

GLOBAL POWER POLITICS IP_369

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Scheduled: Tuesday June 11th to Saturday June 15th

Final Exam: Saturday June 15th (afternoon session)

Course Description/Course Objective

The aim of this course is to provide an in-depth understanding of global power politics by focusing on different sources of power (eg. economic size, military power, natural resources, political stability, new technologies and an effective use of information). Subsequently, through the unique set of sources of power inherent to each international actor it is demonstrated how these influence the performance of global and regional powers and affect their decision-making.

The main method used in the course will consist of lecturing, however, the lectures are designed to incentivize in-depth discussion in the class, come up with thought-provoking notions and to form lively atmosphere.

Upon successful completion of this course the students should be able to independently present, analyze and discuss selected world events and regions from different angles and perspectives and, consequently, evaluate them critically.

Grading Scheme and Course Requirements

Assessment for this course comprises **four** components:

Attendance 20%

Summaries 20%

Active Participation 8%

Final Exam 52%

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1. Lecture attendance (20%)

Attendance is **mandatory**. There are ten morning sessions and ten afternoon session, in other words, 20 sessions in total. Attendance to each session counts for two points (two parts of each session). Only one **excused** absence (one session – either morning or afternoon) will be tolerated without any penalties. Please note that second absence will already lead to deduction of the first point. Late arrival (or earlier leave) to the class (up to 30 min.) is tolerated just once, for any subsequent late arrival (earlier leave) the attendance point will not be provided.

Absence on the exam day will NOT be tolerated unless you are sick and you provide us with doctor confirmation.

Shall you be absent for family or travel reasons, please, let us always know by email or in the class in advance.

2. Summaries (20%)

There are going to be two mandatory readings based on which students are expected to write two summaries.

3. Active participation (8%)

The course is designed to provide room for an active learning and to incentivize discussion. Students are encouraged to contribute actively throughout the course.

4. Final Exam (52%)

It will be written on Saturday June 15th and it will consists of the following components:

blind map

short answer questions

multiple choice questions

essay-type question

Final Grade

100 – 90	excellent	A
89 – 75	very good	B
74 – 60	good	C
59 and less	fail	F

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Tuesday (Jun 11) morning session

Introduction to the course (Monika Bokšová, Michal Bokša)

Evolution of Europe till the 2nd WW (Michal Bokša)

Tuesday (Jun 11) afternoon session

Evolution of NATO and of European security architecture (Michal Bokša)

Wednesday (Jun 12) morning session

Milestones of the Development of the European Integration (Monika Bokšová)

Wednesday (Jun 12) afternoon session

International Relations' actors (Monika Bokšová)

Concept of Power within the International Relations (Monika Bokšová)

Game Theory (Monika Bokšová, Michal Bokša)

Thursday (Jun 13) morning session

International Trade, trade powers, trade wars – winners and losers (Monika Bokšová)

Thursday (Jun 13) afternoon session

Russian history, foreign policy, security narratives and current frozen conflicts in Eastern Europe (Michal Bokša)

Friday (Jun 14) morning session

Middle East and North Africa - the evolution of the region and its impact on current local security (Michal Bokša)

Friday (Jun 14) afternoon session

Dynamics of African Integration (Monika Bokšová)

South-East Asia Region in Progress (Monika Bokšová)

Saturday (Jun 15) morning session

Concluding remarks and summary (Monika Bokšová, Michal Bokša)

Saturday (Jun 15) afternoon session

Exam (Monika Bokšová, Michal Bokša)

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