Objectives and Goals

The aim of the course is to introduce students to key concepts, processes and transformatory paradigms that decide the shape of global relations among states and other key non-state actors, having a cumulative effect in deciding the future of global politics. The course intends to make students aware of key institutions that influence decision making in international politics. Students are exposed to the processes of global relations based on workings of human agency and collective action that effect international relations policy making both at national and international levels.

While acknowledging the importance of both theories and institutions that shaped the discipline of 'International Relations' this course will introduce facets of global politics that have led to major changes and transformations of the discipline, making it more of a global paradigm than a fixed set of frameworks governing global politics. Students will be expected to understand and analyze global developments using theoretical framings taught in class, while developing skills such as in depth reading and writing on topics of great importance to global politics. Students are expected to contribute to the class by locating serious global political issues that dominate the political agenda of IR, thus the course intends to make every student, an engaged agent in global politics by providing more space to express opinions and arguments on global events from the knowledge they gather while attending classes.

The key textbook, mandatory for the course, 'The globalization of world politics' (GWP) is available at the book store.

Attendance: The course is set to derive an organic unity between the discipline, global events and the student thus it is critical that classes should not be missed, the maximum misses allowed will be two per student and any more will lead to deduction of 3 marks per every classed missed from the final exam total.

Evaluations will be done at four stages and will focus on identifying skills in, research, analysis and presentations relating to international political discourse and processes.
Attendance 10%
Class room participation 10%
Mid Term Test 25%
Critical reading essay 25%
Group assignment 30%

The students will be put into six groups in the class and each group will be assigned reading tasks, assignments and discussion responsibilities, for example if week 7 is assigned to group A, the classroom discussion has to be steered by group members, failing to do so will lead in marks being deduced for participation of all group members.

**Critical Reading: Essay**

A set of essays will be distributed among the groups where students are required to read the essay allocated for their group and come up with a critical response. Students are expected to write their response as a review of the essay in the classroom in week 8. Prior to writing your own responses students are provided up to 20 Minutes to discuss the essay as a group. The paper will be assessed individually. (Instruction sheet provided separately)

**Final Assignment: Student Platform**

Titled the 'student platform' this exercise comes as a group and individual effort, each group will be provided a theme of geo political significance; the task sheet will be provided to you in week 10. The groups assigned each theme are to come up with a set of policy implications, recommendations and International political implications of each theme and present it as a panel, while each student has to submit an individual essay based on a question relating to the group theme. Each group has to decide on who contributes to what and as a group make their presentations consistent. This exercise carries a total of 30 marks, 20 marks will be allocated for your individual paper and 10 for the group presentation (Instruction Sheets for this exercise will be provided separately)

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**Course Outline**

**Introduction**

**Week 1**

1) Global Politics, why we study, setting the field (Quad Core Approach)

2) Historical setup
GWP: Chapter 2 ‘The evolution of International Society’

3) World War to the Cold War

GWP: Chapter 3 ‘International History 1900-90’

4) Post-Cold war and the global shaping and its many meanings

GWP: Chapter 4: ‘from the cold war to the world economic crisis’

Blog content:

I. Gray: ‘Next 100 years’

II. Fukuyama: ‘End of history’

III. Fukuyama: ‘Future of history’

**Theoretical framings**

**Week 2**: Theories through Moving Image

1) Realism: GWP: chapter 5: ‘Realism’

Movie: TBA Realism and its discontents

**Week 3**

1) Theories of World Politics: Realism

2) Theories of World Politics: Liberalism

GWP: Chapter 6: ‘Liberalism’

Blog content:

I. Walt: ‘International Relations one world many theories’

**Week 4**

1) Constructivism in International Relations

GWP: ‘Social Constructivism’

Blog content: Video contents
II. Nye: ‘Soft Power/ Smart Power’ (Video)

Core II: Structures and Processes

Week 5

1) War and its evolution

GWP: ‘The changing character of war’

2) Global Security discourse

GWP: ‘International and Global Security’

Blog content:

I. Der Derian ‘Virtuous War’

II. Krepinevich ‘Democratization of destruction’

III. Goldstein: ‘Think Again War’

Video: Wired for War – Peter Singer

Week 6

1) Political Economy and Global forces

GWP: ‘International Political Economy in an age of globalization’

2) International legal structures, procedures and implications

GWP: ‘International Law’

Blog content:

I. El-erian: ‘The shape of global economy will fundamentally change’

II. Rivoli: ‘Travels of a t shirt in the global economy’ (video)

Week 7

1) Politics of Geography and Shaping of future Politics

Video+ Classroom Exercise: ‘The Revenge of Geography’ : Robert D. Kaplan
2) Transnationalism and its consequences

GWP: ‘Transnational Actors and international organizations in global politics’

Core III: International Issues, developments and transformations

Week 8

1) Globalising Terrorism & New forms of terror

GWP: ‘Terrorism and Globalization’

2) Nuclear proliferation and global implications

GWP: ‘Nuclear Proliferation’

3) *Group Analysis on 9/11 attacks, US Foreign Policy and National Security*

Blog content: Articles for discussion will be posted on the Blog

Week 9

1) Human rights and Human Security


Week 10

1) Globalization

GWP: ‘Globalization and the transformation of political community’

*Video: Global Citizen- Hans Rosling*

Core IV: Post America, Asian century and No One’s world

Week 11

1) End of American Century

Walt: The end of the American Era

Slaughter: ‘America’s edge

Blog content: Fareed Zakaria ‘Interview’
Week 12

1)  Asian Century

Kaplan ‘Monsoon’

Video: *Is the US a force for good in the world: Friedman debate*

2)  US Foreign Policy in Pacific/ Asian Century

Blog Content:

1.  Kaplan: ‘South China sea is the future of conflict’

**Technology and Politics**

Week 13

1)  Cyber revolutions and Global Politics

Carpenter and Drezner ‘International Relations 2.0’

Nye, ‘Information revolution and American Soft Power’

Der Derian, ‘The question of Information Technology in International Relations’

**Future Road Maps: Student Platform**

Week 14: Group Presentations