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PO555 International Organisation: The UN System						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	90% Exam, 10% Coursework	
2	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Den Boer Dr A
2	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 22

Private study hours: 128

Total study hours: 150

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the module, a successful student will be able to:

- Understand the reasons for the historic growth in international organisations.
- Understand the historical evolution of the UN system and its precursors in the twentieth century.
- Appreciate the diversity and scope of UN activities in world politics.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the UN in regulating the use of force.
- Critically assess theoretical perspectives on international organisation.
- Assess the significance of international organisations in world politics.

Method of Assessment

50% Coursework - Three Moodle quizzes (10%), Essay, 2500 words (40%)

50% Exam

Preliminary Reading

Thakur, Ramesh. *The United Nations, Peace and Security: From Collective Security to the Responsibility to Protect*. 2nd edition (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017).

Weiss, Thomas G. and Sam Daws, Eds. *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations*. 2nd edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).

Mingst, Karen A., Margaret P. Karns and Alynna J. Lyon. *The United Nations in the 21st century. Dilemmas in World Politics*. 5th edition (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2017).

Synopsis *

This module explores the origins, evolution and role of the United Nations (UN) in world politics. The aim is to understand how and why states and other actors participate in the UN. The module further explores the extent to which the United Nations is able to achieve its stated goals of maintaining peace and security, achieving cooperation to solve key international problems, and promoting respect for human rights. The module examines the work of key UN organs, agencies, and member states in a variety of issue areas, with the aim of critically assessing the successes, challenges, and failures of the United Nations.

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PO559 Ethics in International Relations						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	90% Exam, 10% Coursework	
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

11 lectures and 11 seminars

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

- Understand the complexity of ethical issues and the extent to which ethical judgements are applicable to international practice
- Summarise and critically assess the dominant theories of international ethics
- Understand and evaluate critical approaches to international morality in light of universalist and particularist arguments
- Evaluate the ethics of key practices of international politics
- Assess the role of human rights in international politics
- Apply theoretical perspectives to case studies
- Identify the practical and ethical problems and limits of international law, state sovereignty, and international justice with regard to key state and non-state practices.

Method of Assessment

50% Coursework (2 seminar simulations (15%), 3000 word essay (35%)); 50% exam

Preliminary Reading

Amstutz M International Ethics: Concepts, Theories and Cases in Global Politics, 3rd ed., Lanham MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008

Bell, D., ed. Ethics and World Politics, Oxford University Press, 2010.

Walzer M Just and Unjust Wars: A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations, New York: Basic Books, 2006

Restrictions

Stage 3 only. This module is not available to short term/exchange students.

Synopsis *

The aim of this module is to explore the role of ethics in international politics. We examine the meaning of morality and ethical judgement in the context of a number of issues and practices in international relations, including wars, terrorism, human rights, global inequality and multinational corporations. Students will critically assess the ethical practices of states and non-state actors through theoretical analysis, case studies and simulation exercises

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PO563 Foreign Policy Analysis and Management						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	90% Exam, 10% Coursework	
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

11 lectures and 11 seminars

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the module, students will:

- have gained a sound knowledge and understanding of the principal aspects of foreign policy as a mechanism of the international structure and foreign policy analysis as a subject area integrated into International Relations.
- be familiar with the constituents of the foreign policy system: actors, the system (internal and external) and the complex series of motivational factors that lead to foreign policy implementation.
- be able to trace the historical antecedents of foreign policy through the development of forms of diplomacy.
- be familiar with the theories of IR that have augmented foreign policy theory and the variations of foreign policy analysis itself.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (3000 word essay), 50% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

- S. Smith, A. Hadfield, T. Dunne, (eds.) *Foreign Policy: Theories, Actors, Cases*, Oxford University Press, 2008.
 C. Hill, *The Changing Politics of Foreign Policy*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2003.
 M. Webber and M. Smith, *Foreign Policy in a Transformed World*, Prentice Hall, Pearson Education, 2002.
 P. Sharp, *Diplomatic Theory of International Relations*, Cambridge, CUP, 2009.
 M. Breuning, *Foreign Policy Analysis. A Comparative Introduction*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.
 S. Walker, A. Malici, and M. Schafer, *Rethinking Foreign Policy Analysis*, Routledge, 2011.

Restrictions

Preference may be given to Politics and International Relations students (single and joint Honours).

Synopsis *

This module examines the complex relationship between foreign policy analysis and foreign policy practice. It does so by exploring shifting approaches to making and examining foreign policy, including the contributions of IR theory to Foreign Policy Analysis. Historical antecedents of foreign policy as a practice are examined via observations of traditional bilateral and multilateral diplomacy, followed by traditional state-based actors, non-state actors, and the nature of the structure they inhabit. FP decision-making is then examined, followed by the process of foreign policy implementation. The issue of motivation is tackled through analyses of the largely domestic impact of culture, interests and identity and broader effect of intra-state norms, ethics, the issue of human rights. Case studies of key countries reinforce the practical implications of above-mentioned issues throughout the module.

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PO566		Europe and the World				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Whitman Prof R

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours lecture/seminar; 128 study hours

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

- Understand the complex inter-relationship between Europe and the rest of the world, with particular reference to the debates surrounding the issues of globalisation and integration;
- Identify, analyse and assess the impact of contemporary global economic, political, environmental and security developments on Europe;
- Compare and contrast the response of European states to these global challenges, both through their national foreign policies and collectively through the European Union;
- Assess the extent of the 'Europeanisation' of the foreign policies of EU member states and explain the differences between states and policy areas;
- Analyse and explain the development of the external economic and political policies of the European Union and assess their impact on the rest of the world;
- Critically assess the EU's success in achieving its policy goals and engage in the theoretical discourse on such issues as normative power, the capabilities/expectations gap, identity, and fortress Europe;
- Effectively present well-informed arguments both orally and in writing on the theoretical and empirical issues raised by the analysis of the inter-relationship between Europe and the world.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (seminar participation 15%, essay of 3,000 words 35%); 50% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

Cameron, Fraser (2012). *An Introduction to European Foreign Policy*. London, Routledge. 2nd Edition
 C. Hill & M. Smith (eds.), *International Relations and the European Union* 2nd Edition (Oxford: OUP, 2011)
 S. Keukeleire, *The Foreign Policy of the European Union*, Palgrave 2014
 K. Smith, *EU Foreign Policy in a Changing World* Third edition (Polity Press, 2014)
 I. Manners & R. Whitman (eds), *The Foreign Policies of the European Union Member States* (Manchester, MUP, 2000)
 J. Howorth, *Security and Deference Policy in the European Union* 2nd Edition (Palgrave 2014)
 J. Orbie (ed.), *Europe's Global Role: External Policies of the European Union*. Aldershot, Ashgate, 2008
 C.Hill & R. Wong (eds), *National and European Foreign Policies: Towards Europeanization* (Routledge 2011)

Restrictions

Preference may be given to Politics and International Relations students (single and joint Honours).

Synopsis *

This module focuses on European foreign policy, i.e. the 'external dimension' of European politics, exploring the relationship between Europe and the rest of the world. Following the creation of the European External Action Service (EEAS), the EU now stands poised to unleash significant foreign policy potential in its neighbourhood, and beyond. The difference between the EU and 'Europe' will be examined in component fashion through the foreign policies of some of the major European states.

Thereafter, the foreign policy tools of the EU will be looked at, after moving into an in-depth thematic treatment of the key foreign policy issues facing the EU vis-à-vis its security, defence, economic, trade and development relations, and its dynamics with 'rising powers', the US, its eastern and southern neighbours in Central Europe, Asia and North Africa. Other issues include its burgeoning military capacity and a growing set of overseas military missions. Broader themes will include the impact of global developments on Europe, the international significance of European integration and the more general role of Europe in the new world order. This course will draw on theories from political science and international relations and concepts defining Europe's global role.

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PO579 Post Communist Russia						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Sakwa Prof R
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours lecture/seminar; 128 study hours

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Contextualise Russia's post-communist transition in the broader pattern of post-Cold War comparative politics;
- Understand the problems facing the development of democracy in Russia;
- Have a detailed understanding of the main institutions and political processes;
- Identify the major political forces in contemporary Russia;
- Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of post-communist Russian leadership;
- Be familiar with the works of the major writers about post-Russia.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (essay of 3,000 words (35%) class paper of 1,500 words (15%); 50% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

Bacon, E., Contemporary Russia (London, Palgrave, 2014)

Fish, MS Democracy Derailed in Russia: The Failure of Open Politics (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2005)

Gel'man, Vladimir, Authoritarian Russia: Analyzing Post-Soviet Regime Changes (Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh Press, 2015)

Monaghan, Andrew, The New Politics of Russia: Interpreting Change (Manchester, Manchester University Press, 2016)

Remington Thomas, Politics in Russia, 4th edn. (London, Pearson Longman, 2006)

Sakwa R, Russian Politics and Society, 4th ed. (London, Routledge, 2008)

Sakwa R, Putin: Russia's Choice, 2nd ed (London, Routledge, 2008)

Sakwa, R, Putin Redux: Power and Contradiction in Contemporary Russia (London, Routledge, 2014)

Tsygankov, A, Russia and the West from Alexander to Putin: Honor in International Relations (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2014).

Wegren S (ed.), Putin's Russia, 6th edn. (Boulder, CO, Rowman & Littlefield, 2015)

White S, Sakwa R and Hale H (eds), Developments in Russian Politics, 8th edn. (London, Palgrave, 2014)

Zygar', Mikhail, All the Kremlin's Men: Inside the Court of Vladimir Putin (New York, Public Affairs, 2016)

Synopsis *

We examine the main challenges facing post-communist Russia and in particular assess the development of democracy. We discuss the main institutions and political processes: the presidency, parliament, federalism, elections, party development and foreign policy, as well as discuss Yeltsin's, Putin's and Medvedev's leadership. We end with a broader evaluation of issues like the relationship of markets to democracy, civil society and its discontents, nationalism, political culture and democracy and Russia's place in the world.

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PO590 Specialist Dissertation (2 units)						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Whole Year	H	30 (15)	100% Project	
1	Canterbury	Whole Year	H	30 (15)	70% Project, 30% Coursework	

Contact Hours

300 hours including: 20 hours lectures, 14 hours workshops, 8 hours student conference, 265 study hours

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will:

be familiar with the literature relevant to their research project;
be familiar with the theories, concepts and methods relevant to their research projects;
be able to examine and critically evaluate different theories and interpretations of political events, issues and solutions to political problems as required by their dissertation projects, and be able to support the evaluation with evidence and reasoning;
be able to conduct research independently by drawing on feedback from peers and academic supervisors, by exercising reflection and self-criticism, and by managing time and resources effectively;
be able to communicate the findings of their research effectively and fluently, both orally (in a conference setting) and in a substantial piece of writing (8,000-word dissertation);
be able to undertake analysis of complex areas of knowledge and make carefully constructed arguments and advocate solutions to practical and/or academic problems;
have independent learning ability required for further study or professional work.

Method of Assessment

100% coursework (specialist dissertation of 8000 words (70%), conference presentation (20%), dissertation outline (5%), 3 x progress reports (5%))

Preliminary Reading

Booth, WX, Columb GG & Williams JM *The Craft of Research* (University of Chicago Press, 3rd edn 2008)

Restrictions

This module is only available to stage 3 students in the School of Politics and International Relations (single or joint Honours). Students must have an average of at least 60% in their stage 2 coursework to undertake this module.

Synopsis *

PO590 gives students an opportunity to write an 8,000-word dissertation on a topic of their choice, thus allowing them to become specialists in the subject area they find most interesting. A series of lectures and seminars will guide students through the research process from turning research interests into proper research questions, to choosing a method, to designing the research, and to conducting the research. Students will also have supervisors who will be able to advise them on how to make effective progress with their projects. PO590 gives interested final-year students an opportunity to creatively apply what they have learned in their programmes in order to produce a 'showpiece' of academic work, which can be used as a writing sample in support of applications for jobs or admission to graduate studies. The module also includes the PO590 Student Conference (normally held on the Friday of the Spring term reading week), where students present their projects and preliminary findings.

Students with a poor record of coursework submission and with an average of coursework grades of less than 60% across all their Stage 2 modules will not be allowed to attend PO590. If you register for this module but fail to meet these conditions – good record of coursework submission and an average of 60% or higher in Stage 2 coursework grades – you will be asked to change your registration and select alternative modules.

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PO592 Rights, Freedoms and Individualism: Contemporary Liberalism in Question						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Availability

Not Available in 2016/2017.

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours lecture/seminar; 128 study hours

Learning Outcomes

Be able to reflect upon several of the political ideals and institutions that are often taken for granted in political discourse in westernised societies;

Have a deeper knowledge of liberal ideas and the debates surrounding them;

Be able to interpret some of the key texts by liberal writers and their critics;

Be able to express the debates surrounding liberalism in their own words;

Be capable of critically evaluating different perspectives on liberalism and situating them vis-à-vis one another.

Method of Assessment

100% Coursework (20% Written Reconstruction; 80% Essay).

Preliminary Reading

Kymlicka W Contemporary Political Philosophy 2nd edition (Oxford, Oxford UP, 2002)

Okin SM Justice, Gender and the Family (New York, Basic Books , 1989)

Avineri S & de Shalit A (eds.) Communitarianism and Individualism (Oxford, Blackwell , 1992)

Synopsis *

Anglo-American countries, such as the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Canada, along with many Western European societies, have long prided themselves on their respect for liberal values. More recently, with the collapse of the Soviet Union and agitation for rights and civil freedoms in many Asian countries, liberalism has extended its reach as a source of political thought and action. Liberalism's values, practices and institutions are now admired, emulated, invoked and desired in many parts of the world. In this module, we look at liberalism as a philosophy of politics by studying the work of some of its major contemporary exponents and detractors. We examine the different approaches to liberalism advanced by figures such as John Rawls, Richard Rorty, and Will Kymlicka. To complement our understanding of liberalism, we consider the communitarian criticisms from thinkers like Charles Taylor and Michael Sandel, the feminist criticism of liberalism by Susan Moller Okin, and the post-structuralist criticisms from Michel Foucault.

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PO597 Governance & Politics of Contemporary China						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	
2	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Lee Dr PK
2	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	60% Coursework, 40% Exam	Lee Dr PK

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 22
 Private study hours: 128
 Total study hours: 150

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Understand the influence of revolutions on the evolution of China's political institutions
- Understand the predominant role of the Communist Party in ruling the country.
- Analyse the pressing issues challenging the country in its path to development.
- Analyse China's importance as a political power and a rising economic power and analyse its role in the emerging post-Cold War regional and global order.
- Use the knowledge earned from the study of China to inform comparative political studies.

Method of Assessment

60% coursework (seminar presentation (10%), essay (50%)); 40% exam.

Preliminary Reading

Saich, T., *Governance and Politics of China*, 4th ed. (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015) (key text).
 Dreyer, J.T., *China's Political System: Modernization and Tradition*, 9th ed. (NY: Longman, 2015).
 Guo, S., *Chinese Politics and Government: Power, Ideology, and Organization* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2013).
 Joseph, W.A. (ed), *Politics in China: An Introduction*, 2nd ed. (NY: Oxford University Press, 2014).
 MacFaquhar, R. (ed), *The Politics of China: Sixty Years of the People's Republic of China* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011).

Synopsis *

This module aims to provide students with a critical review of China's political development in the 20th and early 21st centuries. After a brief overview of China's political history since 1949, it is designed around two core blocks of study.

The first block looks at the principal political institutions that include the Communist Party, the government (the State Council), the legislature (the National People's Congress) and the military (the People's Liberation Army).

The second block examines the socio-political issues and challenges facing the country in its ongoing development. They range from the prospects of democratisation and the growth of civil society, the issue of quality of life in the areas of the environment and public health, corruption, nationalism and ethnic minorities, national reunification, territorial disputes with neighbouring countries to China's engagement with global governance.

A major theme of the module is to address why the Chinese communist regime is more durable and resilient than other non-democratic countries in achieving both economic growth and political stability and acquiring international influence, despite the fact that it faces numerous mounting development and governance challenges.

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PO599		European Security Co-operation				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	
2	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	
2	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	55% Coursework, 45% Exam	
2	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

11 lectures and 11 seminars

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will demonstrate:

- A systematic understanding of the origins of European integration and the development of European security policies, especially during the Cold War.
- A critical evaluation of the making of policies which have indirect and undesired outcomes in the sphere of security cooperation and the motives behind the creation of security institutions
- The ability to critically analyse documents from international organisations relating to the development of European security identifying the links between European internal security and the international security architecture
- The ability to analyse current issues in European security, placed within the context of its historical development, and to identify solutions to regional and international security challenges.

Method of Assessment

100% coursework - Group presentation 15%; critical review essay (1000 words) 20%; essay (3000 words) 65%

Preliminary Reading

Aybet G (2001). The Dynamics of European Security Co-operation 1945-1991
 Cottley, A. (2012). Security in 21st Century Europe
 Jones, S. G. (2007) The Rise of European Security Cooperation
 Marsh, S and Rees W. (2011). The European Union in the Security of Europe

Synopsis *

This module places the contemporary developments in European security integration within a historical context while focusing on institutional formation and the role of nation-states with the view to highlight continuities and changes constituted in the new Security Architecture. The module locates (Western) Europe's place in international security vis-à-vis other actors including the United States and emerging powers in order to determine what type of security identity Europe has carved for itself in the post-War period. The module further considers the implications of cooperation for Europe's ability to respond to external New Security Challenges.

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PO611 Politics of the European Union						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	O'Mahony Dr J
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 22

Private study hours: 128

Total study hours: 150

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will:

- be familiar with and understand the main constitutional and governmental structures of today's European Union;
- be able to analyse and critically assess the origins and effects of these structures, by using the conceptual and theoretical tools of comparative politics, international relations and relevant sources;
- appreciate and be able to explain the changing nature of the political process in the European Union and the role played by political parties, interest groups, social movements and public opinion;
- be able to assess the role and influence of states on the political process of the EU;
- be able to interpret and critically evaluate the main issues in the contemporary political debate in the EU.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (2 equally weighted multiple choice question quizzes (20%), Essay of 2500 words (30%)), 50% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

Cini, M. and N. Perez-Solorzano Borragan. Eds. 2013. European Union Politics. Fourth Edition. Oxford University Press: Oxford.

Hix, S. and B Hoyland. 2011. The Political System of the European Union. Third Edition. Palgrave: Basingstoke.

Nugent, N. 2010. The Government and Politics of the European Union. Seventh Edition. Palgrave: Basingstoke.

Synopsis *

The purpose of this module is to introduce students to the negotiation system that is the EU, how it has evolved politically and institutionally since its creation, how it works, both in theory and in practice and the key political challenges it faces. Students gain an in-depth understanding of the dynamics of European integration over time and the politics behind this new and experimental process of transnational cooperation. Students also analyse the functioning and roles of the EU's main institutional bodies, investigate how EU legislation is produced and implemented and how the various political actors with a stake in EU-decision-making interact both formally and informally. Finally, the module addresses key political questions underpinning EU politics in these challenging times, including political support for the EU amongst its citizens and the phenomenon of Euroscepticism; the UK's relationship with the EU before and after the Brexit vote; the EU's underlying democratic legitimacy and debates on its future development.

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PO612		Policy-making in the EU				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	O'Mahony Dr J

Contact Hours

150 hours including 11 hours lectures, 11 hours seminars; 128 study hours

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

- analyse and explain the development of the main policies of the European Union and in so doing have gained a thorough understanding of these policies;
- critically assess the EU's success in achieving its policy goals;
- understand the process of policy-making in the EU, from policy formulation and negotiation through to implementation;
- appreciate the challenges facing the EU and its policy-making process as it has expanded from 15 to 28 members and beyond;
- engage critically with important political issues facing policy makers in the EU both at national and European levels and appreciate their consequences for future policy-making in the EU.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (one 2,500-3,000 word essay and one reflective report based on participation in seminar simulation); 50% end of year examination.

Preliminary Reading

Cini, Michelle and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borrigan. Eds. 2016. European Union Politics. 5th edition. Oxford University Press: Oxford.

Wallace, H., M. Pollack and A. Young. Eds. 2015. Policy-making in the EU. 7th edition. Oxford University Press: Oxford.

Pre-requisites

PO611 Politics of the European Union

Synopsis *

Since 2009, the European Union has grappled with a crisis in the Eurozone, a refugee crisis, terrorist attacks in France, Belgium and the UK, the rise of radical right, populist challenger parties, heightened tension with Putin's Russia, the UK's Brexit decision and rule of law disputes with Hungary and Poland. This has led to increased questioning of the purpose and trajectory of European integration and policy-making. The focus of this module is on assessing the capacity of the EU as a system of public policy-making as it faces these myriad challenges. In so doing we endeavour to understand how the EU's system of governance works and how it is driven by both the politics and economics of its member states and the global system. This module focuses on the EU's 'outputs' in terms of public policy in this context, with particular attention paid to the fields of market regulation, economic and monetary union, environmental policy, agriculture policy, regional policy, justice and home affairs policy (internal security), foreign policy and trade policy. As well as analysing the effectiveness of EU policy-making in these policy areas, where appropriate we also explore the impact of ongoing political events on their operation.

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PO616		The Politics of Trust (in the USA)				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Wroe Dr A

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours lecture/seminar; 128 study hours

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will:

- Have a good knowledge of the American political system and many of the problems it faces;
- Understand the role and significance of trust in political systems;
- Understand the various competing explanations as to why Americans specifically and citizens generally distrust government;
- Be able to think critically about the competing explanations for distrust of government;
- Critique the literature to identify potential 'holes' in the current research;
- Use comparative analysis to inform their thinking.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (1000 word review (15%), 2500 word essay (35%)), 50% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

Dionne, EJ Jr. *Why Americans Hate Politics* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1991)
Esler, G *The United States of Anger: The People and the American Dream* (London: Penguin Books , 1997)
Norris P (ed.) *Critical Citizens: Global Support for Democratic Governance* (Oxford: Oxford University Press , 1999)
Nye, JS Jr., Zelikow PK & King DC (eds.) *Why People Don't Trust Government* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1997)
Dalton Russell, *Democratic Challenges, Democratic Choices* (Oxford University Press, 2004)

Pre-requisites

PO617 Contemporary Politics and Government in the USA

Restrictions

Stage 3 only. Students must have completed PO617 before taking this module. This module is not available to short term/exchange students.

Synopsis *

Much recent academic and popular commentary has focused on citizens' supposed mistrust of government, especially in the United States of America. The central aim of the Politics of Trust is to uncover the reasons for Americans' malaise. However, students will also examine other western democracies where trust has fallen to see if these countries' experiences can inform our understanding of the US case specifically and the politics of trust more generally. The course begins with a history of trust in America, with an overview of the putative reasons for declining trust in the post-World War II period, with an examination of the experiences of other western democracies. The second part turns to the specific explanations for declining trust as posited by academics and political commentators. Explanations include the crisis of government performance, spin, the internecine warfare between Republicans and Democrats, the changing nature of the modern labour market, declining social capital, and the media.

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PO617 Contemporary Politics and Government in the United States						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Whole Year	I	30 (15)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Wroe Dr A

Contact Hours

44 hours lecture/seminar

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will:

- Have a thorough knowledge of the structure of the US governmental system;
- Be able to describe and account for the operation of the US's political institutions, including those 'intermediate' institutions (parties, media etc) that link citizens to their government;
- Understand how the individual institutions interact and work together (or not, as the case may be);
- Comprehend the relationship between government institutions and the US's cultural and societal attributes;
- Understand how the governmental structure and political culture interact to produce certain policy outcomes;
- Understand and be able to make predictions about the US's role and place in the world; and
- Be able to identify and analyse some of the major political problems facing the US at the dawn of a new century.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (2 essays of 2,500 words each (equally weighted), 50% exam (3hr)

Preliminary Reading

McKay D, American Politics and Society, -8th edition (Oxford: Blackwell, 2013)
McKay D, Houghton D & Wroe A Controversies in American Politics and Society, (Oxford Blackwell, 2002)
Brogan H The Penguin History of the United States of America, revised edition (London: Penguin, 2001)
Hudson, WE American Democracy in Peril: Eight Challenges to America's Future, 6th edition (CQ Press, 2009)
Peele G, Bailey CJ, Cain B & Peters BG (eds.), Developments in American Politics 7 (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2014)
Singh R Governing America: The Politics of a Divided Democracy (Oxford: OUP 2003)

Pre-requisites

This module is a pre-requisite for PO616 The Politics of Trust (in the USA)

Synopsis *

PO617 offers a comprehensive introduction to the politics and national government of the United States. It introduces students to the 'foundations' of the US political system, examining the history of the republic, its economy and society, the values and beliefs American people subscribe to, and the basic structure of the political system. We will also examine those 'intermediate' institutions (interest groups, parties, elections and the media) that link people to their government, and the three key institutions of the federal government: the Congress, Presidency and Supreme Court. Lastly, we focus on the policymaking process in the US. We will look at economic policy, civil rights and liberties and foreign policy, ask how and why policy is made as it is, and examine the extent to which the policy solutions produced by the political system are optimal.

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PO618 East European Politics						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Van Gils Dr E
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

22 hours lecture/seminar

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module students will be able to:

- Identify principal features of communist rule (inclusive of main institutions and political processes).
- Understand the reasons for the fall of communist power in Eastern Europe.
- Describe, discuss and contrast patterns of change in the CEE/FSU using case-studies. Relate them to a broader paradigm of the 3rd wave of democratisation.
- Understand the main challenges of transitions for the CEE/FSU.
- Develop understanding of the nature of the newly emerged regimes, and relate them to a broader discussion of democracy, and the 4th wave transformations.
- Describe and discuss the challenges and consequences of the EU enlargements, and the emergence of the new EU neighbourhood.

Method of Assessment

100% coursework (essay of 2,500 words 40%, essay of 3,500 words 60%)

Preliminary Reading

The Politics of Communism (Part I):

Swain, G. and Swain, N. Eastern Europe since 1945 (Palgrave, Macmillan, 2009), 4th edition

Holmes, L. Post-communism: an Introduction (Oxford, Polity Press, 1997)

White, S. (ed.) Communist and Postcommunist Political Systems: an Introduction (Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1990), 3rd edition

White, S. Communism and its Collapse (Routledge 2001)

The Politics of Transition (Part II):

Berend, I. Central and Eastern Europe 1944-1993: Detour from the periphery to the periphery (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), reprint 2004

Bideleux, R. and Jeffries, I. A History of Eastern Europe: Crisis and Change (London, Routledge 2007), 2nd edition

Crampton, R. Eastern Europe in the 21st century – and after (London: Routledge, 1997), 2nd edition

East, R. and Pontin, J. Revolution and Change in Central and Eastern Europe (Continuum International, 1997) 2nd edition

Rothschild, J. and Wingfield, N. Return to Diversity: A Political History of East Central Europe since World War II (Oxford: OUP, 2007), 4th edition

The Politics of Post-Communism (Part III):

Brown, A. The Demise of Marxism-Leninism in Russia (Palgrave, 2004)

Sakwa, R. Postcommunism (Buckingham: Open University Press, 1999)

Ramet, S. Central and Southeast European Politics since 1989 (Cambridge University Press, 2010)

Synopsis *

The module examines the politics of transition and change in post-communist countries in their effort to establish new democratic regimes and find their place in the world. The module consists of three main parts.

Part I focuses on the experience and nature of communist rule, to develop basic understanding of communism as an ideal, political system, and a life style. Part II looks at transitions, examining regional patterns of change and relating them to the 3rd and 4th waves (coloured revolutions) of democratisation globally. Part III discusses the issues of post-communist politics in Europe, by way of exploring the forms and quality of democracy in the new states, considering the effect of EU enlargements on the new Member States and the EU neighbours; and discussing the future of communism in the world.

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PO623		Modern Political Thought				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	
1	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Turner Dr B

Contact Hours

22 hours lecture/seminar

Learning Outcomes

Students will be:

- aware of key developments in the history of modern Western political thought;
- able to identify the main thinkers representing these development;
- able to summarise the political ideas of these thinkers;
- able to situate these developments within the relevant historical context;
- able to evaluate the ethical meaning and implications of these developments;
- able to assess the intellectual legacy of the thinkers discussed in this module;

Method of Assessment

100% coursework (2 essays of 2,000 words each (50% each))

Preliminary Reading

Boucher D & Kelly P (eds.) Political Thinkers: from Socrates to the Present 2nd edition (Oxford, OUP 2009)

Synopsis *

This module provides an introduction to some of the major developments in Western political thought by discussing the work and impact of key figures such as Machiavelli, Hobbes, Spinoza, Rousseau, Kant, Wollstonecraft, Mill, Marx, and Nietzsche. Focusing on reading the primary works of these thinkers, putting them in their historical context, and understanding their reception in contemporary scholarship, this module addresses the overall problems which 'modernity' poses for political theory in Western societies.

PO626		Work Placement				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Whole Year	I	120 (60)	Pass/Fail Only	

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PO629		Terrorism and Political Violence				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Voller Dr Y

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours lecture/seminar; 128 study hours

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

- understand the epistemological difficulties involved in the use of the word "terrorism" and definitional problems posed by the concept of terrorism
- be familiar with different theories which attempt to identify the causes of terrorism and political violence
- understand the historical background of the modern phenomenon of terrorism, by tracing the development of terrorist tactics from the antiquity to the present
- understand the emergence of terrorism and political violence in different parts of the world, including the United Kingdom
- understand the main features of Islamic radicalism and its relationship to terrorism and political violence
- understand the logic of counter-terrorism and its impact of democracy and human rights
- understand various methodological problems involved in the study of terrorism and political violence

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (essay of 3,000 words), 50% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

Martin, G Understanding Terrorism, Challenges, Perspectives and Issues (Sage Publications, 2nd edn., 2006)

O'Kane, Rosemary, Terrorism (Harlow: Pearson Education Limited, 2012)

Whittaker, David, Terrorists and Terrorism (London: Routledge, 2004)

Whittaker, David, Terrorism Reader (Oxen: Routledge, third edition, 2007)

Hoffman, Bruce. Inside Terrorism (New York: Columbia University Press, 1998)

Synopsis *

This module introduces students into the study of terrorism and political violence, and thereafter deepens their knowledge of the controversial aspects of this subject. The initial lectures will deal with definitional problems involved in the concept of "terrorism" and various theories about the causes of political violence in its different forms. With a point of departure in a chronological review tracing the origins of the phenomenon long back in history, the module will later study the emergence of political terrorism during the second half of the 19th century. This will be followed by a study of state and dissident terrorism in different parts of the world. The module will also address the relationship between religious radicalism and different forms of political violence, including "new terrorism" and possible use of weapons of mass destruction. Then, the focus of attention will be shifted to implications of various counter-terrorism strategies and "The War on Terrorism" for democracy and human rights. These issues will be addressed with a special focus on methodological problems involved in the study of terrorism and political violence.

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PO630		Politics of The Middle East				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Voller Dr Y
2	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours lecture/seminar; 128 study hours

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will:

- Be familiar with different aspects of the Middle Eastern conflict and the region as a security complex
- Understand the implications that the Middle East has for international relations theory
- Understand the historical background of the making of the modern Middle East and the roles that the imperial legacy and the Cold War has played in this
- Understand the different aspects of the Palestinian conflict and the role that this conflict plays in shaping the modern Middle East
- Understand the rise and fall of Arab nationalism and the emergence of Islamic radicalism
- Be familiar with methodological problems involved in conducting area studies and difficulties related to objectivity
- Understand the Western academic approaches to the Middle Eastern societies with a special focus on the question of "Orientalism"

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (essay of 2500-3000 words), 50% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

Fromkin DA Peace to End All Peace – the Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East (New York: Avon Books , 1989)
 Kedouri E Politics in the Middle East (Oxford: Oxford University Press , 1992)
 Mansfield P The Arabs (Harmondsworth: Penguin Books , 1980)
 Said EW Orientalism (Routledge & Kegan Press , 1978)
 Cleveland, William L., A History of the Modern Middle East, (Boulder: Westview Press, 3rd edition, 2004)
 Goldschmidt, Arthur and Davidson, Lawrence, A Concise History of the Middle East (Boulder: Westview Press, 8th edition, 2006)
 Fawcett, Louise (ed.), International Relations of the Middle East (Oxford: Oxford University Press, Second Edition, 2005)

Synopsis *

This module introduces students into the study of the Middle East as a region and an arena of international conflict. Against the background of a historical review of the developments in the 20th century, the module will focus on the colonial past of the region, the imperial legacy, the emergence of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the origins of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the impact of sub-state loyalties – i.e. factors which have shaped the Middle East as a region and as a security complex. In this context, the students will explore the ideological developments in the region, most important among them, the rise and fall of Arab nationalism, the emergence of Islamic radicalism and the consolidation of the Israeli right. Adopting an international relations perspective, the module will also cover the impact of outside state actors, such as USA, Russia and the EU on the Middle East as a whole and on the relationships among those states that compose this region. Finally, the students will study the debate about "Orientalism" and the problematic aspects of the Western academic study of the Middle East and the Islamic world. These issues will be addressed with a special focus on the problem of bias involved in the academic study of the Middle East.

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PO634 Understanding US Foreign Policy: Power, Tradition and Transformation						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Biegon R
2	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Biegon R

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours lecture/seminar; 128 study hours

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the different theoretical explanations of US foreign policy.
- Display knowledge of some of the contemporary historical dimensions of US foreign policy and world order.
- Understand the role of the American state in the construction of the liberal international system.
- Reflect on the role that war has played in the social constitution of the international system.
- Understand the role that western intervention in the third world has played in state formation.
- Be familiar with the key institutions of the American state and the role they play in the formation of American foreign policy.
- Understand the role that both structures and agents play in the formation of American foreign policy.
- Understand various methodological problems involved in the study of American foreign policy.

Method of Assessment

Assessment is 50% coursework (1 Essay of 3,000 words) 50% Exam

Preliminary Reading

Michael Cox & Doug Stokes (eds.) US Foreign Policy (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012) 2nd Edition.

Inderjeet Parmar, Linda B. Miller and Mark Ledwidge (eds.) New Directions in U.S. Foreign Policy (London: Routledge, 2013).

William Wohlforth and Stephen G. Brooks, World Out of Balance: International Relations Theory and the Challenge of American Hegemony (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008)

Christopher Layne, The Peace of Illusions: American Grand Strategy from 1940 to the Present (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2006)

G. John Ikenberry, Liberal Leviathan: The Origins, Crisis, and Transformation of the American World Order (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011).

Andrew Bacevich, Washington Rules (New York: Metropolitan Books, 2010).

Restrictions

Stage 3 only. Preference may be given to Politics and International Relations students (single and joint honours).

Synopsis <span style =

This module offers a comprehensive study of US foreign policy since 1945. Ranging from 'containment', 'democratic enlargement', and 'the war on terror' the module introduces students to the concept of 'grand strategy' and the need to understand the broader intellectual platform and foundations of the way in which the United States engages with the world. A number of case studies are used to explore this such as the work of George Kennan, the Vietnam War, and the move towards 'smart power' under presidents Bush and Obama. In addition to this the course also explores questions on the social construction of state identity in the American national consciousness and how both the media and political elites help to shape public opinion and attitudes that relate to America's 'friends', 'allies', and 'enemies'. The course also explores the concept of 'soft power' as a method of extending American influence and power in the world and questions the idea of American decline.

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PO638		Political Behaviour in Britain				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours lecture/seminar; 128 study hours

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this module, students will be able to:

- * Understand the role that behavioural approaches can play in describing, analysing and understanding political outcomes, along with an appreciation of the main debates over the role of behavioural approaches to political analysis.
- * Apply core theories and models of political behaviour to some of the key political issues in contemporary Britain.
- * Use primary and secondary evidence to evaluate the effectiveness of these models in explaining patterns of political behaviour among citizens and groups.
- * Understand the main causes of various forms of political behaviour among individuals and groups.
- * Analyse the role that external agencies (notably the media) play in shaping patterns of individual and group behaviour.

Method of Assessment

100% coursework (2 essay of 3,000 words 40% and 60%)

Preliminary Reading

RUSSELL DALTON Citizen Politics, 6th edition, CQ Press (2013)
DAVID DENVER, CHRIS CARMEN AND ROB JOHNS, Elections and Voters in Britain, 3rd edition, Palgrave (2012)
CHARLES PATTIE, PATRICK SEYD AND PAUL WHITELEY Citizenship in Britain, Cambridge (2004)

Pre-requisites

None, although students will be advised of the desirability of having undertaken a prior quantitative analysis module (e.g. PO657: Political Research and Analysis, or equivalent).

Synopsis *

The module examines the nature of political behaviour in Britain today. It focuses on two key issues. The first is the way that citizens participate in politics. The module explores the nature of political participation, and how this has changed in the last few decades. It also examines the characteristics of people who participate, and the factors that motivate individuals to engage in different forms of political participation. The second key issue examined is voting behaviour. The module considers how far electoral decisions are shaped by stable 'sociological' factors, and how far voters today are less closely aligned with parties and more open to the influence of particular policy messages, personalities and media coverage. Alongside this focus on the behaviour of citizens, the module also considers the activities of key intermediary organisations, such as legislators. Throughout, the module seeks to develop students' understanding and analytical skills, by considering theories and models of political behaviour along with the way data and other evidence can be brought to bear in testing the validity of these models.

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PO645		Market States and Post Democracy				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours of lectures and seminars and 128 study hours

Learning Outcomes

Analyse the relations between the state and the market since 1848.
Learn and apply different theories of capitalism and democracy.
Understand how market-states and post-democratic regimes emerge and evolve.
Evaluate reforms or transformations of capitalism and democracy.
Explore different strategies of resistance to post-democratic market-states.
Be familiar with alternatives to capitalism and democracy.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework; 50% exam.

Preliminary Reading

Giovanni Arrighi, *The Long Twentieth Century. Money, Power, and the Origins of our Times* (London: Verso, 1994)
Colin Crouch, *Post-Democracy* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2004)
Richard Robison (ed.), *The Neo-liberal Revolution: forging the market state* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006)
Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation. The Political and Economic Origins of our Time* (Boston: Beacon Press, 2000)
Sheldon S. Wolin, *Democracy Incorporated: Managed Democracy and the Specter of Inverted Totalitarianism* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2008)

Restrictions

Stage 3 only.

Synopsis *

This module is situated at the interface of political theory and political economy. It seeks to explore the complex and multi-faceted links between democracy and capitalism in the period from 1848 to the present day. The particular focus is on relations between the state and the market as well as the evolution of different democratic regimes and market economies. Similar emphasis will be on conceptual issues and empirical evidence (though no statistical or econometric skills will be required).

The first part of the module examines the formation of 'market-states', beginning with a critical discussion of this concept. This will be the starting point for a wider engagement with Smithian, Marxist, Keynesian and neo-liberal accounts. The focus will be on those who theorise the conditions for the convergence of state and market. The second part turns to the evolution of democracy in relation to capitalism. A brief survey of the recent post-democracy literature will be followed by a discussion of key concepts. Examples include the conception of capitalism and democracy as "quasi-religions" (Walter Benjamin) and various arguments that formal democratic representation and abstract capitalist exchange engender a "society of spectacle".

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PO646 Presidents, Parliaments and Democracy						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Morgan-Jones Dr E
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 lecture/seminar hours and 128 study hours

Learning Outcomes

A good knowledge of the theories and literature addressing the consequences of different executive formats and variation within these formats for democratic government.

The ability to critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of these theories with reference both to their theoretical coherence and empirical evidence.

Be able to draw upon a range of case specific and comparative evidence to support their arguments.

Be familiar with key problems in the empirical study of the effects of constitutional design.

Be able to identify different ways of conceptualizing and measuring different aspects of democratic performance and be able to consider the implications of these measures for our knowledge of the consequences of constitutional design.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework; 50% exam.

Preliminary Reading

Cheibub, Jose Antonio. 2007. *Presidentialism, parliamentarism, and democracy*. Cambridge University Press.

Clark, William Roberts, Matt Golder, and Sona Nadenichek Golder. 2013. *Principles of Comparative Politics*. CQ Press

Strom, Kaare. 2003. *Delegation and accountability in parliamentary democracies*. Oxford; New York; Oxford University Press.

Tsebelis, George. 2002. *Veto players: how political institutions work*. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

Synopsis *

This module introduces students to central debates about the influence of different executive formats on democratic government. The course examines the differences between and within presidential, parliamentary and semi-presidential constitutions and examines their consequences for the quality of democracy and for policy outcomes. The course initially focuses on identifying the key institutions and processes that shape the behaviour and strategies of politicians in the executive, before moving on to consider the consequences of these for governance, policy-making and democratic stability. Throughout the central focus is on understanding the extent and the ways that formal political institutions may shape how politicians respond to citizen preferences, bargain with each other to resolve political conflict and choose policies. Students will be exposed to different ways of thinking about the impact of political institutions on politics, different ways of conceptualizing and measuring democratic performance and encouraged to think about how a broad range of other factors may interact with constitutional formats to shape outcomes. The approach used will be broadly comparative and will use case-specific and cross-national evidence from both developed and less developed democracies in all regions of the world.

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PO652	Politics in the Classroom					
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	O'Mahony Dr J

Availability

How to register your interest for this module

You will not be able to register for PO652 through the online module registration process. Instead, you will need to register for an alternative Spring term module, and then complete the registration of interest form stating which module/s you are interested in taking and which Spring term module you would drop if you are successful in gaining entry on to your chosen module. The form is available on the Politics and IR Student Guide on Moodle, under 'choosing your modules' in the Undergraduate Student Section.

You should return the completed form to Sara Witchell, Student Support Manager, either in hard copy, or by e-mail to polirsupport@kent.ac.uk by the end of the module registration period.

Contact Hours

150 hours including 12 hours initial training and support classes, 18 hours placement time, 120 study hours.

Learning Outcomes

- Ability to present core political ideologies and concepts as well as key features of both UK and international politics clearly within a classroom setting;
- Students will realize the importance of professional responsibility and will have followed professional guidelines;
- Understanding of the National Curriculum and the role of citizenship and politics within it;
- Knowledge of the organisation within schools and the management of people within them.

Method of Assessment

20% Teacher Evaluation, 80% Portfolio

Preliminary Reading

Information on the National Curriculum: <http://www.nc.uk.net>

Heywood, A. Politics: A Foundation, third edition, Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

Geoghegan, V. And Wilford, R. (eds) Political Ideologies: An Introduction, fourth edition, London, Routledge, (forthcoming 2013).

Leach, R. The Politics Companion, Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.

Restrictions

Places on the module are strictly limited and are only available to stage 3 students in the School of Politics and International Relations (single and joint Honours); students will be required to attend an interview and participation in the module is subject to a successful DBS check. This module is not available to short term/exchange students.

How to register your interest for this module:

You will not be able to register for PO652 through the online module registration process. Instead, you will need to register for an alternative Spring term module, and then complete the registration of interest form stating which module/s you are interested in taking and which Spring term module you would drop if you are successful in gaining entry on to your chosen module. The form is available on the Politics and IR Student Guide on Moodle, under 'choosing your modules' in the Undergraduate Student Section.

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Synopsis *

The module will begin with training sessions for the students in the Autumn term. These will include sessions on the relationship with the teacher, how to behave with pupils, as well as how to organise an engaging and informative session on an aspect of politics drawn from the national curriculum. These sessions will be run by the Partnership Development Office.

After training the student will spend one session per week for six weeks in a school in Spring term (this session includes time to travel to and from the School, preparation and debrief time with the teacher and 'in class' time with the teacher and pupils – 3 hours in total). They will begin by observing lessons taught by their designated teacher and possibly other teachers. Later they will act somewhat in the role of a teaching assistant by working with individual pupils or with a small group. They may take 'hotspots': brief sessions with the whole class where they explain a topic or talk about aspects of university life. Finally the student will progress to the role of "teacher" and will be expected to lead an entire lesson.

The student will be required to keep a weekly log of their activities. Each student will also create resources to aid in the delivery of citizenship and politics within the curriculum. Finally, the student will devise a special project (final taught lesson) in consultation with the teacher and with the module convenor. They must then implement and evaluate the project.

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PO653 Marxism: Politics and International Relations						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	60% Coursework, 40% Exam	
2	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	60% Coursework, 40% Exam	Cunliffe Dr P

Contact Hours

150 hours including 44 lecture/seminar; 106 study hours. Autumn term.
(lecture/seminar hours split: 22 lecture/seminar and 22 'Capital' lecture/seminar)

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

- Understand the main ideas of Karl Marx, Fredrick Engels and later Marxists in relation to politics and international relations.
- Demonstrate first-hand knowledge of some of the principal writings of Marx, Engels and some later Marxists.
- Demonstrate familiarity with major Marxist debates and theories.
- Understand the political context within which key Marxist theories and debates emerged.
- Understand some of the major criticisms of Marxism.
- Deploy Marxism as an explanatory theory and understand its political implications.

Method of Assessment

60% coursework (3000 word essay (40%), seminar participation (10% for standard seminar participation, and 10% for capital seminar participation)), 40% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

Goran Therborn, 'From Marxism to Post-Marxism' (London: Verso, 2008)
Francis Wheen, 'Karl Marx' (London: Fourth Estate, 2010)
Fredrick Engels, 'Socialism: Utopian and Scientific' (multiple editions)
David Harvey, 'The Enigma of Capital and the Crises of Capitalism' (London: Profile Books, 2010)
Karl Marx, 'Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts' (multiple editions)
Schlomo Avineri, 'The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx' (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1968)
Jonathan Joseph, 'Marxism and Social Theory' (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006)

Restrictions

Stage 3 only.

Preference may be given to Politics and International Relations students (single and joint Honours).

Synopsis */span>

The module is aimed to introduce students to Marxist theory and to enable them to assess both the contemporary and historical significance of Marxism in world politics. Students are expected to read some of the key texts of Karl Marx and Fredrick Engels and to consider varied interpretations and critiques of Marxist methods, writings and theories. Students are also expected to consider the political contexts in which these theories and debates emerged and their implications for political practice. Students are not expected to demonstrate any detailed knowledge of the history of Marxist-inspired governments, regimes or political movements.

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PO654		Politics of Deeply Divided Societies				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Loizides Prof N
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

150 hours including 11 hours of lectures; 11 hours of seminars; 128 hours independent study.

Learning Outcomes

Comprehend history and contemporary problems facing deeply divided societies.

Develop expertise on the main methods and theoretical approaches to mediation and conflict resolution.

Learn how to understand and evaluate opposing views and frameworks in the study of deeply divided societies.

Learn basic negotiation skills and participate in group simulations aiming to discuss and resolve problems in deeply divided societies.

Examine and evaluate principal institutional responses to protracted conflicts and apply those to deeply divided societies.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework: 50% exam

Preliminary Reading

Horowitz, Donald. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1985

McGarry, John and Brendan O'Leary. *The Politics of Ethnic Conflict Regulation*. London: Routledge, 1993

Kymlicka, Will (1995). *Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights*, (Oxford: Clarendon Press). read chapters 1,2,6 pages (1-33 and 108-130)

Arend Lijphart, 1969. "Consociational Democracy," *World Politics*, Vol.21 (2): 207-225

Fisher, Roger and William Ury, *Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In*, Penguin, 1983

Radha Kumar, "The Troubled History of Partition," *Foreign Affairs* 76, 1 (January/February 1997): 22-34

Synopsis

This module explores the linkages between mediation theory and the practice of conflict resolution in deeply divided societies. Topics include the theory and practice of negotiations, conflict escalation and peace mediations while specific emphasis will be given to the role of regional or international institutions in early conflict prevention. The module applies negotiation theory in the study of state disintegration, demographic and environmental conflict, property rights, federal management and transitional justice. The course engages with the core literature in negotiation theory and exposes students to a number of simulations aiming to improve negotiation skills (identifying best alternatives, revealing or not preferences, identifying win-win arrangements, defeating spoilers and exercising veto rights). Because of the practical skills taught in the module and the interactive nature of in-class simulations, students are expected to attend lectures and tutorials. Finally, the course examines the role of citizens and community organizations in peace mediations focusing on a number of selected case studies from deeply divided societies specifically Israel/Palestine, the former Yugoslavia, South Africa, Greece/Turkey (including Cyprus & the Kurdish issue), Rwanda and Northern Ireland.

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PO655 Public Opinion and Polling						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 22

Private study hours: 128

Total study hours: 150

Learning Outcomes

Understand the nature and meanings of public opinion.

Understand the ways that public attitudes are formed; in particular, the ways that attitudes are shaped by external contexts and actors.

Identify and understand the ways in which public opinion is measured, and be familiar with some of the problems and difficulties involved in using surveys to measure public opinion.

Identify some of the key features of well designed surveys.

Identify and understand the main debates over the appropriate role of public opinion in modern democracies.

Method of Assessment

100% coursework: Essay, 3000 words (60%), Survey Specification, 2500 words (40%).

Preliminary Reading

- Floyd Fowler, Survey Research Methods, Sage (2013)
- Carroll Glynn et al, Public Opinion, Westview Press (2016)
- Vincent Price, Public Opinion, Sage (1992)
- Roger Tourangeau et al, The Psychology of Survey Response, Cambridge (2000)
- John Zaller, The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion, Cambridge (1992)

Pre-requisites

PO657 or equivalent data analysis module. Due to the complex nature of some of the sources on which the module will draw, and in the interests of progression, entry onto the module will be restricted to Stage 3 students.

Restrictions

Stage 3 only.

Synopsis *

Democracy rests on the will of citizens. But how can we identify this 'will'? Elections are one method; but more regular expressions of citizen views are possible via opinion polls. Indeed, a range of public and private bodies routinely use polls to identify popular attitudes. But what are the 'opinions' supposedly revealed by these polls, how do surveys go about identifying opinions and how valid are their results?

This module introduces students to the theory and practice of public opinion and its measurement. The module focuses on two main questions. First, what is public opinion? How far do people's attitudes pre-exist and how far are they instead 'shaped' by the way questions are asked? Are attitudes informed and considered, or are they largely knee-jerk responses based on little information? If, in fact, citizens know little about politics, are there ways in which they can, nonetheless, form meaningful views on important public issues? The answers to these questions are central to the task of assessing the proper role of public opinion in modern democracies. The second question asks how public opinion is measured. What are the main features of social surveys, and how well do they measure public attitudes? This section of the module pays particular attention to the ways that different types of survey can affect the responses that people give, and to the principles and practices of effective survey design.

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PO656		Humans at War				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Toros Dr H

Contact Hours

150 hours including 30 hours of lectures and seminars/Q&A session with external speaker; 120 hours independent study.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

- understand the key approaches to agency in social and political theory.
- identify the various actors involved in warfare and peacemaking.
- understand the social, political and experiential aspects of the various types of actors involved in war.
- critically engage with conflict studies and International Relations, and challenge the underlying assumptions of the field.
- identify cognate disciplines studying actors in war including sociology, anthropology and ethnography of war.
- analyze testimonies of war (written, oral, video, photographic).
- engage with experiential knowledge and link it to theoretical approaches to conflict.
- formulate questions in face to face contact with interviewees.
- understand the ethical issues linked to interviews with actors involved in war.

Method of Assessment

100% coursework (2 essays of approximately 2,500 words, each worth 50%).

Preliminary Reading

Dallaire, Romeo. (2005). *Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda*. London: Carroll & Graf.
 Levi, Primo. (1996) *If This is a Man; The Truce*. London: Abacus.
 Nordstrom, Carolyn. (1997) *A Different Kind of War Story*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
 Nordstrom, C. and A. Robben (eds). (1995) *Fieldwork Under Fire: Contemporary Studies of Violence and Survival*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Restrictions

This module is not available to short term/exchange students.

Stage 3 Only. Preference will be given to Politics and International Relations students (single and joint Honours).

The weekly lecture/seminar sessions WILL NOT be recorded on lecture capture due to the sensitive nature of the material covered. Talks by guest speakers will also not be recorded. Any student with an ILP should contact the module convenor at the start of the module to discuss arrangements for recordings if included in their ILP.

Synopsis *

This module aims to investigate the different roles and experiences of human beings at and in war. Following an introduction to issues regarding agency (How do people act in the social world? How much freedom do they have? What impact can their actions have?), the course will examine the roles of combatants (both state and non-state), civilians (men, women and children), and third parties (peacekeepers, humanitarian workers, journalists, and academics). The module will draw on academic literature, but also written, oral and video testimony and artwork to examine these categories first as a social group (examining questions such as age brackets, income brackets, education, life expectancy), then in terms of their political functions and roles, and finally in an attempt to access some degree of experiential knowledge of war and peace. Due to the sensitive nature of the material examined, the module will not be using lecture capture.

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PO657 Political Research and Analysis						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Popp Dr R
1	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	60% Coursework, 40% Exam	Popp Dr R
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	60% Coursework, 40% Exam	
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	60% Exam, 40% Coursework	

Contact Hours

150 hours including: Lectures (11 contact hours) and Seminars/PC Laboratory Sessions (11 contact hours); 128 study hours.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module students will:

- Understand the importance of quantitative research methods for the cumulative growth of knowledge in the political and social sciences;
- be able to understand the basic logic of the empirical research process,
- be familiar with key methodological and statistical concepts relevant to quantitative data analysis,
- have improved their ability to critically evaluate arguments supported by quantitative work,
- be able to select and evaluate statistical tests appropriate to explore substantive research questions in the fields of politics and international relations,
- have developed a basic ability to enter, code, manipulate, and examine data sets with SPSS for Windows, and
- formulate and test simple hypotheses using bivariate and multivariate designs.

Method of Assessment

100% coursework (7 weekly assignments related to both the lecture content and exercises carried out in the PC lab sessions (60%), End of term project (students are given a data set and asked to perform a series of statistical analyses, presenting findings in an essay of no more than 2500 words (40%))

Pre-requisites

PO326 Introduction to Political Science, or equivalent.

Restrictions

Module not available to short term/exchange students.

Synopsis *

The study of social and political phenomena is a vast endeavour and this class will serve as an introduction to methods for social science research. This 15 credit intermediate-level module is normally taken in Stage II. It provides a basic, non-technical introduction to the use of quantitative methods in the political sciences for students from a variety of educational backgrounds (including those with very limited knowledge of mathematical terminology and notation). The progression of this course will address scientific research design and methodology and consider many examples of such research. In short, it seeks to enable students to read, interpret, and critically assess arguments drawing on quantitative methods in Politics and International Relations. Students with some prior exposure to quantitative methods will have the opportunity to improve their command of statistical software as well as apply their general statistical skills to data sets commonly found in policy and academic work.

The module is divided into two main components: In the first part, students will be introduced to both the logic of empirical research in the social sciences and to basic concepts and techniques of descriptive uni-, bi-, and multi-variate data analysis. The second part will focus on uni-, bi-, and multi-variate inferential statistics. ICT skills will be acquired/enhanced of students by the introduction to and use of statistical software (SPSS). The focus will be on student-centred learning and critical reflection of selected examples of quantitative work in seminars and group work.

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PO658		The Rise of China				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Lee Dr PK
1	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	60% Coursework, 40% Exam	Lee Dr PK
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	60% Coursework, 40% Exam	

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 22
 Private study hours: 128
 Total study hours: 150

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Understand the influence of Western imperialism, China's quest for modernity and international recognition and status on the evolution of China's foreign relations and policy.
- Understand China's importance as a rising economic and political power and analyse its role in the emerging post-Cold War global order.
- Understand the challenges both China and the world face when they increase their mutual engagement with each other in the early 21st century.
- Use the knowledge earned from the study of China to inform comparative political studies.

Method of Assessment

60% Coursework - Essay 3000 words
 40% Exam

Preliminary Reading

June Grasso, Jay Corrin and Michael Kort, *Modernization and Revolution in China: From the Opium War to the Olympics*, 4th ed. (Armonk, NY: M E Sharpe, 2009)
 Jonathan D. Spence, *The Search for Modern China*, 3rd edition (New York: W. W. Norton, 2013).

Restrictions

Not available to students who have taken PO318 The Rise of China.

Synopsis *

A thread running through this module is a belief that to understand today's China we have to know how it has come to the present, as present-day China is a product of its deep imperial past and of its revolutions in the 20th century, the Republican, the Nationalist and the Communist. Before studying the 'rise' of contemporary China, we must therefore understand the decline collapse of imperial China from the mid-19th to the early 20th century. We can perceive the said rise of China as the process of regaining its rightful place in the Western-dominated international system and of mutual accommodation between China and the rest of the world.

The narrative of modern China starts from the late 16th century when China, ruled by the Ming dynasty (1368-1644), was the regional hegemon. The demise of the Sino-centric regional order began in the early 19th century. Since then, Chinese rulers, officials and intellectuals have repeatedly groped for ways to modernise their country to counter mounting pressures from the West. Seen in this perspective, this module will be primarily focused on how China adapted itself to the modernising West in order to be accepted as a full and respected member of the international society while preserving its own non-Western identity. With this, you should be able to understand towards the end of this module why China now values the respect for national sovereignty, territorial integrity and the right of all nations to freely choose their own paths to development. Also, for many students of International Relations, China's entry and integration into the international society since the 1970s has been strikingly non-violent. A secondary focus of this module will be on how China and other key members of the world have been mutually accommodating to each other and whether China's 'peaceful rise' can continue.

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PO659 Resistance, Suffering and Leadership						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
3	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	
3	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	

Availability

Not available 2016/17

Contact Hours

This module will be taught through pre-recorded online lectures and seminar teaching.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the module, students will:

be familiar with the political biographies of Gandhi, Mandela and Aung San Suu Kyi
be familiar with the key political issues which dominated Gandhi's, Mandela's and Aung San Suu Kyi's lives,
be familiar with the processes of vocational clarification and the evolution of the self-understanding of Gandhi, Mandela and Aung San Suu Kyi as political actors,
be familiar with theories and principles of leadership, and be able to analyse and explain how they apply to concrete examples of political leadership,
be able to conduct a focused, comparative study of political biographies,
have a good understanding of 'political biography' as a method in political science and be able to critically evaluate the limits and potential insights of this method.

Method of Assessment

A1 Poster 20%, Essay 2500 words 40%, Exam (2hrs) 40%

Preliminary Reading

MK Gandhi, *An Autobiography or the Story of My Experiments with Truth* (Penguin, 1982)

N Mandela, *Long Walk to Freedom* (Little, Brown, 1994)

Aung San Suu Kyi, *The Voice of Hope* (Rider, 2008)

Synopsis

The module will begin with an introduction to biographical narrative as a method in political science and to 'leadership' as a concept. Following this introduction, the module will present three 'icons' of 20th/21st Century world politics in three blocks of three weeks each, leaving one week for a concluding and comparative discussion (and one reading week). Throughout the module, the three themes of the title – resistance, suffering (sacrifice) and leadership – will be highlighted and will serve as a focus as the module considers the lives of Gandhi, Mandela and Aung San Suu Kyi and their impact on world politics. Considering the lives of these iconic figures will allow us to discuss a number of important questions, e.g. how they, as individuals, made choices that led them to occupy such prominent roles, how they understood themselves and how that self-understanding evolved over time, how the historical context provided them with opportunities to exercise influence and mobilise mass movements, how resistance and suffering enhanced their leadership roles, and how they used the influence they gained. While political science often studies political reality from an aggregate point of view, incorporating large numbers of observations through quantitative analyses, PO659 endeavours to explore general patterns in political reality through the unique experiences of three individuals and their journey to political stardom. We will also be able to take a critical look at how Western culture and politics often appropriate prominent individuals as representatives of liberal values without paying attention to the complexities of the relevant local contexts, customs and traditions.

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PO660 International Conflict and Cooperation						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Ansorg Dr N
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 22
 Private study hours: 128
 Total study hours: 150

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

- Understand and critically assess various definitions of conflict.
- Present a basic understanding of various approaches to the analysis of international conflict.
- Appreciate the diverse range of methods used to study international conflict and conflict resolution, in particular the scientific approach.
- Understand the diverse views on conflict resolution.
- Critically analyse the strengths and weaknesses of different conflict resolution approaches.
- Apply knowledge gained in the module to cases of international conflict.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (one individual essay (2,500 words) OR one collaborative essay in a group of two students (3,000 words combined contribution), 50% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

- Ramsbotham, O. H. Miall; & T. Woodhouse. (2016). *Contemporary Conflict Resolution: The Prevention, Management and Transformation of Deadly Conflicts*, Cambridge: Polity. (4th Edition)
- Barash, D. and C. Webel. (2013). *Peace and Conflict Studies*, 3rd ed, Thousand Oaks, Sage Publications
- Crocker, C. et al. (2007). *Leashing the Dogs of War*, Washington, D.C.: USIP Press
- Fisher, R., W.L. Ury, and B. Patton (1991). *Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In*, 2nd Edition. New York: Penguin Books. (or any other edition)
- Bercovitch, J. and R. Jackson (2009). *Conflict Resolution in the 21st century: Principles, Methods, and Approaches*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press

Pre-requisites

PO325 Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution is a recommended (but not required) pre-requisite module.

Synopsis *

The course provides an overview of the broad field of international conflict analysis and resolution. Students have the opportunity to explore the motivations driving different forms of conflict, including interpersonal, group and civil violence. Students will also be exposed to a range of theories and approaches used to understand violent conflict, and a number of different methods of conflict resolution (e.g. negotiation, mediation, peacekeeping operations, and transitional justice.) The approach is interdisciplinary and juxtaposes traditional approaches used to study conflict management with new scientific studies of conflict and cooperation.

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PO661 Fact, Evidence, Knowledge and Power						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
3	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	
3	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	
3	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Morgan-Jones Dr E
3	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Morgan-Jones Dr E

Contact Hours

11 lectures and 11 seminars

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge of the purposes of descriptive and causal analysis in politics and international relations.
 Knowledge of the main research designs used in politics and international relations and the ability to evaluate their strength and weaknesses as they are employed to investigate substantive questions of interest.
 Knowledge of some of the main ways researchers collect and analyses data in politics and international relations and the ability to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses.
 The development of skills in data collection and analysis.

Method of Assessment

100% coursework

Preliminary Reading

King, G., Keohane, R. O., & Verba, S. (1994). *Designing social inquiry: Scientific inference in qualitative research*. Princeton University Press.
 Van Evera, S. (1997). *Guide to methods for students of political science*. Cornell University Press.
 Brady, H. E., & Collier, D. (Eds.). (2010). *Rethinking social inquiry: Diverse tools, shared standards*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

Pre-requisites

Students must have taken (or will be taking) PO657 Political Research and Analysis

Restrictions

module not available to short term/exchange students.

Synopsis *

This course builds on students' knowledge of the approaches and methods used in the study of politics and international relations introduced in the first year of the degree program and the foundation in the analysis of quantitative data established in the second year. Students will be asked to consider the nature and purposes of descriptive and causal analysis in politics and international relations. Students will develop skills in choosing, using and evaluating the research designs, and techniques for the collection and analyses of data used by researchers in these fields. Emphasis in the course will be placed on a mixed methods approach to political analysis that enables student to integrate, analyse and evaluate both qualitative and quantitative data. In addition to developing a conceptual and theoretical understanding of different approaches to evidence gathering and analyses and how they can be combined, students will also have the opportunity to extend their skills in practical data analyses.

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PO664 Conflict Analysis and Northern Ireland: History, Politics & Culture						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Cochrane Prof F

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours workshop (one 2-hour workshop per week); 128 study hours.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of the historical development and recent political history of Northern Ireland;
- Understand the connections between events in Northern Ireland from 1921-2013 and wider theoretical principles behind conflict management and conflict transformation;
- Evaluate the central issues that underpinned community conflict in Northern Ireland and how British policy evolved in the region;
- Apply the empirical detail of the Northern Ireland case to wider conceptual debates relating to the roles of direct and indirect actors in conflict, the role of spoilers in emerging peace processes and the advantages and limits of consociational democracy in political settlements;
- Understand the linkages between politics, history and culture within a politically divided society;
- Appreciate and understand the complex patterns of sectarianism in Northern Ireland and how relationships between nationalists and unionists have been affected by the peace process over the last 20 years.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework, (essay of 3,000 words 50%, 50% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

Cochrane, F. (2013) Northern Ireland: The Reluctant Peace
(The course will be structured around this new book and purchase is recommended)

Conflict Archive on the Internet (CAIN) Background on the Northern Ireland Conflict
Online at: <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/othelem/index.html>

Darby, J. (1995) 'Conflict in Northern Ireland: A Background Essay'
Online at: <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/othelem/facets.htm#chap2>

Dixon, P. (2001) Northern Ireland: The Politics of War and Peace, Palgrave
Farrell, M. (1980) Northern Ireland: The Orange State, Pluto Press
FitzDuff, M & L. O'Hagan (2009) The Northern Ireland Troubles: INCORE Background Paper
Online at: <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/othelem/incorepaper09.htm>

Fox, C. (1997) The Making of a Minority,
Online at: <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/othelem/fox.htm>

Hancock, L. (1998) Northern Ireland: Troubles Brewing
Online at: <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/othelem/landon.htm>

McGarry, J. & B. O'Leary (1995) Explaining Northern Ireland: Broken Images, Blackwell.
O'Leary, B. & J. McGarry (1993) The Politics of Antagonism: Understanding Northern Ireland, Athlone Press.
Tonge, J (2006) Northern Ireland, Polity.
Tonge, J. (1998) Northern Ireland: Conflict and Change, Prentice Hall.

Pre-requisites

Synopsis <span style =

This course will provide students with an in-depth knowledge of the recent political history of Northern Ireland. The course will be accessible to all students, whether they are new to the topic or not. The main objective of the course is to provide students with a greater understanding of one of the most complex regions within the United Kingdom. Students who take the course will learn about the central issues that underpinned community conflict, why sectarian conflict broke out in the region in the late 1960s, why it continued for so long, and what political dynamics led to the 'peace process' of the 1990s. In addition to looking at the conventional historical and political development of Northern Ireland, the course will also focus on wider aspects of the society such as representations in Irish poetry, music and sport, and the way in which these have mirrored political and cultural relationships within the region.

PO665 Advanced Topics in Politics and International Relation						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Whitman Prof R

Availability

How to register your interest for PO665 (Advanced Topics)

You will not be able to register for modules PO665 through the online module registration process. Instead, you will need to register for an alternative module for that term, and then complete the registration of interest form stating which module/s you are interested in taking and which module you would drop if you are successful in gaining entry on to your chosen module. The form is available on the Politics and IR Student Guide on Moodle, under 'choosing your modules' in the Undergraduate Student Section.

You should return the completed form to Sara Witchell, Student Support Manager, either in hard copy, or by e-mail to polirsupport@kent.ac.uk by the end of the module registration period i.e. 22 March 2019.

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 22

Private study hours: 128

Total study hours: 150

Method of Assessment

100% coursework (Assignment (20%), 4000 word essay (80%))

Pre-requisites

In order to study this module, students must have obtained an average of 60% or more in their stage 2 coursework.

Restrictions

This module is only available to stage 3 students in the School of Politics and International Relations (single or joint Honours) who have obtained an average of 60% or more in their stage 2 coursework. This module is not available to short term/exchange students.

Students may only take one topic within this module.

How to register your interest PO665 (Advanced Topics)

You will not be able to register for PO665 through the online module registration process. Instead, you will need to register for an alternative module for that term, and then complete the registration of interest form stating which module/s you are interested in taking and which module you would drop if you are successful in gaining entry on to your chosen module.

You should return the completed form to Sara Witchell, Student Support Manager, either in hard copy, or by e-mail to polirsupport@kent.ac.uk by the end of the module registration period i.e. 24 March 2017.

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Synopsis *

This module is designed to offer Stage 3 Politics and International Relations students an opportunity to study a topic in politics and international relations at an advanced level. Participation will be limited to students who have demonstrated strong writing and analytical skills in their Stage 2 coursework (with a minimum average of 60%) and the topics may vary from year to year depending on the research and teaching interests of academic staff. The module will build on the concepts, theories and methods that students have acquired in their previous studies, introducing them to more advanced readings and further developing their knowledge and understanding of the scholarship at the forefront of their discipline in a given issue area. Students will work very closely with academic staff and will benefit from their research expertise and individual feedback in a small group setting. The module will assist students in developing their critical and analytical skills and help them to understand the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge concerning their advanced topic in politics and/or international relations.

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Three topics will be offered in 2019/20, one in the Autumn term and two in the Spring term. Students may only take one topic within this module.

Topic title: Global Gender Justice, Convenor: Dr Andrea Den Boer - AUTUMN TERM

This module addresses some of the complex issues regarding achieving justice for women internationally through a thematic examination of classical and cutting-edge scholarship in the areas of gender, security, and human rights. We will interrogate practices of representation of women as victims and explore the cultural, religious, political, and social challenges and barriers to achieving gender justice within the family, the community, the state and global society. We will analyse the effectiveness and limits of international organisations, international human rights instruments, NGOs and activists to bring about change in women's lives. The seminar will be guided by an overall aim to explore the extent to which gender inequality within the state has an impact on state behaviour, with a specific focus on state development and state security.

Students gain an awareness of the following themes: the situation of women around the world; the ways in which gender affects social, political, and economic status; the evolving study of gender in international politics (with an emphasis on security and human rights); the political implications of scholarship; and the links between gender, feminism, and activism.

The seminar requires previous knowledge of international relations, but will introduce students to feminist theories relevant to the study of gender in international relations. The two-hour weekly seminar will involve a close reading of key texts as a group as well as discussion/debate of the weekly topics.

Topic title: Russia and its Neighbours, Convenor: Professor Richard Sakwa - SPRING TERM

The crisis over Ukraine from 2013 was stark demonstration of the failure to establish an inclusive and mutually legitimate system of European security and international politics after the end of the Cold War. On the one side, Russia was treated as a defeated power, even though the country did not see itself as such, and was assigned a modest role in world affairs. In the end this provoked a type of Weimar syndrome in a country whose dignity and interests were perceived to have been ignored. On the other side, the European Union and NATO have claimed to be advancing a type of 'post-modern' politics in which traditional Westphalian notions of balance of power and geopolitical interests have given way to a benign notion of economic and normative homogenization. Two contrasting visions of world order came into contestation.

The module will examine the evolution of Russian foreign policy since the end of the Cold War and its interactions with the EU and NATO. The broader context of the tension between greater and wider visions of Europe will be analysed, as well as the tensions within representations of Europe itself. More specifically, Russia's relations with its immediate neighbours will be studied in the context of moves towards the creation of the Eurasian Economic Union and the development of greater Asian ideas, notably in the consolidation of 'non-Western' institutions (such as the SCO and BRICS) accompanied by the emergence of a narrative of resistance and insulation from Western hegemony.

The seminar requires some familiarity with international relations theory and European politics, but will introduce students to the fundamental developments in Russian and Euro-Asian politics and international relations. The two-hour weekly seminar will involve a reading of key texts as a group as well as discussion/debate of the weekly topics.

Topic title: TBC, Convenor: Professor Richard Whitman - SPRING TERM

This topic will focus on Britain's relationship with the European Union. Further details will be available shortly.

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PO666 Religion and International Politics						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Mavelli Dr L
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Mavelli Dr L
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours lecture/seminar (1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar per week); 128 hours independent study.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

- understand the key debates surrounding the question of religion in international politics, from the 'clash of civilisations' to the 'power of secular formations'.
- summarise and critically evaluate the dominant theoretical approaches to the study of religion in international politics
- understand the role of religion and secularity in the processes of state formation, construction of security and production of political violence
- assess the role that religion plays in contemporary practices of emancipation and resistance
- identify key ethical and normative questions raised by religion in the public sphere
- apply theoretical perspectives to case studies.

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (3000 essay), 50% exam.

Preliminary Reading

Scott Thomas, *The Global Resurgence of Religion and the Transformation of International Relations: The Struggle for the Soul of the Twenty-first Century* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005).
 Jack Snyder (ed.), *Religion and International Relations Theory* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011)
 Luca Mavelli, *Europe's Encounter with Islam: The Secular and the Postsecular* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2012)
 Judith Butler, Jürgen Habermas, Charles Taylor, Cornel West, *The Power of Religion in the Public Sphere*, edited by Eduardo Mendieta and Jonathan VanAntwerpen, (New York, Columbia University Press, 2011)
 William T. Cavanaugh, *The Myth of Religious Violence: Secular Ideology and the Roots of Modern Conflict* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009)
 Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, *The Politics of Secularism in International Relations* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008)
 Jeffrey Haynes, *An Introduction to International Relations and Religion* (Pearson, 2nd edition 2011)

Synopsis *

This module introduces students to the complex set of questions surrounding religion in international politics. The module begins by exploring contending political and sociological understandings of religion at the turn of the 20th century. It looks, in particular, at the constructed nature of the categories of the 'religious' and the 'secular', and at the limits of the secularization thesis, which anticipated the privatization, decline and ultimately disappearance of religion in modernity. The discussion then turns to the relation between religion and secularism in Europe – with a focus on the question of European identity, multiculturalism, the relation between Europe and Islam and the numerous controversies surrounding Islam in Europe – and in the United States – with a focus on the concept of civil religion and the role of religious rhetoric and thinking in US foreign policy, particularly in the so-called 'war on terror'. The module then explores the relation between religion and violence by looking at the role of the 16th and 17th wars of religion in the process of modern state formation and by asking whether there is a genuine connection between religion and violence. The concluding part of the module focuses on the emerging concept of the 'postsecular', its contending meanings, understandings and possible applications by focusing on the case of the 2011 Egyptian revolution.

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PO667 War and Peace in International Society						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Mott Dr G

Contact Hours

11 lectures and 11 seminars

Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete this module

- will be able to undertake analysis of complex, incomplete or contradictory areas of knowledge and make carefully constructed arguments and advocate solutions to problems
- will be reflective and self-critical in their work
- communicate ideas effectively and fluently in writing and/or in speech
- will be able to use the internet, bibliographic search engines, online resources, and effectively conduct research, drawing on both primary and secondary sources
- will be able to engage in academic and professional communication with others
- will have the independent learning ability required for further study or professional work

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (2,500 word essay), 50% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

Hedley Bull, *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics*, 4th Edition (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012)

Martin Wight, *Power Politics* 2nd Edition, (London: Leicester University Press, 1995)

Martin Wight, *International Theory: The Three Traditions* (Leicester: Leicester University Press, 1991)

Adam Watson, *Evolution of International Society: A Comparative Historical Analysis* 2nd Edition (London: Routledge, 2009)

Tim Dunne, *Inventing International Society* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 1998)

Synopsis *

The purpose of the module is to enable students to critically engage with the International Society (or "English School") approach to International Relations. Combining political theory, IR theory, philosophy, sociology, and history this approach seeks to understand the theory and practice of international politics by reference to the historical development of relations between large scale political entities (from empires, hordes, kingdoms, to the modern nation-state and beyond) and the discourses that have emerged (Machiavellian, Grotian, Kantian) in response to the development of first European international society and eventually world society. The course focuses on the central features of international society - war and peace - as they have been conceived by the three traditions and members of the English School from Martin Wight to more contemporary figures.

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PO669 Conservatism: Politics and International Relations of the Right						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Cunliffe Dr P
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	

Contact Hours

150 hours including 22 hours lecture/seminar (11 hours lectures and 11 hours seminars); 128 hours independent study.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding and knowledge of conservative views on the state, the market, society and international relations.
- Demonstrate first-hand knowledge of some of the key writings of major conservative thinkers.
- Understand aspects of coherence and diversity within the conservative political tradition.
- Demonstrate familiarity with major debates within the conservative political tradition.
- Understand the political, historical, and social context within which conservative thinkers have developed their theories and ideas.
- Demonstrate understanding of some of the major criticisms of conservative politics.
- Demonstrate an ability to analyse, make use of and criticise the secondary literature on conservative thinkers and their ideas.

Method of Assessment

100% coursework (text reconstruction of 1500 words 30%, 3000 word essay 60%, seminar participation 10%)

Preliminary Reading

Edmund Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France (1790)
 Friedrich Hayek, The Road to Serfdom (1944)
 G.W.F. Hegel, Elements of The Philosophy of Right (1820)
 Corey Robin, The Reactionary Mind: Conservatism from Edmund Burke to Sarah Palin (2011)
 Carl Schmitt, The Concept of the Political, 1996 [1927]
 Roger Scruton, Political Philosophy: An Argument for Conservatism (2003)
 Michael Oakeshott, Rationalism in Politics and Other Essays (1962)
 Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America (1840)

Synopsis *

This course is intended to familiarise students with the conservative tradition in modern politics. This is achieved by reference to a range of key conservative thinkers selected to help students understand the diversity of the conservative tradition and consider what factors help to cohere it. Comparison within the tradition and across a variety of thinkers is achieved by examining these thinkers' views on four basic categories of modern politics, namely the state, the market, society and international relations. In order to meet these broad learning outcomes, essay questions will be designed in order to ensure that students have to compare different thinkers.

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PO671 International Security						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Spring	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Aistrope Dr T

Contact Hours

11 lectures and 11 seminars

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will:

- Have a detailed knowledge and understanding of traditional and critical approaches to security studies, and their significance to the study of international relations
- Be able to apply different approaches within security studies to a wide and diverse area of international security especially contemporary threats
- Be able to apply concepts of security studies to specific case studies.
- Have developed a critical understanding of the key literature in security studies

Method of Assessment

50% coursework (2500 word essay (40%), 750 word writing assignment (10%)), 50% exam (2hr)

Preliminary Reading

Peoples, C & Vaughan-Williams, N. (2010). Critical Security Studies: An Introduction, Abingdon: Routledge.
Williams, Paul (ed) (2008) Security Studies: An Introduction, Routledge.

Synopsis *

This module provides an introduction to the various approaches to security studies by way of introducing key thinkers, the key literature. Its core aim is to provide a solid theoretical and conceptual grounding for students interested in the diversity of issues, institutions and actors engaged in the practice of international security.

PO674 Politics and International Relations Year Abroad						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Whole Year	H	120 (60)	Pass/Fail Only	

Contact Hours

Learning and teaching methods will vary depending on the partner institution and the modules chosen. Inclusive of independent study, PO624 will require a total of 1,200 hours of study. The different learning and teaching methods will collectively enable students to achieve learning outcomes stated.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will have:

- acquired the ability to study Politics and IR in a different higher education environment
- acquired the ability to study Politics and IR in a different language (only relevant for the BA with a Language)
- enhanced their command of the target language in a native-speaker setting (only relevant for the BA with a Language)

Method of Assessment

The assessment methods are set by the partner institution and will vary depending on which institution and which modules are chosen. If students pass a module at the partner institution they will be awarded the corresponding credits for that module. Kent will assess PO624 on a pass/fail basis, obtaining the equivalent of 120 Kent credits – as documented by the transcript issued by the partner institution – being required to award a pass.

Preliminary Reading

Required and recommended reading will be set by the partner institution according to the modules chosen.

Restrictions

Students on the BA in Politics and International Relations with a Language are required to pass the relevant Stage 2 language module – as detailed in the programme specifications – in order to progress to Stage A and take PO674.

Synopsis *

Students take modules equivalent to 120 Kent credits. At least 75% of the credits must be in the discipline of Politics and International Relations, while up to 25% may be in other disciplines. For students on the BA with a Language, at least 75% of the credits must be in Politics and International Relations and in the target language, while up to 25% may be in other disciplines and/or taught in English. The curriculum will vary depending on the partner institution and the modules chosen.

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PO675		Politics and IR Internship				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Grundig Dr F

Contact Hours

Students will be provided with support and help in preparing for the internship through a group workshop and at least one individual support meeting (4 hours in total). Following the internship, students will participate in five two-hour seminars during which students will reflect upon their internship experiences, consider the synthesis of their experiences with their academic studies and prepare for assessment (10 hours in total).

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will:

1. Be able to apply concepts, theories and methods used in the study of politics to the analysis of political issues
2. Have learned how the intellectual knowledge gained through university study can be applied to a variety of practical work-based tasks and issues;
3. Have gained an awareness and understanding of the nature of work within the broad politics field, and of some of the key knowledge-based and practical issues facing employees and organisations
4. Have developed an understanding of the value of work-based learning opportunities for students of Politics and International Relations, and been able to communicate this understanding to fellow students.
5. Have developed a set of learning and practical skills related to the work undertaken in the placement organisation.

Method of Assessment

100% Coursework (50% essay, 35% portfolio, 15% presentation)

Restrictions

This module is not available to short term/exchange students. Stage 3 only. Places on the module are strictly limited and are only available to students in the School of Politics and International Relations (single and joint Honours); students will be required to attend an interview and participation in the module is subject to students obtaining their own internship.

How to register your interest for this module:

You will not be able to register for PO675 through the online module registration process. Instead, you will need to register for an alternative Autumn term module, and then complete the registration of interest form stating which module/s you are interested in taking and which Spring term module you would drop if you are successful in gaining entry on to your chosen module. The form is available on the Politics and IR Student Guide on Moodle, under 'choosing your modules' in the Undergraduate Student Section.

You should return the completed form to Sara Witchell, Student Support Manager, either in hard copy, or by e-mail to polirsupport@kent.ac.uk by the end of the module registration period.

Synopsis *

This module blends practical workplace experience, in the form of an internship in the area of politics and international relations, with taught workshops and private study. The internship will allow students to experience first-hand the practical application of their degree subject in the wider world of work, and will provide the opportunity to develop transferable skills such as teamwork, communication and self-organisation. The taught workshops will provide an opportunity to reflect upon, and develop, knowledge of the sector and its relationship with the academic field of study, using the student's internship experiences and a range of other resources. Students will also examine learning theory and consider the value of experiential learning experiences within Higher Education.

It will be the student's responsibility to source and apply for internship opportunities, but assistance will be provided both by the School's Employability, Alumni Manager, and the University's Careers and Employability Service. These opportunities should be in an organisation whose aims and activities are broadly related to politics and international relations, and the internship should reflect these activities and give the student the opportunity to work in a way which allows the module learning objectives to be achieved. Students on pre-approved School-administered internships will also be eligible to take this module.

The internship must consist of at least 60 hours of work, but this may be spread across a number of days / weeks and need not be a full-time position. The module convenor will approve of all internship opportunities prior to their commencement and students are advised to liaise closely with the module convenor and other appropriate staff in good time. Internships must finish by the date of the final seminar, and the School will provide all documentation and relevant insurance / health and safety checks to ensure that the placement meets both University and sector requirements and guidance on work-related learning opportunities. Students who fail to complete necessary paperwork relating to their internship and the module will be unable to proceed.

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PO676		The Radical Right in Western Democracies				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	
1	Canterbury	Autumn	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Goodwin Prof M
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Goodwin Prof M

Contact Hours

22 hours in lecture/seminar format

Learning Outcomes

- Systematic and comparative knowledge of the historical factors and circumstances that contribute to the formation and evolution of right-wing movements and parties in contemporary Western democracies.
- The ability to identify, describe, characterise radical right-wing ideas and ideologies and to critically evaluate the political vision(s) they are based on.
- Comprehensive knowledge of contemporary and current debates – within both a political and a scholarly context – on the activities of radical right-wing movements and parties in Western democracies; as well as the ability to discern advocacy and analysis within those debates.
- The ability to use current concepts and theories informed by the forefront of the academic literature on right-wing extremism in order to describe, analyse and critically evaluate the complex interaction between ideology (ideas) and political practice in the specific context of radical right-wing ideologies and contemporary Western democracies.
- The ability to critically evaluate, interpret and use appropriate techniques for the analysis of radical right-wing movements and parties operating in a democratic environment, including quantitative methods of analysis.

Method of Assessment

Essay, 3,000 Words: 50%

Exam, 2 Hours: 50%

Preliminary Reading

The following are indicative of the texts used in the module:

- Art, David (2011) *Inside the Radical Right: The Development of Anti-Immigrant Parties in Western Europe*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Betz, Hans-Georg (1994), *Radical Right-Wing Populism in Western Europe*, Basingstoke: Macmillan
- Eatwell, Roger (2000) 'The Rebirth of the Extreme Right in Western Europe', *Parliamentary Affairs*, vol. 53, no.3: 407-25.
- Ford, Robert and Matthew Goodwin (2014) *Revolt on the Right: Explaining Support for the Radical Right in Britain*, London: Routledge.

Pre-requisites

none

Restrictions

Stage 3 only. This module is not available to short term/exchange students.

Synopsis *

One of the most striking developments in established Western democracies has been the electoral growth of extreme right and radical right-wing political parties. In this module students will investigate the nature and rise of extreme and radical right-wing parties, while also exploring other related issues such as right-wing extremist and racially-motivated violence and/or terrorism. This module will introduce students to the academic literature that has followed a resurgence of support for the extreme right. The module will familiarise students with conceptual and theoretical debates within this literature, and introduce students to some of the associated methodological debates. Students will be encouraged to think critically about concepts, classifications, ideologies, electoral behaviour and the broader implications of the rise of these parties and social movements in areas such as public policy and social cohesion.

PO678		Liberal Arts Year Abroad				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Whole Year	H	120 (60)	Pass/Fail Only	

Synopsis *

This module code is used for recording the Liberal Arts Year Abroad.

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PO679		Research Dissertation				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Whole Year	H	45 (22.5)	100% Coursework	Belgioioso Dr M
1	Canterbury	Whole Year	H	45 (22.5)	70% Project, 30% Coursework	Belgioioso Dr M

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 39

Private study hours: 411

Total study hours: 450

Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will:

- be familiar with the academic literature relevant to their research project
- be able to construct a research question
- be able to locate, explain and justify the significance of their research by relating it to ongoing debates in the relevant literature
- be familiar with the theories, concepts and methods relevant to their research projects
- be able to develop a research design to enable them to answer their central research question
- be able, within the framework of the research design, to conduct research that relates to the forefront of the discipline
- be able to draw on feedback from peers and academic supervisors, exercise reflection and self-criticism, and manage time and resources effectively
- be able to communicate the findings of their research effectively and fluently, both orally (in a conference setting) and in a substantial piece of writing (8,000-word dissertation)

Method of Assessment

Student Conference Presentation, 15-20 minutes (15%)

Dissertation Outline, 1000 words (5%)

Draft Chapter (literature review or theory chapter, max. 2000 words) (10%)

Dissertation, 8000 words (70%)

Preliminary Reading

- Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, Joseph M. Williams, *The Craft of Research*, 3rd Edition (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2008)
- Stella Cottrell, *Dissertations and Project Reports: A Step by Step Guide* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2014)
- Stella Cottrell, *The Study Skills Handbook*, 4th Edition (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2013)
- Bryan Greetham, *How to Write Your Undergraduate Dissertation*, 2nd Edition (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2014)
- Sandra Halperin and Oliver Heath, *Political Research: Methods and Practical Skills* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012)
- Martin Davies and Nathan Hughes, *Doing a Successful Research Project Using Qualitative or Quantitative Methods*, 2nd Edition (Basingstoke: Palgrave 2014)
- David Marsh and Gerry Stoker (eds.), *Theory and Methods in Political Science*, 3rd Edition (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2010)
- Dimiter Toshkov, *Research Design in Political Science* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2016)

Restrictions

The module can only be taken in Stage 3 by students in the School of Politics and International Relations (including Joint Honours). Only students with a coursework average of at least 60% in Stage 2 are normally to be allowed to register for this module (this refers to coursework marks only, not the coursework and exam mark average). Students are only permitted to take one dissertation module i.e. students selecting POLI6790 will not be permitted to take an additional dissertation module from another School. This restriction applies to all Pol/IR students, including Joint Honours. This module is not available to exchange students.

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Synopsis *

PO679 allows students to do independent, original research under supervision on a political science or liberal arts topic close to their specialist interests. The dissertation module gives them the opportunity to further these interests and acquire a wide range of study and research skills in the process. All dissertation topics have to be approved by the module convenor as well as by an academic supervisor. The module takes students through the entire process of writing a dissertation (8,000 words long): from the original 'problem' to a suitable research 'question', to choosing a method, to designing the research, to conducting the research; from taking notes to drafting the dissertation, to revising and writing the dissertation, and finally to submitting the dissertation. Lectures, supervision and a conference help students along the way. The curriculum includes structured opportunities for students to discuss their research ideas with each other as well as mock panel presentations in preparation for the student conference.

PLEASE NOTE: PO679 is worth 45 credits. If you wish to take PO679, please keep this in mind when choosing your other modules. PO679 is worth 15 credits in autumn term, and 30 in spring. The module is weighted more to the Spring term to enable you to dedicate the time needed to produce your dissertation.

As you can chose the equivalent of 4 x 15 credits in the autumn and 4 x 15 in the Spring, picking PO679 would look like this:

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PO682	How to Start a Revolution: Ideas and Practices of Political Resistance					
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	100% Coursework	Rosbach Dr S

Availability

Spring Term

Contact Hours

The module will be taught by lectures, seminars and private study.

Total Contact Hours: 22

Private Study Hours: 128

Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will:

Be able to identify, summarise and critically analyse historically relevant and commonly used justifications for offering resistance to political authority

Be able to critically analyse concrete examples of resistance (historical or current) offered to political authority in terms of underlying ideas and aims, methods used, and outcomes achieved

Be able to identify, describe and critically analyse commonly used methods of political resistance in terms of their moral justification, effectiveness and lasting impact,

Be familiar with, and be able to analyse and review, the moral and political discourse on the role of violence in political resistance,

Be able to conceptualise and analyse the complex relationship between political ideas and political practice within the context of resistance.

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

Independently undertake critical analysis of complex areas of knowledge and make carefully constructed and supported arguments,

Work with a range of primary and secondary sources, and make critical judgements concerning their accuracy and usefulness within the given field of study,

Be reflective and self-critical in their work

Communicate ideas effectively and fluently in writing

Use the internet, bibliographic search engines, online resources, and effectively conduct research, drawing on both primary (in translation) and secondary sources

Method of Assessment

100% Coursework

Either Track 1:

Essay 1 (Outline): Max. 1000 Words, (20%)

Essay 2: Max. 4000 Words (80%)

Or Track 2:

Essay 1 (Outline): Max. 1000 Words (20%)

Documented Practice of Resistance: recorded performative element (either photography, film, or audio recording) and accompanying Written Component, Max. 2,500 words (80%)

Preliminary Reading

Atack, I. (2012) *Nonviolence in Political Theory*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Burgos, A. (2016) *Political Philosophy and Political Action: Imperatives of Resistance*. London: Rowman & Littlefield.

Havel, V. et al. (1985) *The Power of the Powerless: Citizens Against the State in Central Eastern Europe*. Abingdon: Routledge.

Lang, A.S. & Lang, D. (eds) (2012) *Dreaming in Public: Building the Occupy Movement*. Oxford: New Internationalist Publications.

Plato (2003) 'Apology', in Plato, *The Last Days of Socrates*. London: Penguin.

Roberts, A. & Garton Ash, T. (2011) *Civil Resistance & Power Politics: The Experience of Non-violent Action from Gandhi to the Present*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Restrictions

This module is limited to 25 students, restricted to stage 3 students only and cannot be taken by short term students.

Synopsis *

The module provides an overview of some of the core arguments and issues that arise within the context of debates on political resistance: moral justifications of resistance to political authority, the techniques of resistance employed in historical examples, the presuppositions underpinning these techniques, the tensions and difficulties that typically arise in any act of resistance. Starting with Socrates, sent to the Athenians to act as a 'gadfly', the module will look at selected historical examples of resistance, identify and analyse aims and methods, and review and discuss outcomes and consequences.

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PO683		Politics in East Asia				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Gruffydd-Jones Dr J
1	Canterbury	Autumn	I	15 (7.5)	60% Coursework, 40% Exam	Gruffydd-Jones Dr J

Availability

Autumn Term

Contact Hours

The module will be taught by lectures, seminars and private study.

Total Contact Hours: 22

Private Study Hours: 128

Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

Understand the key developments in the politics and international relations of East Asia since 1945.

Understand how governments in East Asia are structured and how political parties and civil society interact with governments.

Analyse and discuss the causes of major domestic and international political decisions and policies in East Asia since 1945

Develop expertise in ongoing political developments and challenges in at least one East Asia country

Provide informed analysis and advice on East Asian leaders' current policy challenges and political decision-making

Use effectively the knowledge earned from the study of East Asia to do comparative studies of politics and international relations.

Method of Assessment

60% Coursework - Seminar Participation (10%), Essay 3,000 words (40%)

40% Exam

Preliminary Reading

Bruce Bueno De Mesquita and Alastair Smith, *The Dictator's Handbook: Why Bad Behaviour is Almost Always Good Politics* (Public Affairs, 2011).

Louis Hayes, *Political Systems of East Asia: China, Korea, and Japan* (ME Sharpe, 2012).

Xiaoming Huang and Jason Young, *Politics in Pacific Asia: An Introduction* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016).

Dower, J. W. (2000) *Embracing defeat: Japan in the wake of World War II*. WW Norton & Company

Stueck, W. (2002) *Rethinking the Korean War. A New Diplomatic and Strategic History*. Princeton University Press

Dikötter, F. (2013) *The Tragedy of Liberation: A History of the Chinese Revolution 1945-1957*. Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Gao, C. (2008) *The battle for China's past: Mao and the Cultural Revolution*. Pluto press

Kihl, Y.W., & Kim, H.N. (2006) (eds.) *North Korea: The Politics of Regime Survival*. Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe

Diamond, L., & Plattner, M. L. (eds.) *Democracy in East Asia*. Johns Hopkins University Press

Zhao, D. (2004). *The power of Tiananmen: State-society relations and the 1989 Beijing student movement*. University of Chicago Press

Grietens, S.C. (2017) *Dictators and their Secret Police: Coercive Institutions and State Violence*. Cambridge University Press

Scheiner, E. (2006). *Democracy Without Competition in Japan: Opposition Failure in One-Party Dominant Japan*. New York: Cambridge University Press

Shirk, S. L. (2007) *China: fragile superpower*. Oxford University Press

Synopsis <span style =

This module will address the major milestones in the politics and international relations of East Asia since 1945. We will analyse the causes and significance for East Asian countries of events such as the Korean War, the Cultural Revolution, the economic take-off of both Japan and South Korea, China's economic reforms, democratisation across the region, and US-China competition. A central theme of the module will be analysing the decisions that leaders take in order to hold onto power – from repression and liberalisation to corruption, purges, and propaganda – and how these decisions continue to influence the domestic and international politics of East Asian countries. We will explore differences in the countries' domestic political systems to help understand major historical and contemporary policies, and the influence of economic and security considerations.

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PO684 Contemporary Development and Security Challenges in the Asia-Pacific						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Spring	H	15 (7.5)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	Gruffydd-Jones Dr J

Contact Hours

The module will be taught by lectures, seminars and private study.

Total Contact Hours: 22

Private Study Hours: 128

Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will:

have empirical knowledge of various Asia-Pacific political, economic and social issues and challenges which are having impact beyond the region.

understand the trajectory of the contending development and security issues in the Asia-Pacific region and their potential to impact upon security beyond the region.

understand the roles of various state and non-state actors that shape the politics of the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

understand how various political and International Relations theories can be usefully applied to the study of the issues which impact upon the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

have mastery of the research skills for doing comparative political studies.

Method of Assessment

The module will be assessed by 50% Coursework and 50% Exam.

Coursework (50%) comprising: Seminar participation (20%),

Essay 2,500 words (30%)

Exam: Two hours (50%)

Preliminary Reading

Amitav Acharya, *Non-Western International Relations Theory: Perspectives On and Beyond Asia* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2009).

Anna M. Agathangelou and Ling L. H. M. (2009) *Transforming World Politics: From Empire to Multiple Worlds*, London, Routledge.

John G. Ikenberry and M. Mastanduno, eds (2003) *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Derek McDougall, *Asia-Pacific in World Politics* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2016).

David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda (eds), *International Relations of Asia* (Lanham, MD: Rowan & Littlefield, 2014).

Synopsis *

In this course, we shall examine the most urgent developments and security issues that affect the Asia-Pacific region.

It will start with an overview of International Relations theories and an exploration of whether non-Western International Relations theories will be a better alternative in understanding the development and security challenges in the Asia-Pacific.

We will then address the key international development and security dilemmas in the region. These include: the Taiwan problem; nuclear proliferation on the Korean peninsula; the danger of nationalism in Japan and beyond; territorial disputes in the South China Sea; and ensuring economic growth and regional cooperation throughout the Asia-Pacific.

Finally, we will ask whether the influence and authority of the US, the incumbent hegemon in the Asia-Pacific region, are in decline and its preeminent role will soon be replaced by a rising China, and whether great-power confrontation is inevitable.

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SE606		Connections				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Whole Year	I	30 (15)	100% Coursework	Turner Dr B

Availability

Available to Liberal Arts and Politics and International Relations Students

Contact Hours

Seminars: 48 hours; Computing and Quantitative workshops: 24 hours.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this module students will be, as appropriate to this level, able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key discourses within the sciences, humanities and social sciences, how they were implemented, and their impact on broader society
- Understand how to develop and test hypotheses across a disciplinary range spanning social sciences, natural sciences and humanities using study design approaches appropriate to the disciplines
- Understand the utility and interpretation of qualitative and quantitative data
- Demonstrate the ability to critically evaluate primary and secondary literature across a disciplinary range spanning social sciences, natural sciences and humanities appropriate to the disciplines
- Demonstrate an ability to comprehend, and debate, as appropriate topics across a disciplinary range spanning social sciences, natural sciences and humanities

Method of Assessment

Assessment will be 100% coursework: 50% from two extended essays (2000 words each) evaluating a particular contemporary topic linked to in class readings and evaluating its resonances and ramifications across a range of disciplinary discourses; 20% from seminar performance (reflecting on the quality of students' participation in and contribution to the seminar series as a whole, one element of which will be oral presentations on readings (two individual – 6% each) and group exercises (two group presentations of 4% each – collective mark determined by presenters' self evaluation)), 18% from three exercises (6% each) in quantitative analysis linked to the Nuffield programme, and 12% from a reflective diary/log maintained through the year.

Preliminary Reading

Alan Badiou, *The Century*. London: Polity. 2007.
Susan Buck-Morss, *Thinking Past Terror: Islamism and Critical Theory on the Left*. London: Verso 2003.
Nessa Carey, *The Epigenetics Revolution: How Modern Biology is Rewriting our Understanding of Genetics, Disease and Inheritance*. London: Icon Books. 2012.
T. J. Clark, *Farewell to an Idea: Episodes from a History of Modernism*. New Haven: Yale. 1999.
Sheila Jasanoff, *States of Knowledge: the Co-production of Science and Social Order*. London: Routledge. 2004.
Bruno Latour, *We Have Never Been Modern* (trans. Catherine Porter). London: Harvester Wheatsheaf. 1993.
Donald Mackenzie, *An Engine, Not a Camera: How Financial Models Shape Markets*. Cambridge: MIT. 2008.
David P. Mindell, *The Evolving World Evolution: Evolution in Everyday Life*. Cambridge: Harvard. 2006.
Edward Said, *Culture and Imperialism*. London: Vintage. 1994.

Restrictions

This module is not available to short term/exchange students.

Synopsis *

Connections is an innovative module that aims to provide a 'diagnosis of the present' informed by an interdisciplinary variety of approaches such as historical narratives, life writings (auto-biography), literature, photography and data analysis. A key question to be discussed is: what are the themes and issues that define our contemporary era, and how are they connected and impact on each other? In previous years, the module explored issues of class, peace(-keeping) and violence, borders and imagination, exile, media and democracy, and others. The module further aims to make connections with current events as they are unfolding, and depending on circumstances may include sessions on topics of particular relevance at the time that the module is being taught.