

SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON CURRENT GEOPOLITICAL ISSUES		
MASTER DEGREE: GEOPOLITICS Professors: Andrew John Richards, Montserrat Huguet Santos, and José María Pardo De Santayana Y Gómez-Olea Coordinator: Andrew John Richards	ECTS: 6	YEAR: 2 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	U.S. Hegemony in the 21st Century: Continuity, Decline, or Disappearance?	X			Readings for class	1.5	3
1	2	Global Politics in the Post-Cold War Era: The USA, Russia, Europe and China.				In-class debate	1.5	
2	3	Conditions in Europe emerging in the Post-Cold War Era. Redefinition of Central Europe and Reorientation of the Atlantic Dimension.	X			Readings for classes	1.5	7
2	4	Europe as a Global Actor. The capacities and geopolitical position of Europe during the transition between the centuries.				In-class debates and presentations	1.5	
3	5	The European Union in the 21 st Century. Interests and global responsibilities I. Europe's position in international commerce and the challenges of governance. The sustainable Development Goals.					1.5	7
3	6	The European Union. Interests and global responsibilities II. Involvement in policies against international terrorism. Current events.					1.5	
4	7	Recent evolution of transatlantic relations. Europe and the USA: the limits of cooperation in economics and security.	X			Readings for classes	1.5	7
4	8	Inside the European Union. Alternative actors on the international scene. Challenges for member states: the				In-class debates and presentations	1.5	

5	9	citizenry and the regions. Towards the Europe of the 27. The geopolitical dimension of Brexit.					1.5	5
5	10	Roundtable on current events in Europe.				Debate	1.5	
6	11	The formation and development of the Russian nation and empire. Basic data on the Russian Federation. Distribution to students of current issues to be presented in class.	X			Readings for classes In-class debates and presentations	1.5	7
6	12	The geopolitical perspective of Russia: victimization, great power aspirations, Westernism-Slavism.					1.5	
7	13	The political system and territorial organization of the Russian Federation. The economy and energy in the Russian Federation.					1.5	7
7	14	The armed forces of the Russian Federation: reform and combat experience.					1.5	
8	15	Evolution of the strategic environment of the Russian Federation from the end of the Cold War to 2014: rapprochement with the West, regaining great power status, the turn towards China.	X			Readings for classes In-class debates and presentations	1.5	7
8	16	The evolution of the strategic environment of the Russian Federation since 2014: crisis in Crimea, war in Ukraine, and intervention in Syria.					1.5	
9	17	Roundtable on current events in the Russian Federation.	X			Debate	1.5	5
9	18	The current situation of the Russian Federation.				Readings for class In-class debate and presentation	1.5	
10	19	China in the 20 th Century: An Overview.	X			Readings for classes	1.5	7
10	20	Basic Elements of Chinese Foreign and Security Policy in the 21 st Century.				In-class debates and presentations	1.5	

11	21	China's Economic Model: achievements of, and challenges for, the contemporary Chinese economy.	X			Readings for classes	1.5	7
11	22	China's Political Model: Consequences of Recent Constitutional Changes.				In-class debates and presentations	1.5	
12	23	US-Chinese Relations during the Obama and Trump presidencies.	X			Readings for classes	1.5	7
12	24	China as an Economic Superpower I: Implications for the Global Economy.				In-class debates and presentations	1.5	
13	25	China as an Economic Superpower II: China's Growing Presence in Sub-Saharan Africa.					1.5	5
13	26	Roundtable on contemporary events in China.				Debate	1.5	
14	27	Conclusions.	X			In-class debate Presentations of research paper proposals	3.0	3
PREPARATION AND COMPLETION OF WRITTEN RESEARCH PAPER							42	84
TOTAL HOURS								24 150