

COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

| Course unit (module) title | Code |
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| International Politics | TAPO2216 |

| Lecturer(s) | Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered |
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| Coordinators: dr. Margarita Šešelgytė, dr. Deividas Šlekys. | Institute of International Relations and Political Science |

| Study cycle | Type of the course unit (module) |
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| First cycle | Compulsory |

| Mode of delivery | Period when the course unit (module) is delivered | Language(s) of instruction |
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| Lectures, seminars, self study | 5 semester | Lithuanian |

| Requirements for students | |
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| Prerequisites: None | Additional requirements (if any): None |

| Course (module) volume in credits | Total student's workload | Contact hours | Self-study hours |
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| 10 | 270 | 64 | 206 |

| Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed | | |
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| <p>The purpose of the course is to provide students with knowledge and understanding of international politics, prevailing theories and research methods. Students will be introduced to key problems of the field that dominate in international politics and have influence on current international relations.</p> <p>This course aims to develop subject specific competences, such as the ability to explain and to apply the major theories of international politics and to use appropriate research methods on individual cases of analysis, the ability to interpret processes in current international politics and explain how they correlate with regional politics. In addition, certain generic competences will be developed: ability to evaluate information critically, ability to draw conclusions and scenarios for future developments based on a variety of information sources, ability to present findings in written and verbal form and ability to respond promptly and comprehensively to questions raised by colleagues or professors.</p> | | |
| Learning outcomes of the course unit (module) | Teaching and learning methods | Assessment methods |
| Will be able to explain and apply the major theories of international politics to a variety of practical case studies from around the world | Face-to-face lectures, discussions | Assessment of the quality of work during seminars, assessment of the mid-term and final exam |
| Will be able to use appropriate research methods and to read and analyze academic literature in English and in Lithuanian languages | Independent reading , exam, scenario exercise | Assessment of exam and presentation, assessment of the scenario exercise |
| Will be able to evaluate information critically, draw conclusions and scenarios for future developments based on a variety of information sources | Independent reading , research methods (texts analysis, scenario exercise) | Assessment of the scenario exercise |
| Will be able to present findings, analysis and to respond to comments of colleagues rapidly and efficiently | Group work, discussions | Assessment of presentation, assessment of qualitative work during seminars |

| Content: breakdown of the | Contact hours | Self-study work: time and assignments |
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| topics | Lectures | Tutorials | Seminars | Contact hours | Self-study hours | Assignments |
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| 1. Introduction and Current understanding of war | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 10 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Michael Evans, „From Kadesh to Kandahar: Military Theory and the Future of War“, <i>Naval War College Review</i> , Summer 2003, Vol. LVI, No. 3, pp. 132-147; Hew Strachan, „The Changing Character of War“, <i>Europaeum</i> , Oxford, 2007, pp. 1-31; Herfried Münkler, „The wars of the 21 st century“, <i>International Review of the Red Cross</i> , No. 849, pp. 7-21. |
| 2. Current understanding of security. Interaction of military strategies and international politics | 2 | | | 2 | 10 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Hillary Clinton, „America’s Pacific Century“, <i>Foreign Policy</i> , November, 2011; General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF & Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, „Air-Sea Battle: Promoting Stability in an Era of Uncertainty“, <i>The American Interest</i> , February 20, 2012. |
| 3. Mass destruction weapon. Map of possible threats (case study) | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 10 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Molis, Arūnas, Building methodology, assessing the risks: the case of energy security in the Baltic States, <i>Baltic Journal of Economics</i> , Vol. 11, No. 2, 2011 p.59-80; Alan Collins, <i>Contemporary Security Studies</i> . Oxford University Press, 2007, pp. 270-288; Francis J. Gavin, „Same As It Ever Was: Nuclear Alarmism, Proliferation, and the Cold War“, <i>International Security</i> , Vol. 34, No. 3 (Winter 2009/10), pp. 7–37. |
| 4. Imperiologic. Dilemma of nuclear arming (Iran case) | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 10 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Raimundas Lopata, Nortautas Statkus, „Imperijos, pasaulio tvarka ir mažosios valstybės“ [Empire, world order, small states]. Lietuvos metinė strateginė apžvalga 2005. Vilnius: Lietuvos karo akademija, 2006, pp. 27–84; Gintaras Beresnevičius, Imperijos darymas: Lietuvių ideologijos metmenys: Europos Sąjunga ir Lietuvos geopolitika XXI a. pirmojoje pusėje [formation of the empire: Lithuanian ideological criteria: EU and Lithuanian geopolitics]. Vilnius: VU leidykla, 2003; Tarak Barkawi & Laffey, M., „Retrieving the Imperial: Empire and International Relations“. <i>Millennium: Journal of International Studies</i> , 31(1), 2002, pp. 109-127; Kenneth N. Waltz, „Why Iran Should Get the Bomb: Nuclear Balancing Would Mean Stability“, <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , July/August 2012; Matthew Kroenig, „Time to Attack Iran: Why a Strike Is the Least Bad Option“, <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , January/February 2012 |
| 5. Non-state actors. Dilemma of the US “imperialism” | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 10 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Kim D. Reimann, „A View from the Top: International Politics, Norms and the Worldwide Growth of NGOs“, <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> , Volume 50, Issue 1, March 2006, pp. 45–68; Sidney Tarrow, „Transnational Politics: Contention and Institutions in International Politics“. <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> , 2001; Tim Büthe, „Governance through Private Authority? Non-State Actors in World Politics“. <i>Journal of</i> |

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| | | | | | | International Affairs, vol.58 no.1, Fall 2004, pp. 281-290; Adam Quinn, „The art of declining politely: Obama’s prudent presidency and the waning of American power“, International Affairs, 87:4, 2011, pp. 803–824; Michael Cox, Is the United States in decline—again? An essay, International Affairs 83: 4, 2007, pp. 643–653 |
| 6. Changes in international arena: human security and responsibility to protect. Illegal non-state actors (Somali case) | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 10 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Lee Willett, „Pirates and Power Politics: Naval Presence and Grand Strategy in the Horn of Africa“, RUSI Journal, Dec 2011, Vol. 156, No. 6, pp. 20-25; John P. Sullivan, „From Drug Wars to Criminal Insurgency: Mexican Cartels, Criminal Enclaves and Criminal Insurgency in Mexico and Central America. Implications for Global Security“, FMSH-WP-2012-09, April 2012, pp. 3-19 |
| 7. Rational Choice in International Relations. Human security in practice (Libyan case) | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 10 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Richard Haass, „The Us Should Keep Out of Libya“, <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> , March 8, 2011, http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703386704576186371889744638.html David Frum, „Why US Must Intervene in Libya“, CNN, March 7, 2011, http://articles.cnn.com/2011-03-07/opinion/frum.libya.choice_1_moammar-gadhafi-libya-friend?s=PM:OPINION ; Robert Kaplan, „Libya, Obama and the Triumph of Realism“, <i>The Financial Times</i> , August 28, http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/a76d2ab4-cf2d-11e0-b6d4-00144feabdc0.html#axzz25P4oiWVWk Alex J. Bellamy, Paul D. Williams, „The New Politics of Protection? Cote D’Ivoire, Libya and the Responsibility to Protect“, <i>International Affairs</i> , 87 (4): 2011, pp. 825 - 850 |
| 8. Personalities in international politics. Climate changes and NGO activities. | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 10 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Simon Dalby „What happens if we don’t think in human terms?“ // <i>Global Politics: a new introduction</i> , eds. Jenny Edkins, Maja Zehfuss, Routledge, 2009, pp.45- 69; Dana R. Fisher, „COP-15 in Copenhagen: How the Merging of Movements Left Civil Society Out in the Cold“, <i>Global Environmental Politics</i> , May 2010, Vol. 10, No. 2, pp. 11–17 |
| 9. Consultation on the topics of presentations. Mid-term exam | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 20 | Preparation for mid-term exam. Find a topic for presentation |
| 10. International organizations. Contra-factual analysis (who is influencing who) | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 10 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Daniel L. Byman, Kenneth M. Pollack „Let us now praise the big men: bringing the statesman back in“ // <i>International Security</i> , Vol. 25, No 4, Spring 2001, pp. 107-146; Richard Ned Lebow, <i>Forbidden Fruit: Counterfactuals and International Relations</i> . Princeton, Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2010, 2 skyrius, pp. 29-66 |
| 11. Introduction to the geopolitics. Modelling UN Security Council. | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 25 | Preparation for the presentation |
| 12. Culture, religion and ideology in international politics. Geopolitical code | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 10 | Choose a country and describe a geopolitical code of it. Compulsory reading and analysis of: Statkus N., Motieka E., Laurinavičius Č., <i>Geopolitiniai kodai [codes of geopolitics]</i> , Vilniaus Universiteto leidykla, 2003, pp. 47- 79 |
| 13. Identity in international politics: myself, them, we. Pros and Cons on torture as a | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 10 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Pin – Pat V., How do we begin to think about the worl?, <i>Global Politics a New Introduction</i> , eds. Edkins J., Zehfuss |

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| prevention mean in international politics | | | | | | M., Routledge, 2009, pp. 22-44; Orford A., „What can we do to stop people harming others? <i>Global Politics a New Introduction</i> , eds. Edkins J., Zehfuss M., Routledge, 2009, pp. 428-453 |
| 14. Construction of scenario. Reconciliation after ethnic conflicts | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 25 | Students have to deliver written scenario. Compulsory reading and analysis of: Bloomfield, D., Barnes, T., Huyse, L., <i>Reconciliation After Violent Conflict: A Handbook</i> , International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, 2003, pp. 19-33, 77-88, 97-115, 145-162; Kumar, K., Promoting Social Reconciliation In Post Conflict Societies: Selected Lessons From USAID's Experience, Center for Development Information and Evaluation, U.S. Agency for International Development, 1999, pp. 1-18 |
| 15. Media in international politics | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 5 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Janeliūnas T., Kasčiūnas L., Prognostavimo metodų taikymas politikos moksluose [Applying methods of prediction in political science], <i>Politologija</i> , 2007/3 (47), pp. 3-43 |
| 16. Cases that shook media: Denmark, Wikileaks, Valerie Plame, Rupert Murdoch, bird flu, etc. | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 5 | Compulsory reading and analysis of: Lisle D., How do we find out what's going on in the world?, <i>Global Politics a New Introduction</i> , eds. Edkins J., Zehfuss M., Routledge, 2009, pp. 147 – 170; Kluver A. R., The logic of new media in international affairs, <i>New Media and Society</i> , Vol 4 (4), 2002, pp. 499-517. |
| Exam | | | | | 16 | Preparation for the final exam |
| Total | 30 | 4 | 30 | 64 | 206 | |

| Assessment strategy | Weight, % | Deadline | Assessment criteria |
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| Evaluation of work during the seminars | 25% | Throughout the semester | Active participation in seminars (5%), essential and relevant comments (10%), knowledge and ability to refer to assigned academic literature (10%). |
| Exam | 30% | During session time | Comprehensiveness of the answers (15 %) Ability to base the answers on the academic literature that was provided throughout the course (10%) Style: clearness, consistency, academic vocabulary (5%) |
| Written scenario | 15% | On 14 th class. | Ability to employ theories and methods of international politics discussed throughout the course (5%), Ability to cover all angles (estimation of possible outcomes and results) (5%), Critical thinking and ponderable argumentation (5%) |
| Presentation | 10% | On 11 th class | Ability to refer to academic literature (3 %), Depth of analysis of the topic (5%); Ability to present the results in an appropriate coherent form (2%) |
| Mid –term exam | 20% | On the 9 th week of the course | Comprehensiveness of the answers (10%); Ability to base the answers on the academic literature that was provided throughout the course (8%); Style: clearness, consistency, academic vocabulary (2%) |

| Author | Year of publication | Title | Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication | Publishing place and house or web link |
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| Compulsory reading | | | | |
| Barkawi, Tarak & Laffey, M., | 2002 | „Retrieving the Imperial: Empire and International Relations“ | Millennium: Journal of International Studies, 31(1) | |
| Bellamy, Alex J., Paul D. Williams, | 2011 | „The New Politics of Protection? Cote D'Ivoire, Libya and the Responsibility to Protect“ | International Affairs 87 (4) | |

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| Beresnevičius, Gintaras | 2003 | Imperijos darymas: Lietuvių ideologijos metmenys: Europos Sąjunga ir Lietuvos geopolitika XXI a. pirmojoje pusėje [<i>Formation of the empire: Lithuanian ideological criteria: EU and Lithuanian geopolitics</i>]. | | Vilnius: VU leidykla |
| Bloomfield, D., Barnes, T., Huyse, L., | 2003 | Reconciliation After Violent Conflict | Handbook, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance | |
| Büthe, Tim | Fall 2004 | „Governance through Private Authority? Non-State Actors in World Politics“. | Journal of International Affairs, vol.58 no.1 | |
| Byman, Daniel L., Kenneth M. Pollack | Spring 2001 | „Let us now praise the big men: bringing the statesman back in“ | International Security, Vol. 25, No 4 | |
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| Collins, Alan | 2007 | Contemporary Security Studies | | Oxford University Press |
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| Frum, David | March 7, 2011 | „Why US Must Intervene in Libya“ | CNN | http://articles.cnn.com/2011-03-07/opinion/frum.libya.choice.1.moamar-gadhafi-libya-friend?_s=PM:OPINION |
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| Kaplan, Robert | August 28 | „Libya, Obama and the Triumph of Realism“ | The Financial Times | http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/a76d2ab4-cf2d-11e0-b6d4-00144feabdc0.html#axzz25P4oiWVvk |
| Kluver A. R., | 2002 | The logic of new media in international affairs | New Media and Society Vol 4 (4), | |
| Kroenig, Matthew | January /February 2012 | „Time to Attack Iran: Why a Strike Is the Least Bad Option“ | Foreign Affairs | |

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| Kumar, K., | 1999 | Promoting Social Reconciliation In Post Conflict Societies: Selected Lessons From USAID's Experience | Center for Development Information and Evaluation | U.S. Agency for International Development |
| Lebow, Richard Ned | 2010 | Forbidden Fruit: Counterfactuals and International Relations. | | Princeton, Oxford: Princeton University Press |
| Lisle D., | 2009 | How do we find out what's going on in the world? | Global Politics a New Introduction, eds. Edkins J., Zehfuss M., Routledge | |
| Lopata, Raimundas, Statkus, Nortautas | 2006 | „Imperijos, pasaulio tvarka ir mažosios valstybės“ [<i>Empire, world order, small states</i>] | Lietuvos metinė strateginė apžvalga [<i>Lithuanian Annual Strategic Review</i>] | Vilnius: Lietuvos karo akademija |
| Michael Cox, | 2007 | Is the United States in decline—again? | An essay, International Affairs 83: 4 | |
| Molis, Arūnas | 2011 | Building methodology, assessing the risks: the case of energy security in the Baltic States | Baltic Journal of Economics, Vol. 11, No. 2, | |
| Münkler, Herfried | | „The wars of the 21st century“ | International Review of the Red Cross, No. 849 | |
| Orford A., | 2009 | „What can we do to stop people harming others?“ | Global Politics a New Introduction, eds. Edkins J., Zehfuss M. | Routledge |
| Pin – Pat V., | 2009 | How do we begin to think about the world? | Global Politics a New Introduction, eds. Edkins J., Zehfuss M., | Routledge |
| Quinn, Adam | 2011 | „The art of declining politely: Obama's prudent presidency and the waning of American power“ | International Affairs, 87:4 | |
| Reimann, Kim D. | March 2006 | „A View from the Top: International Politics, Norms and the Worldwide Growth of NGOs“ | International Studies Quarterly, Volume 50, Issue 1 | |
| Schwartz, General Norton A. USAF & Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN | February 20, 2012 | „Air-Sea Battle: Promoting Stability in an Era of Uncertainty“ | The American Interest | |
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| Strachan, Hew | 2007 | „The Changing Character of War“ | | Europaeum, Oxford |
| Sullivan, John P. | April 2012 | „From Drug Wars to Criminal Insurgency: Mexican Cartels, Criminal Enclaves and Criminal Insurgency in Mexico and Central America. Implications for Global Security“ | FMSH-WP-2012-09 | |
| Tarrow, Sidney | 2001 | “Transnational Politics: Contention and Institutions in International Politics”. | Annual Review of Political Science | |
| Waltz, Kenneth N. | July/August 2012 | „Why Iran Should Get the Bomb: Nuclear Balancing Would Mean Stability“ | Foreign Affairs | |
| Willett, Lee | Dec 2011 | “Pirates and Power Politics: Naval Presence and Grand Strategy in the Horn of Africa” | RUSI Journal Vol. 156, No. 6 | |

| Optional reading | | | | |
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| | January 2012 | Sustaining U.S. Global Leadership: Priorities for 21 st Century Defense | | Department of Defense, United States of America |
| Anyu, J. Ndumbe and Samuel Moki, | Summer 2009 | „Africa: The Piracy Hot Spot and Its Implications for Global Security” | Mediterranean Quarterly | |
| Bacevich, Andrew J. | 2002 | American empire: the realities and consequences of U.S. diplomacy | | Cambridge [Mass.]; London |
| Bellamy, Alex J. | 2010 | „The Responsibility to Protect - Five Years On“, | Ethics and International Affairs, 24(2) | |
| Dillon, Michael, | 2009 | What makes the world dangerous? | In Edkins J., and Zehfuss M. eds. Global Politics: New Introduction“ | London: Routledge |
| Farah,Douglas | August 2012 | Transnational Organized Crime, Terrorism, and Criminalized States in Latin America: an Emerging Tier-One National Security Priority | | Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College |
| Krause, Joachim, Charles King Mallory (ed.) | 2010 | The Strategic Implications of the Iranian Nuclear Program | | The Aspen Institute Germany |
| Lebow, Richard Ned | 2010 | Forbidden Fruit: Counterfactuals and International Relations | | Princeton, Oxford: Princeton University Press |
| Mark E. Manyin (ed.) | March 28, 2012 | „Pivot to the Pacific? The Obama Administration’s “Rebalancing” Toward Asia” | CRS Report for Congress, Congressional Research Service | |
| Mondaville P., | 2009 | How do religious beliefs affect politics? | Global Politics a New Introduction, eds. Edkins J., Zehfuss M., Routledge | |
| Orford A., | 2009 | „What can we do to stop people harming others?” | <i>Global Politics a New Introduction</i> , eds. Edkins J., Zehfuss M., | Routledge |
| Tuathail G. | 1998 | Introduction: Thinking critically about geopolitics | The Geopolitics Reader, eds. O Tuathail G., Dalby S., | Routledge P., Routledge |
| Williams, Mark S., Julie Rorison, | 2012 | „Conversations on the Regime and the Institution: The Copenhagen Accord and Global Environmental Governance“, | <i>Bridges: Conversations in Global Politics</i> , Volume 1, Issue 1 | |