platform accessible to all participants. The exact deliver method will be confirmed once registrations have been completed.

Detailed information for each session will be provided in advance via an online learning or collaboration platform to facilitate planning and learning.

As the course addresses contemporary political issues, the content on sessions is subject to change

The course structure and format are as follows (some session times may be changed if required):

<b>Session</b>	1		
<b>Date</b>	Monday 27 September	<b>Time</b>	17.30–19.00 CET Synchronous
<b>Content</b>	<b>Course introduction and overview</b>		
<b>Form</b>	Synchronous lecture / guided self-study		

<b>Session</b>	2		
<b>Date</b>	Monday 4 October	<b>Time</b>	17.30–19.00 CET Synchronous
<b>Content</b>	<b>Understanding the conflicting approaches and of Liberalism vs Mercantilism and Economic Nationalism</b>		
<b>Form</b>	Synchronous lecture / discussion / guided self-study		

<b>Block</b>	3		
<b>Date</b>	Monday 18 October	<b>Time</b>	17.30–19.00 CET Synchronous
<b>Content</b>	<b>Globalisation in Crisis?</b>		
<b>Form</b>	Synchronous lecture / discussion / guided self-study		

<b>Block</b>	4		
<b>Date</b>	Monday 25 October	<b>Time</b>	17.30–19.00 CET Synchronous
<b>Content</b>	<b>From the American Century to the Asian Century? Changing global power relations.</b>		
<b>Form</b>	Synchronous lecture / discussion / guided self-study		

<b>Block</b>	5		
<b>Date</b>	Monday 8 November	<b>Time</b>	17.30–19.00 CET Synchronous
<b>Content</b>	<b>The Re-emergence of China and its impacts.</b>		
<b>Form</b>	Synchronous lecture / discussion / guided self-study		

<b>Block</b>			
<b>Date</b>	Monday 15 November	<b>Time</b>	17.30–19.00 CET Synchronous
<b>Content</b>	<b>Impacts of the US return to multilateralism</b>		
<b>Form</b>	Synchronous lecture / discussion / guided self-study		

<b>Block</b>	6		
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<b>Date</b>	Monday 22 November	<b>Time:</b>	17.30 – 19.00 CET Synchronous
<b>Content</b>	<b>Asymmetrical Conflict, (Mis)Information Campaigns and International Influence - Russia's destabilisation campaigns.</b>		
<b>Form</b>	Synchronous lecture / discussion / guided self-study		

<b>Block</b>	7		
<b>Date</b>	Monday 29 November	<b>Time:</b>	17.30 – 19.00 CET Synchronous
<b>Content</b>	<b>Europe's responses to global challenges and the role of Europe in the 21st century.</b>		
<b>Form</b>	Synchronous lecture / discussion / guided self-study		

<b>Block</b>	8		
<b>Date</b>	Monday 6 December	<b>Time:</b>	17.30 – 19.00 CET Synchronous
<b>Content</b>	<i>Student Choice Topic</i>		
<b>Form</b>	Synchronous lecture / discussion / guided self-study		

<b>Block</b>	9		
<b>Date</b>	Monday 13 December	<b>Time:</b>	17.30 – 19.00 CET Synchronous
<b>Content</b>	<b>Discussing Groups Assignments</b>		
<b>Form</b>	Seminar		

## 5. Assessment

- Assessment with (online)presentation, report, groupwork, test etc. during semester
- Final written test on campus can be replaced for remote students with an additional assignment
- Final written test on campus can be replaced for remote students with oral testing

## 6. Literature

All required literature will be provided on the course learning platform.

## 7. Grading

- Pass-fail
- According to swiss grading system (see below)

Mark	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.0	below 4
In words	excellent	very good	good	satisfactory	pass	fail

The student has the right to appeal against the grading within a period of not more than 14 working days after its communication. Any appeal must be sent to [io.business@fhnw.ch](mailto:io.business@fhnw.ch) in writing and must be accompanied by valid arguments. It will be handled according to the Study and Examination Regulations for the Bachelor of Science Business Administration at FHNW.