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COURSE : Geoeconomics, Globalization and Development

MASTERS DEGREE: Geopolitics and Strategic Studies ECTS: 6 SEMESTER: 1

COUR	COURSE TIMETABLE								
WEEK	SESSION	DESCRIPTION OF EACH SESSION	GROUP (X mark)		Indicate if a different lecture room is needed	WEEKLY WORK			
			1	2	(computer, audiovisual, etc.)	DESCRIPTION	ATTENDING HOURS	HOMEWORK Max. 7H/WEEK	
1	1	Introduction to geoeconomics	Х			 Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 1. Formation of teams for the 1st assignment 	3	6	
2	2	Economic globalization, its central forces, spatial and geostrategic consequences International trade Capital flows Labor mobility	Х			 Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 2. Class discussion Initiation of team-work 	3	6	
3	3	 A brief historical review of global integration Different phases of globalization since the 19th century and its acceleration in the 20th century Emergence of institutionalization and multilateralism towards global integration Simultaneous rise of regionalism 	Х			 Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 3. Class discussion Proceeding with the team-work Starting to work on draft outlines for the individual research papers 	3	7	
4	4	Institutions of global governance and geoeconomic implications International organizations and their contested mandate over global economy	Х			 Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 4. Class discussion Proceeding with the team-work 	3	7	

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		 The "Bretton Woods trio" and its geopolitical roots Cold War, bipolarity and geostrategic implications 		Submission of draft outlines for the individual research papers
5	5	De jure design and de facto practice of international organizations and their prevalent critiques Decision-making mechanisms and their contestation From exclusive GATT to the inclusive WTO IMF and the U.S. power World Bank and development models "The Washington Consensus"	X	 Team Presentations (1st assignment) Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 5. Working on the team paper
6	6	The current challenges in the international trade regime Circumventing the WTO rules: enabling protectionism in a free trade regime Reflections of power and rivalry in trade regime Emerging "trade wards" and their possible consequences	Х	 Team Presentations (1st assignment) Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 6. Working on the team paper
7	7	Geoeconomics of uneven development and its political implications • Global integration and increasing divide: juxtaposition of poverty and wealth, • Exacerbating inequalities across the globe. • The North-South divide • Cities as the new hubs of power	Х	 Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 7. In-class debate Submission of the final outlines for the individual research papers
8	8	 Economic development Competing theories and approaches A review of economic development strategies, their changes and challenges 	Х	 Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 8. Proceeding with the 1st assignment Submission of the team paper

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		Varying development models: "Asian Tigers" vs. Latin America		
9	9	 Emerging countries and their recent rise BRICS, MISTS and other platforms Cooperation or rivalry? Defying the Northern dominance in global governance 	Х	 Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 9. In-class debate
10	10	The rise of China and the appeal of the "Chinese model" • "The Beijing Consensus" and the revival of "the state". • "One Road, One Belt": Chinese initiatives in Asia, Africa and Europe. • Competition over development assistance, infrastructure and aid. • Geopolitics of development cooperation and geostrategic interests	X	 Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 10. Class discussion Proceeding with the individual research paper
11	11	Growing cross-regional rivalries and hegemonic tendencies • A multipolar world order or China-U.S. rivalry? • China, India and Japan in Asia-Pacific • Turkey and Russia in the Middle East • Brasil and Mexico in Latin America	X	 Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 11. In-class debate Proceeding with the individual research paper
12	12	Global economic actors, their spatial interests and strategies. • Transnational corporations and the politics of foreign direct investment (FDI) • Explaining the direction of and strategies on FDI flows	Х	 Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 12. Class discussion

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TOTAL HOURS						150	
16-17		Preparation for the final evaluation of the course	Х		Finalizing and submission of the research paper (individual)		14
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					Proceeding with the individual research paper		
		Prospects for the future of geoeconomics.			Class discussion		
14	14	A brief geoeconomic analysis of Spain and the European Union.	Х		Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 14. 3		6
		Tax heavens			 Proceeding with the individual research paper 		
		 Financialization and its impact on aggravating inequalities 			Class discussion		
13	13	Financial globalization and its diverse consequences • Limits and threats on state sovereignty	Х		 Readings and comprehension of the selected texts for Week 13. 		6
		 Nature and impact of the FDI in different geographies 			 Proceeding with the individual research paper 		