

KC3024 Contemporary Global Issues B

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【Course Description】

This course will introduce students to the leading issues and debates in the field of contemporary global politics. Through an examination of real world cases, students will learn how to use different theoretical and methodological approaches to gain a better understanding of current affairs.

【Class Goals】

Students are expected to gain knowledge of the major issues and debates within the field of international politics and critically analyze how international relations theory can help explain foreign policy.

【Course Schedule】

- 【第1回】Course Introduction and An overview of Theories of International Relations
- 【第2回】International Relations Theories (Part II)
- 【第3回】The Ukraine Crisis - Clashing views of Realism & Liberalism
- 【第4回】The American Alliance System and the 'Pivot to Asia'
- 【第5回】The Decline of America?
- 【第6回】The Rise of China
- 【第7回】Japan's East Asian "History Problems"
- 【第8回】Asian Territorial Disputes
- 【第9回】International Terrorism and the Rise of ISIS
- 【第10回】Refugees, Humanitarian Issues, & International Relations
- 【第11回】The rise of Populism, and Brexit
- 【第12回】President Donald Trump's America
- 【第13回】Soft Power & Cultural Diplomacy
- 【第14回】Prospects for the Future: Is Liberalism in decline?
- 【第15回】Final Exam

【Preparation for Class】

Students are expected to read the assigned readings each week.

【Review of Class】

Reviewing readings and lecture notes will prepare students for the exams.

【Remarks for Class】

Students should be careful to keep up with the readings and submit the required number of short responses.

【Texts】

Handouts and PDF's will be used as readings (no textbook is required)

【Reference Books】

Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation: An Introduction to Theory and History: Pearson New International Edition. by Joseph S Jr Nye. Print book. English. 2014.

【Evaluation Criteria】

- Class Participation: 20%
- Short Responses: 30%
- Final-Exam: 20% (an in-class exam)
- Final Report: 30%

【Notes】