

## Foreign Policy and International Relations in a Globalized World

Professor: **Carl Rihan**

Session: **July 2024**

Language of instruction: **English**

Number of hours of class: **10h**



### Objective of the Course

This course is expected to introduce students to both international relations and foreign policy and to serve as a foundational course for those interested in pursuing studies in these respective fields. The course builds upon several themes explored in the Master Classes and will focus on the functioning of States within the broader “Global Order” from an international security lens. It tackles a broad range of subjects including the principles of international security, geopolitics, theories of war and peace, global governance and the international political economy, and emerging challenges and threats.

By the end of the course, it is expected that students will have grasped the theoretical foundations of international politics, the characteristics of the international order, the nature of international challenges, and would have learned how to prepare short, practice-oriented foreign policy proposals as well as how to discuss policy challenges in an informed manner.



### Summary

The course is structured around 4 classes of 2.5 hours each, followed by an oral presentation, the “Petit Oral”. Sessions will revolve around the following topics:

**Session 1:** Foundations of Foreign Policy (the foreign policymaker’s toolbox: key assumptions in international security, measuring State power).

**Session 2:** Conflict and Cooperation Between States (the balance of power and the likelihood of conflict, deterrence and hegemony, theories of war and peace).

**Session 3:** The International Political Economy and International Governance (cooperation between States, international trade and economic policy, monetary challenges, the Covid-19 pandemic).

**Session 4:** Foreign Policy and Transnational and Emerging Challenges (proxy warfare and terrorism, illicit financial flows, cryptocurrencies and cybersecurity).



## Final Exam

Students will be assessed on their participation in class throughout the programme (20% of the grade) and on an oral exam: the Petit Oral (80% of the grade).

The Petit Oral will take place on the Thursday of the second week of the programme. It will consist in a group presentation on a determined topic and a written presentation. A specific time will be dedicated to questions.



## Professor's Biography



Carl Rihan, Ph.D. is an associate and fellow of the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (Hamburg), research associate to the Vice-Chair of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (New York), and acting consultant at the Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan, a UN partner institution in Beirut. He teaches Business Management and Social Studies at the Ecole Jeannine Manuel and lectures on International Security and Public Policy at SciencesPo Lille. Carl has more than 12 years of experience in the field of State-building, politics and economic development in fragile and conflict-affected settings, having contributed in 2015 to the first implementation plans of the SDGs in the MENA region and having co-authored the roadmap *Implementing Agenda 2030 in the Arab Region* (2019).