

TOBB Economics and Technology University
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ERASMUS Blended Intensive Program (BIP) Syllabus for 5 ECTS

ULU 527 Contemporary Issues in World Politics

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Summer 2023

Online dates 17 May - 5 July 2023
In-person dates in Bodrum 5-9 June 2023
Paper Submission date 2 August 2023

Objectives

The aim of this course is to introduce the students to the main issues and current debates in world politics. Focusing on the processes of globalization and global governance on the one hand and the discussion on the collapse of the liberal international order on the other, the course will cover old and new actors, issues of war and peace, and cooperation and conflict in world politics as well as current debates shaping regional security agenda.

The course is at the Master's level. Moreover, undergraduate students can take the course provided that they have at least a 3.00 GPA as well as the necessary English language level (B1).

The course is mainly for International Relations, Political Science, International Security, and other Social Science programs. Yet, there is not any prerequisite so any student from any program can take the course.

Content

Courses: 21 hours online and 21 hours in person

Date	Online/In-person	Subject and Readings
17 May 2023	Online	Introduction Prof Dr Haldun Yalçinkaya – Prof Dr Özlem Tür
24 May 2023	Online	Debating Continuity and Change in the International Order - Actors, Issues, Norms Prof Dr Özlem Tür
Mearsheimer, J. J. (2019). Bound to Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Liberal International Order. <i>International Security</i> , 43(4), 7-50.		

Fukuyama, F. (2020). 30 Years of World Politics: What Has Changed?. *Journal of Democracy*, 31(1), 11-21.

Ikenberry, G. J. (2011). The Future of the Liberal World Order: Internationalism After America. *Foreign Affairs*, 90(3), 56-68.

Drezner, D. (2020). The Song Remains the Same: International Relations After COVID-19. *International Organization*, 74(1), 18-35.

Recommended discussion on Youtube: "The Future of the Liberal International Order" with John Ikenberry and John Mearsheimer. Online available at:
https://youtu.be/JHdE8z_ur6A

31 May 2023	Online	Global Reverse Transformation in Economic and Political Systems: Exploring Structure, Agency, and Interactions Kadir Aydın Gündüz
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The course will start at 19:00 (GMT+3).

Zoom ID: [82428608273](https://join.zoom.us/j/82428608273)

Diamond, L. (2021). Democratic regression in comparative perspective: Scope, methods, and causes. *Democratization*, 28(1), 22-42.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2020.1807517>

Öniş, Z., & Kutlay, M. (2020). Reverse transformation? Global shifts, the core-periphery divide and the future of the EU. *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 28(2), 197-215. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14782804.2019.1708280>

Tolstrup, J. (2013). When can external actors influence democratization? Leverage, linkages, and gatekeeper elites. *Democratization*, 20(4), 716-742.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2012.666066>

5 June 2023	In-person	Old and New Wars / War in Ukraine Prof Dr Haldun Yalçınkaya
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Fleming, C. M. (2009). New or Old Wars? Debating a Clausewitzian Future. *Journal of Strategic Studies*, 32(2), 213-241.

[The University of Chicago]. (2015, September 25). *Why is Ukraine the West's Fault? Featuring John Mearsheimer*[Video]. Youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrMiSQAGOS4>

Walt, S. M. (2022, March 8). *An International Relations Theory Guide to the War in Ukraine*. Foreign Policy.
<https://foreignpolicy.com/2022/03/08/an-international-relations-theory-guide-to-ukraines-war/>

5 June 2023	In-person	Russia as a Great Power: Understanding Russian Geopolitics Prof Dr Mitat Çelikpala
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Ellman, M. (2023). Russia as a Great Power: From 1815 to the Present Day Part I. *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 19(1), 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1744137422000273>

Ellman, M. (2023). Russia as a Great Power: From 1815 to the Present Day Part II. *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 19(2), 159-174. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1744137422000388>

Kotkin, S. (2016). Russia's Perpetual Geopolitics: Putin Returns to the Historical Pattern. *Foreign Affairs*, 95(3), 2-9.

Kolosov, V. A., et. al. (2022). Geopolitics and Political Geography in Russia: Global Context and National Characteristics. *Regional Research of Russia*, 12(1), 80-95.
<https://doi.org/10.1134/S2079970522020046>

Duncan, P. J. S. (2005). Contemporary Russian Identity Between East and West. *The Historical Journal*, 48(1), 277-294.

Roszbach, N. H. (2018). *The Geopolitics of Russian Energy: Gas, Oil, and the Energy Security of Tomorrow* (Report No. FOI-R—4623--SE). FOI Report. Online available at:
<https://www.foi.se/rest-api/report/FOI-R--4623--SE>

Liu, F. (2022). Russia's Foreign Policy over the Past Three Decades: Change and Continuity. *Chinese Journal of Slavic Studies*, 2(1), 86-99.
<https://doi.org/10.1515/cjss-2022-0004>

Elgin, K. K. (2020). *Recognition and Respect: Understanding Russia's Defense of Its Great Power Status*. [Doctoral thesis, Princeton University].

6 June 2023	In-person	Radicalization Assoc Prof Dr Petar Marinov
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Selenica, E. (2019). Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization in Kosovo: International, State and Societal Responses and Their Consequences. In *Local and International Determinants of Kosovo's Statehood* (pp. 67-97). Kosovo Foundation for Open Society.

Coolsaet, R. (2016). 'All Radicalisation is Local': The genesis and drawbacks of an elusive concept. *Egmont Papers: Royal Institute for International Relations*.

Yalçınkaya, H. (ed.). (2022). Good Practices in Counter Terrorism (2). *Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism*.

Torbjörnsson, D. (2016). *From Marginalization to Radicalization: A Social Movement Theory Approach to Understanding Radicalization Among Muslims in Kenya and Ethiopia*. [Master's thesis, Copenhagen University].

Schmid, A. P. (2013). Radicalisation, De-Radicalisation, Counter-Radicalisation: A Conceptual Discussion and Literature Review. *ICTT The Hague Research Paper*.

Dzhekova, R., Mancheva, M., Stoyanova, N., and Anagnostou, D. (2017). *Monitoring Radicalisation: A framework for risk indicators*. Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD), 34.

Dzhekova, R., Mancheva, M., Doichinova, M., Derelieva, L., Bezlov, T., Karayotova, M., Tomov, Y., Markov, D. and Ilcheva, M. (2015). *Radicalisation in Bulgaria: Threats and Trends*. Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD), 32.

Kılıç, F., Kaya, T. Ö., Marinov, P., Bulmer, M., Varga, T. C., and Marsai, V. (2022). *Defence Against Terrorism Review (2)* (ISSN 1307-9190). Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism.

Dan-Şuteu, Ş. A. (Ed.), Enache, I. (Ed). and Ghiba, D. (Ed.). (2021). *Technologies - Military Applications, Simulation and Resources*. Bucharest: "Carol I" National Defence University Publishing House.

7 June 2023	In-person	Debating Security Challenges of the 21st Century Prof Dr Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe
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Baldwin, D. (1997). The Concept of Security. *Review of International Studies*, 23(1), 5-26.

Wæver, O. & Buzan, B. (2007). After the Return to Theory: The Past, Present, and Future of Security Studies. In Collins, A. (Ed.), *Contemporary Security Studies* (pp. 383-402). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Walt, S. M. (1991). The Renaissance of Security Studies. *International Studies Quarterly*, 35(2), 211-239.

8 June 2023	In-person	<p>Iran amidst Crisis: The Challenges of Restoring the Nuclear Deal and Building a New Social Contract</p> <p>Assist Prof Dr Gülriz Şen</p>
<p>Keshavarzian, A. (2015). The Iran Deal as Social Contract. <i>Middle East Report</i> 277, 10-14. Online available at: https://merip.org/2016/03/the-iran-deal-as-social-contract/</p> <p>Bahgat, G. (2006). Nuclear proliferation: The Islamic Republic of Iran. <i>Iranian Studies</i>, 39(3), 307-327.</p> <p>International Crisis Group. (2022). Is Restoring the Iran Nuclear Deal Still Possible?. <i>Crisis Group Middle East Briefing</i>, 87. Online available at: https://www.crisisgroup.org/b87-middle-east-north-africa/gulf-and-arabian-peninsula/iran/restoring-iran-nuclear-deal-still</p> <p>Hashemi, N. (2014). Renegotiating Iran's Post-Revolutionary Social Contract: The Green Movement and The Struggle For Democracy In The Islamic Republic. In Kamrava M. (Ed.), <i>Beyond the Arab Spring: The Evolving Ruling Bargain in the Middle East</i> (pp. 191-222). London: Hurst.</p> <p>Vakil, S. (2011). Introduction: A Female Awakening Through a Century of Struggle. In <i>Women and Politics in the Islamic Republic of Iran: Action and Reaction</i> (pp. 1-22). New York: The Continuum International Publishing.</p> <p>The Rachman Review. (2022). Protests show Iran's social contract is broken. <i>The Financial Times</i>. Online available at: https://www.ft.com/content/be60aa36-f569-41c6-9c8f-46a5bf22faaa</p> <p>Bowen, W. & Moran, M. (2015). Living with nuclear hedging: the implications of Iran's nuclear strategy. <i>International Affairs</i>, 91(4), 687-707.</p>		
9 June 2023	In-person	<p>Middle East in World Politics – Changing Regional Dynamics</p> <p>Prof Dr Özlem Tür</p>
<p>Jägerskog, A., Schulz, M., & Swain, A. (Eds.). (2019). <i>Routledge Handbook on Middle East Security</i>. Routledge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jägerskog, A., Schulz, M., & Swain, A. (2019). Perspectives on Middle East Security: An introduction. In Jägerskog, A., Schulz, M., & Swain, A. (Eds.), <i>Routledge Handbook on Middle East Security</i> (pp. 3-11). Routledge. - Atarodi, A. (2019). Shifts in the Global Political and Economic Landscape and Consequences for the Middle East and North Africa. In Jägerskog, A., Schulz, M., 		

& Swain, A. (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook on Middle East Security* (pp. 16-32). Routledge.

- Brynen, R. (2019). Democracy and Security in the post-Arab Spring Middle East. In Jägerskog, A., Schulz, M., & Swain, A. (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook on Middle East Security* (pp. 303-315). Routledge.

Akbarzadeh, S. (Ed.). (2019). *Routledge Handbook of International Relations in the Middle East*. Routledge.

- Juneau, T., Lobell, S. E., Ripsmann, N. M., & Rubin, L. P. (2019). Neoclassical Realism: Domestic Politics, Systemic Pressures, and the Impact on Foreign Policy since the Arab Spring. In Akbarzadeh, S. (Ed.). (2019). *Routledge Handbook of International Relations in the Middle East* (pp. 8-22). Routledge.
- Hinnebusch, R. (2019). The Arab Uprising and Regional Power Struggle. In Akbarzadeh, S. (Ed.). (2019). *Routledge Handbook of International Relations in the Middle East* (pp. 110-124). Routledge.

9 June 2023

In-person

Migration

Prof Dr Deniz Ş. Sert

Adamson, F. B. & Tsourapas, G. (2019). Migration Diplomacy in World Politics. *International Studies Perspectives*, 20, 113-128. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isp/eky015>

Pécoud, A. (2021). Philosophies of migration governance in a globalizing world. *Globalizations*, 18(1), 103-119. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14747731.2020.1774316>

14 June 2023

Online

Conflict and Cooperation in the Balkans

Assist Prof Dr Zoran Ivanov

Glenny, M. (2012). The Balkan Vortex. In Glenny, M. (2012), *The Balkans: Nationalism, War, and the Great Powers 1804-2012* (pp.634-662). Canada: Anansi Press.

Todorova, M. (1994). The Balkans: From Discovery to Invention. *Slavic Review*, 53(2), 453-482. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2501301>

Western Balkans and the EU Beyond the Autopilot Mode. *Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BIEPAG) Report*.

Unfulfilled Promise: Completing the EU Enlargement to the Balkans. *Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BIEPAG) Report*.

Mazower, M. (2002). Building the Nation State. In Mazower, M. (2002). *The Balkans: A Short History*. Modern Library.

Jelavich, C. & Jelavich, B. (1977). Conclusion. In Jelavich, C. & Jelavich, B. (1977), *The Establishment of the Balkan National States, 1804-1920* (pp. 320-328). University of Washington Press.

21 June 2023

Online

Globalization vs. Glocalization: A Critical Geopolitical Analysis
Mustafa Serdar Palabıyık

Tuathail, G. O. & Dalby, S. (1998). Introduction - Rethinking Geopolitics: Towards a Critical Geopolitics. In G. O. Tuathail, & S. Dalby (Eds.), *Rethinking Geopolitics* (pp. 1-15). London and New York: Routledge.

Agnew, J. (2006). Globalization has a home address: The Geopolitics of Globalization. In D. Conway & N. Heynen (Eds.), *Globalization's Contradictions: Geographies of Discipline, Destruction and Transformation* (pp. 127-143). London and New York: Routledge.

Dalby, S. (2020). Geopolitics and Globalization. In *Anthropocene Geopolitics: Globalization, Security, Sustainability* (pp. 131-149). Ottawa: University of Ottawa Press.

Roudometof, V. (2016). What Is Glocalization?. In *Glocalization: A Critical Introduction* (pp.1-19). London and New York: Routledge.

Dodds, K. (2005). Anti-Geopolitics and Globalization of Dissent. In *Global Geopolitics: A Critical Introduction* (pp.172-197). London and New York: Pearson/Prentice Hall.

28 June 2023

Online

Indo-Pacific Geopolitics
Assoc Prof Dr Bahadır Pehlivan Türk

Hemmings, J. (ed.). (2019). Infrastructure, Ideas, and Strategy in the Indo-Pacific. *London: The Henry Jackson Society*.

Satake, T. & Sahashi, R. (2021). The Rise of China and Japan's 'Vision' for Free and Open Indo-Pacific. *Journal of Contemporary China*, 30(127), 18-35.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10670564.2020.1766907>

5 July 2023

Online

US Foreign Policy
Prof Dr Şaban Kardeş

Snow, D. M., & Brown, E. (2004). *United States Foreign Policy: Politics Beyond the Water's Edge* (pp. 10-17). Wadsworth Publishing.

Hook, S. W., & Spainer, J. W. (2018). *American Foreign Policy Since World War II* (pp. 1-20). CQ Press.

Mead, W. R. (2005). *Power, Terror, Peace, and War: America's Grand Strategy in a World at Risk* (pp. 286-330). Random House USA Inc.

12 July 2023

Online

Discussion and Revising the Research Papers
Prof Dr Haldun Yalçınkaya

Assessment

The assessment of the term is as follows:

Attendance	25%
Participation/Quiz exams	25%
Research Paper and Presentation	50%

During some classes, you may have short exams that will be executed through an application. You should download the *socrative student* application on your smartphones/computers. I request you to check the app and learn how to use it from the website: www.socrative.com

As Final Exam, each student will choose a subject on contemporary issues in world politics and, with approval of the subjects and, subsequently, the content by the lecturer, you will need to submit 2000-3000 words paper and 10-15 minutes presentation recorded. The submission date will be no later than August 2nd, 2023.

Students who fail to fulfil ECTS requirements will be given a signed document showing their participation.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is not expected and we care about it. If you take any text or idea from somebody else, you must make it clear the text is being quoted and where the text comes from. You must also cite any sources from which you obtain numbers, ideas, or other material. Use of ChatGPT or other AI composition software is not permitted. If you have any questions about what does or does not constitute plagiarism, do not hesitate to send an email message to the lecturer. Please note that your own sentences are so valuable.

--- BODRUM DAILY PROGRAM ---

05 JUNE 2023 – MONDAY		Location: BODTO
08.45-09.00	Haldun Yalçınkaya <i>Old and New Wars</i>	
09.00-09.50		
10.00-10.50	Mitat Çelikpala <i>Russia as a Great Power: Understanding Russian Geopolitics</i>	
11.00-11.50		
12.00-13.00		
13.00	Transfer to Hotels	
15.00-17.00	Historical and Cultural Heritage Treasure Hunt	
06 JUNE 2023 – TUESDAY		Location: BODTO
09.00-09.50	Peter Marinov <i>Radicalization</i>	
10.00-10.50		
11.00-11.50		
12.00-13.00	LUNCH at BODTO	
14.00-16.00	PANEL: Contemporary Issues in the Black Sea Region <i>Moderator: Prof. Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe</i> Panelists: <i>Prof. Mitat Çelikpala</i> <i>Amb. (R) Fatih Ceylan</i> <i>Prof. Mustafa Aydın</i>	Location: Bodrum Maritime Museum
19.00-21.30	Gala Dinner at Trafo Restaurant	
07 JUNE 2023 – WEDNESDAY		Location: BODTO
09.00-09.50	Sinem Açıkmeşe <i>Debating Security Challenges of the 21st Century</i>	
10.00-10.50		
11.00-11.50		
12.00-13.00	LUNCH at BODTO	
14.00-16.00	PANEL: Contemporary Issues in the Eastern Mediterranean Region <i>Moderator: Ambs. (R) Ahmet Üzümcü</i> Panelists:	

	<p><i>Prof. Dimitri Triantaphyllou</i> <i>Prof. Yücel Acer</i> <i>Assoc. Prof. Pınar İpek</i></p>	Location: Maritime Museum
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08 JUNE 2023 – THURSDAY	Location: ZAI Yaşam
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08.45-09.00	Haldun Yalçınkaya <i>War in Ukraine</i>
09.00-09.50	
10.00-10.50	Gülriş Şen <i>Russia as a Great Power: Understanding Russian Geopolitics</i>
11.00-11.50	
12.00-13.00	
13.00-13.50	Transfer to Hotels

09 JUNE 2022 – FRIDAY	Location: BODTO
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08.45-09.00	Özlem Tür <i>Middle East in World Politics – Changing Regional Dynamics</i>
09.00-09.50	
10.00-10.50	Deniz Sert <i>Migration</i>
11.00-11.50	
12.00-13.00	
13.00-13.50	TRANSFER to HOTELS

VENUES	
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BODTO	<p>Konaçık, Atatürk Blv., 48400 Bodrum, Mugla Google Map Link https://goo.gl/maps/bcJGvoWbCzZcZcMp9?coh=178572&entry=tt</p>
Trafo	<p>Carsi, Dr. Alim Bey Cd. No:4 Bodrum, Mugla Google Map Link https://goo.gl/maps/LyXStqOkA9qzLAsm9?coh=178572&entry=tt</p>
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Bodrum Maritime Museum	<p>Carsi, Nazım Hikmet Sk. No.4/1 Bodrum, Mugla Google Map Link https://goo.gl/maps/mTMxT2CVjCduxynY7?coh=178572&entry=tt</p>