



Understanding International Relations

Presentation

This course is a general survey of the main theories and concepts of the discipline of IR, as well as a brief outline of the history of world politics since World War One. It proposes an intellectual history of the academic discipline of IR as situated in the evolution of the world political context. The objective pursued is to empower students to think, to give them the tools permitting them to form their own rigorous analyses about how world politics works and why it works the way it works. To put it bluntly, the aim of this course is to emancipate students in the Kantian meaning of *sapere aude* = dare to know (for yourself), that is, to incite them to go beyond common sense comments and normatively biased or ideologically oriented assessments of world politics typical of politicians' speeches and media coverage.

Recommended Prerequisite(s)

Students taking this course should know the major historical facts and processes in the world since WWI.

In brief

ECTS credits : 1.0

Number of hours : 18.0

Teaching term : Six-monthly

Teaching activity : Lecture course

Year : First year

Validation : Final written examination

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Bibliography

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Formule pédagogique

The course consists in lectures.