

## Fall Term

### UNITED NATIONS: INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

**Instructors:** Ignasi Torrent (UPF), Pol Bagues (IBEI)

The aim of this course is threefold: first, to introduce students to the United Nations (aims, institutions, history) and its critical role in contemporary international society; second, to focus on the analysis of mechanisms in place at the UN architecture to achieve one of its main goals: maintaining international peace and security; and third, to provide a systematic toolkit which helps students out in critically analyzing the performance of the UN Peace Operation missions, by identifying strengths and weaknesses of different historical operations in the field.

### LITERATURA Y POLÍTICA EN AMÉRICA LATINA

**Instructors:** Jacint Jordana (UPF-IBEI), Dunia Gras (UB), Tania Pleitez (UAB)

El curso tiene como objetivo introducir al estudiante en las complejidades de la América Latina contemporánea a través de un estudio en profundidad de una selección de cuentos, crónicas y una novela corta de escritores latinoamericanos, así como del contexto político en el que transcurren las historias relatadas. Las lecturas se complementarán con películas y documentales relativos al tema. Cada obra será examinada y discutida desde un enfoque de crítica literaria, considerando tanto sus influencias literarias desde una perspectiva comparada, como los rasgos específicos de su estructura narrativa. En paralelo, se analizarán, desde la perspectiva de las ciencias sociales, los aspectos políticos tratados en cada novela.

### HISTORY AND POLITICS OF GLOBALIZATION

**Instructors:** Yannis Karagiannis

How do individual citizens, organized groups, and political parties react to the internationalization of economic activity? Who promotes it and who fights against it? Who is more likely to be successful and who is more likely to fail in the pursuit of their goals? To answer these questions this course offers a historical introduction to international political economy. It is organized around three main sections: first, to present the most important theories and methods used to learn about the politics of international economics; second, to review major developments in international economic relations from the 1860s to today; and finally, to conduct original research, aiming to produce altogether new knowledge about the politics surrounding international economic developments.

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## Winter & Spring Term

### ESPAÑA EN EL MUNDO: POLÍTICA EXTERIOR Y DIPLOMACIA PÚBLICA

**Instructors:** Laia Mestres (IBEI)

¿Es realmente España una potencia media con presencia global, tal y como defienden los diplomáticos y políticos españoles? ¿En qué grado la Unión Europea ha modificado las prioridades de España en su política exterior? ¿La crisis económica y financiera, que tanto ha afectado a los españoles, ha sido también una causa de deterioro de la imagen de España en el exterior? El objetivo de este curso es profundizar en el papel de España en el mundo, a partir de los instrumentos de análisis de una de las subdisciplinas de las Relaciones Internacionales, el Análisis de las Políticas Exteriores.

### INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND GLOBALIZATION

**Instructors:** Francisco J. Granados (IBEI)

The course focuses on main socioeconomic and political aspects of globalization associated to firms that operate internationally as well as on key international management topics. The course emphasizes historical, political, sociological, and managerial perspectives.

How does international business drive economic globalization and affect people across countries? How do international business and current domestic and international political issues affect each other? What challenges and opportunities do firms face operating internationally?

### GEOPOLITICAL GAMES: FOREIGN POLICY OF RUSSIA AND CHINA

**Instructors:** Anastassia V. Obydenkova (IBEI)

This course offers insights into understanding of foreign policy of so-called modern autocracies – China and Russia. Both states are located in Eurasia. They have overlapping interests, competing goals, and they face sometimes similar external challenges. The course offers insights into strategy of foreign policy of both states, contrasting and comparing their geopolitical battles. The course is structured as follows: theory of foreign policy analysis; historical legacies in foreign policy of China and Russia; goals and challenges of foreign policies of two states; shared geopolitical space; impact and implications of their foreign policies.

### THE EU IN THE WORLD

**Instructors:** Juan Pablo Soriano (IBEI)

How similar is the European Union (EU) compared to other countries such as the United States? Do they play similar roles in the world? How internal (Brexit) and external events (Trump) may affect the very nature of the EU and its foreign policies? This course studies the EU and its external activities through the discussion of key issues on the EU agenda placing a comparative focus on the United States. The first part of the course analyzes the historical evolution of the European polity and the decision-making of its external action. It raises questions about the geographical and political limits of Europe, what are the main drivers of its integration and tackles the issue of Brexit.