

SUBJECT: Geopolitics of Africa and the Middle East		
MASTER DEGREE: Geopolitics and Strategic Studies	ECTS: 6	QUARTER: 2

TIMETABLE FOR THE SUBJECT								
WEEK	SESSION	DESCRIPTION OF EACH SESSION	GROUP (X mark)		Indicate if a different lecture room is needed (computer, audiovisual, etc.)	HOMEWORK PER WEEK		
			1	2		DESCRIPTION	ATTENDING HOURS	HOMEWORK Max. 7H/WEEK
1	1	Presentation of the subject	X			General presentation of the subject.	1,5	3
1	2	General approach to the two regions: Africa and the Middle East.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
2	1	Lesson 1. First part. Physical Geography and Political Geography of Africa.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended.	1,5	4

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2	2	Lesson 1. Second part. Physical Geography and Political Geography of the Middle East.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
3	1	Lesson 2. The overlapping between both regions: African dimension, Arab dimension, and Islamic dimension.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	4
3	2	Lesson 3. The Historical approach to the geographic spaces involved. The Middle East, Africa, and the Mediterranean.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings	1,5	3

						recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.		
4	1	Lesson 4. First part. From the Ottoman Empire to its end and its effects in Africa and in the Middle East.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	4
4	2	Lesson 4. Second part. Other effects of the World War I in Africa and in the Middle East.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
5	1	Lesson 5. Effects of the World War II in Africa and in the Middle East.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the	1,5	4

						readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper. Deadline for submitting a written essay related to the contents provided until Lesson 4.		
5	2	Lesson 6. The African emergence in political terms, the re-organization of the continent and the economic dimensions of the period addressed.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
6	1	Lesson 7. The Middle East and its geopolitical and geostrategic definition. The Arab-Israeli wars, the consolidation of states, the geographical disputes and the competition on the resources.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to	1,5	4

						prepare the term paper.		
6	2	Lesson 8. The de-colonization in the Middle East and in Africa and the renewed overlapping between the two regions.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
7	1	Lesson 9. The tension between dis-engagement and the perduration of post-colonial links, and the reconfiguration of the world with out-of-the-region overlappings. Commonwealth, Francophonie, the Portuguese Speaking Community, and their coexistence with the Cold War and its dynamics.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	4
7	2	Lesson 10. First part. The local organizational models in Africa and in the Middle East. The Organization for African Unity (OAU), the Arab League of States, the sub-regional organizations in both continents, their emergence and their viability.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended.	1,5	3

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8	1	Lesson 10. Second part. The Arab&African Cooperation, the Islamic projection in Africa, the presence of Israel and the complex and marginal dynamics of them in that time.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	4
8	2	Lesson 11. The energy strategies and their viability in the Middle East and Africa. Competition for these and other resources.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
9	1	Lesson 12. The end of the Cold War and the start of the globalization in both regions (I): In the Middle East. The opening of the Middle East Peace Process in 1991.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings	1,5	4

						recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.		
9	2	Lesson 13. The end of the Cold War and the start of the globalization in both regions (II). In Africa, conflicts and frustration in the 1990s.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
10	1	Lesson 14. Africa. Stimulating facts providing political will for the implementation of a number of African initiatives (from the OAU to the African Unión, the NEPAD, etc).	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper. Deadline for submitting a written essay related to the contents provided until Lesson 13.	1,5	3

10	2	Lesson 15. The increasing frustration in both regions in the afterwards of a period of hope.	X		1	Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
11	1	Lesson 16. The Arab Revolts, reasons and factors in African and Arab terms.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
11	2	Lesson 17. First part. The Arab Revolts and the process of change implemented in Africa: Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to	1,5	3

						prepare the term paper.		
12	1	Lesson 17. Second part. The Arab Revolts and the process of change implemented in the Middle East: Syria, Bahrain, and Yemen.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
12	2	Lesson 18. The implementation of responses in Africa and the implementation of responses, feeding a number of enormous contradictions, in the Middle East.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
13	1	Lesson 19. First part. The consequences of the partial instability provoked in Africa and the Middle East on the European neighbourhood.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended.	1,5	3

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13	2	Lesson 20. Prospective approach-Fragmentation, tension and partial implementation of a integrative process (the Gulf Cooperation Council) in the Middle East and the Arabian Peninsula, and the coordination efforts in Africa (West Africa and East Africa), and the continental dimension (African Union). Challenges for the future.	X			Lecture of the schemes related to theoretical classes. Lecture and discussion in the class of the readings recommended. Attention to be paid on how to prepare the term paper.	1,5	3
14	1	Oral presentation and discussion of students' term papers.	X			Deadline for submitting the students' term papers and oral presentation.	1,5	4
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SUB-TOTAL HOURS							42	94
		Final evaluation of the course				Preparation and submission of the final project		14
TOTAL HOURS								150