

Global Affairs Summer Scholars Programme

July 1st to 5th

2019

Monday 1 July 2019

Location: IBEI

09.00 – 09.10 **Welcome and student orientation, Elisabeth de Nadal, BIPP HUB Founder and Director.**

09.10- 10.15 **Seminar 1.1: “The Study of International Relations”, Robert Kissack, Associate Professor and Head of Studies, IBEI.**

As an introduction to the week, this session explains how International Relations emerged from the need to understand why World War I happened, and what it teaches us 100 years later.

10.15 – 10.30 *Break*

10.30 – 11.45 **Seminar 1.2: “Sustainable Development Goals: will we achieve them and what will happen if we do not?”, Robert Kissack, Associate Professor and Head of Studies, IBEI.**

In this session students will discuss how important is to achieve the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. What are the difficulties to address today global challenges and what are the trends to revert in those issues related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice.”

11.45 – 12.00 *Break*

12.00 – 13.30 *Group Study Time: Preparation for simulation exercise.*

13.30 – 15.00 *Lunch*

15.00-16.00 **Seminar 2.1: “Theoretical approach to Human Rights”, Kartik Raj, Human Rights Watch Consultant.**

This session offers a theoretical approach to human rights understanding, taking into consideration the HR Declaration. It aims to give participants a clear idea on what are we talking about when we talk about HR.

16.00 – 16.15 *Break*

16-15 – 17.30 **Seminar 2.2 – “Challenges for the 21st century”, Kartik Raj, Human Rights Watch Consultant.**

This session focuses on the challenges that HR are facing today: Old and new threats, specific cases, the work of HRW.

Tuesday 2 July 2018

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09.00-10.15 **Seminar 3.1: “Celebrity humanitarianism: from Live Aid 1985 to Ben Affleck, George Clooney, Angelina Jolie et al.”, Miriam Bradley, Assistant Professor IBEI.**

In the first half of the class, we will examine the international humanitarian response to famine in Ethiopia in 1983-85, with a particular focus on celebrity engagement. Then in the second half of the class, we'll turn our attention to celebrity humanitarianism in the present day. We'll talk about why celebrities get involved with humanitarian issues, what impact their involvement has, and whether they sometimes do more harm than good for the causes they're promoting.

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15.00 -16.00 **Seminar 4.1: “Theoretical approach: freedom, justice and democracy”, Francesc Badia, openDemocracy / democraciaAbierta .**

This session aims to address tough questions about freedom, justice and democracy, with human rights as central guideline in order to open-mind participants and enable them to report and analyze current social and political issues.

16.00 – 16.15 *Break*

16.15 – 17.30 **Seminar 4.2: “Democracy: what’s at stake? (focus on specific hot topics such as Venezuela, Brexit, Spain...)”, Francesc Badia, openDemocracy / democraciaAbierta .**

This session offers a practical approach on the threats for democracy in a specific case, chosen from the today’s most hot topics.

Wednesday 3 July 2019

Location: BIPPHUB

09.00- 10.15 **Seminar 5.1: “International Development”, Frank Borge Wietzke, Assistant Professor, IBEI.**

What explains the huge variation in development of between states and within states? How successful have efforts been to foster development, and what can be done to make them better?

10.15 – 10.30 *Break*

10.30 – 11.45 **Seminar 5.2: “International Development: the rise of the world’s ‘new middle class”, Frank Borge Wietzke, Assistant Professor, IBEI.**

Recent growth in parts of the developing world has led to impressive progress in the fight against global poverty. Some even say that we are witnessing the emergence of a new global ‘middle class’. But what unites the people who have recently escaped poverty and how likely are they to play the role of ‘change agents’ often ascribed to them by the media and outside observers? This session explores in detail possible impacts of recent poverty reduction on political and economic

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15.00-16.00 **Seminar 6.1: “Understanding the Politics and Economics of Climate Change”, Dr. Luigi Carafa, Executive Director, Climate Infrastructure Partnership.**

This session will offer an overview of the politics and economics of climate change. Students will gain a better understanding of the root’s causes, challenges, and solutions.

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16.15 – 17.30 **Seminar 6.2: “Understanding the Politics and Economics of Climate Change, cont.”, Dr. Luigi Carafa, Executive Director, Climate Infrastructure Partnership.**

This session will continue the exploration of the politics and economics of climate change. Students will gain a better understanding of the root’s causes, challenges, and solutions.

Thursday 4 July 2019

Location: BIPP HUB

09.00-10.15 **Seminar 7.1: “International Security: Natural Resources and Armed Conflicts: How Your Cell Phone May Fund Warlords”, Martijn Vlaskamp, Research Fellow Beatriu de Pinós.**

Syria, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo...while many of the civil wars we hear about in the news seem very different from each other, there are also some common patterns. The first session will provide a broad overview of the studies of armed conflicts. It will discuss questions, such as what factors make it more likely that a country will experience a civil war, why people join armed groups, or what motivates violence against civilians.

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After the break, the role of natural resources in armed conflicts will be discussed. Are resource-rich countries more or less likely to experience armed conflicts? How do armed groups use natural resources, such as oil or diamonds, to fund themselves? Does our consumer behavior in the industrialized world influence armed conflict dynamics? These are some of the questions that will be talked about in this session.

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15:00- 16.00 **Seminar 8.1: “Development and Technology”, Elliott Verreault, AKTEK CEO**

This session offers an introduction to the development landscape that practitioners face in 2019 and reviews some of the main conditions that characterise development, such as fragility, instability, volatility, and institutional weakness, and will present a selection of the 2018 Global Risks defined by the World Economic Forum. The session will provide a view to the challenges presented, with a geographic focus in the Middle East and Latin America. The session will end by opening the debate on how technology can contribute to the presented landscape.

16.00 – 16.15 *Break*

16.15 – 17.30 **Seminar 8.2: “Development and Technology cont.”, Elliott Verreault, AKTEK CEO**

This session will present some of AKTEK’s projects and how we’ve applied technology to specific areas in countries in the Middle East and Latin America. It will end with an exercise in which we will think of how to apply the tools and the methodology presented to the case study the students will be working on for the program.

Friday 5 July 2019

Location: BIPP HUB

09.00- 10.15 **Seminar 9.1: “Politics of the European Union: Greece and the Eurozone: How did things go so wrong and what can be done about it now?”**, Yannis Karagiannis, Associate Professor, IBEI.

The case of Greece is probably the most important failure of European monetary integration. We therefore seek to answer three inter-related questions: (a) Why did Greece ever want to join the single currency? (b) Why did Greece's European partners ever accept to admit it into the Eurozone?

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10.30 – 11.45 **Seminar 9.2: “Politics of the European Union: Greece and the Eurozone: How did things go so wrong and what can be done about it now? cont.”**, Yannis Karagiannis, Associate Professor, IBEI.

After the break, attention turns to the public policy elements: How have things gone so wrong, and what can be done about it now?

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15.00 -15.45 **Seminar 10.1: “Transitions from Conflict to Peace and Democracy”**, Adriana Brassart, Institute for Integrated Transitions.

Making a lasting and durable peace with one's enemies often requires making concessions that may be difficult to justify to the victims of violence conflict. How should we balance the need to protect human rights with the need to atone for political injustices that often lie as the cause of civil war?

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16-00 – 17.00 **Seminar 10.2: “Transitions from Conflict to Peace and Democracy”**, Adriana Brassart, Institute for Integrated Transitions.

In this session a wide range of cases will be used to illustrate the problems raised in the previous session.

17.00 – 18.00 Simulation Exercise: Presentation of Policy Recommendations

18.00 - 18.15 Presentation of Certificates