

## *Seminar CMINT Change in Global Politics*

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After recalling the core hypothesis of mainstream international theories (realism, liberalism, transnationalism, constructivism), this course aims to underline the dynamics of change in contemporary global politics by raising the following questions: what is the nature of state power in an era of globalization? Is sovereignty an obsolete or a resilient norm? How has diplomacy evolved over time? What are the functions of the international organizations? How has war been transformed from the 20th century World Wars to contemporary armed conflicts? Can we judge the legitimacy of armed violence according to the “just war doctrine”? What is the record of half a century of UN peacekeeping? What is the specificity of global terrorism as a form of political violence? Is the danger of nuclear proliferation under control? Can the international community protect human rights? How does international criminal justice work? How are international migrations regulated? How are environmental challenges managed by the international community?

The course is based on 10 sessions. Sessions last two hours and deal with major topics in International Relations (IR). Each student has to prepare every session by reading relevant chapters of the recommended textbook in advance. At each session, students devote 20 minutes maximum to writing down the answers to a number of key questions pertaining to the topic (without the help of books, personal notes, or internet) by mobilizing their knowledge about the topic. The professor then answers the questions while interacting with the students. He also collects some papers (6 or 7) for evaluation (with a mark given back to the students at the next session). The same exercise is done during the second hour of the session on the second topic. At the end of the course, each student must have three marks (evaluating her/his written answers) at least, these written exercises counting for 60% of the global mark, while 40% are based on the final test (2 hours). Presence is compulsory at every session. Oral participation is included in the overall evaluation of each student.

Each student must possess the following textbook in order to attend the course and to prepare all the sessions : John Baylis, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens, *The Globalization of World Politics*, 8 th Edition, Oxford University Press, 2020.

20 hours in-class and 40 hours out-of-class (textbook's chapters to read before each session) = 60 hours total

## **Program of the course: “Change in Global Politics”**

1. Introduction and overview of the course
2. Mainstream international Theories: Realism, Liberalism, Transnationalism, Constructivism  
Read in advance Baylis, Smith, Owens (eds), *The Globalization of World Politics*, 8 th edition: chapter 8 (Realism) and chapter 12 (Social Constructivism)
3. State power and sovereignty Read in advance introduction, and chapters 1 and 5 of Baylis, Smith, Owens (eds), *The Globalization of World Politics*
4. Diplomacy and international organizations Read in advance chapter 20 of Baylis, Smith, Owens (eds), *The Globalization of World Politics*
5. Old wars, new wars and the just war doctrine Read in advance chapter 14 of Baylis, Smith, Owens (eds), *The Globalization of World Politics*
6. Peacekeeping and humanitarian intervention Read in advance chapters 21 and 32 of Baylis, Smith, Owens (eds), *The Globalization of World Politics*
7. Terrorism, nuclear proliferation Read in advance chapters 28 and 29 of Baylis, Smith, Owens (eds), *The Globalization of World Politics*
8. Human rights and international criminal justice Read in advance chapter 31 of Baylis, Smith, Owens (eds), *The Globalization of World Politics*
9. International migrations Read in advance chapter 25 of Baylis, Smith, Owens (eds), *The Globalization of World Politics*
- 10 Environmental challenges Read in advance chapter 24 of Baylis, Smith, Owens (eds), *The Globalization of World Politics*