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Country report and risk assessment

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 02-05-2023

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: HIDALGO TRENADO, MANUEL

Type: Electives ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: Semester:

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Contents and use of country reports elaborated by private and public institutions. Structuring and conceptual framework of country reports: national and international context, actors and agents, strategy and objectives. Measurement and analysis of development and evaluation. Analysis of economic and political institutions and country risk: political institutions, political system, and political risk; security and public order; criminality and personal violence, institutional and police corruption, terrorism, guerrillas, etc.; economic structure, political economy and macroeconomic risks; banking and financial structure, monetary policy; financial and exchange risk. Social and demographic variables and their incidence on political and economic stability. International interactions, development, conflicts and crisis. Writing a country report.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Lectures:

In the lectures we will discuss the readings and the critical evidence needed to test the main theories.

Reduced lectures:

Each week we will have presentations, debates based on the readings and discussions of the essays. Students will have to participate actively in class.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

% end-of-term-examination: 50

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 50

Extraordinary call:

- a) Students who have followed the continuous evaluation system: 50% said evaluation and 50% the exam on the content of the subject.
- b) Students who have not followed the continuous evaluation, or if it is more favorable to them: 100% exam on the content of the subject.

% end-of-term-examination: 50

% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals...): 50

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

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