

SYLLABUS

WORLD POLITICS (online)

Professor: Helene THIOU
Session: June 2022
Language of instruction: English
Number of hours of class: 36

Objective of the Course

This course offers an interdisciplinary approach to World Politics, combining conceptual tools, historical insight, and empirical evidence. It introduces students to core notions, such as power, security, cooperation, sovereignty, and identity, as well as multilateralism from various disciplinary perspectives including global history, political science, comparative politics, political theory, international relations, international political economy, sociology and international public law. In order to account for the profound transformation of world politics wrought by globalization, the course explores a vast array of topics and issues ranging from empires, globalization, foreign policy, social movements, wars, terrorism, international organizations, the environment and migration. To do so, the course uses different levels of analysis - from the local to the global. Through major themes in international politics, students will develop analytical skills grounded in both theoretical and empirical knowledge.

Summary

The first set of sessions introduces and examines World Politics through historical examples including discussions on states, sovereignty, empire, globalisation, international order, international systems, international society and power.

The second and third sets of sessions examine national and multilateral dynamics in the making of World Politics. We focus particularly on migration and environmental politics as key case studies.

The fourth and last sets of sessions explore war and peace, violence, crises and revolutions.

In each session, the instructor introduces the material and opens the discussion to class participation based on academic readings (a reading list will be provided). At the end of each thematic block, students present group assignments on specific case studies in a workshop format. The course will end with a final individual assignment.

Organization of the Course

1. World Politics through History: introducing useful notions

- Empires: World Politics before and after modernity: Empires, World Orders, International Systems, Globalisation

2. States and World Politics

- Sovereignty
 - Foreign policy
 - Questioning sovereignty: interventions, supranationality
 - States and non-state actors in world politics
- States and migrants or refugees*

3. Multilateralism and World Politics

- What is multilateralism? National interests and cooperation
 - International regimes
 - International organisations and international public law
- The international politics of migration and asylum*

4. War and World Politics

- Conflicts, wars, security in 2019
- Old wars, new wars since 1991
- The causes of wars: a focus on identity and violence
- The geographies and logistics of wars
- Violence without war? Genocide; Terrorism
- War without violence? The case of “interventions”
- The politics of making peace

5. Concluding Remarks: Revolutions and Changes in World Politics

Guest lectures

Pr **Guillaume LACHENAL** historian and specialist of global health and the critical history of pandemics (MEDIALAB Sciences Po)

<https://medialab.sciencespo.fr/equipe/guillaume-lachenal/> June 9 2022

Pr **Anna LEBEDEV** political scientists and specialist of Russian and post-Soviet societies (Université Paris Nanterre) <https://isp.cnrs.fr/?project=colin-lebedev-anna> June 21 2022

Requirements for course validation

The course is designed for students with a background in at least one of the human and social sciences (sociology, history, political science, economics, anthropology, geography). The course combines theoretical and empirical contents to enable students to analyse world politics. It is composed of 36 hours of teaching including

lecture-type courses, class discussions around readings and workshop sessions in which groups of students present their analysis of case studies connected to one of the topics of the course.

Students are required to attend all classes, including workshop sessions and to engage actively in class discussions.

The assignments for this course are:

- one case study presented as an oral assignment during the workshop sessions by a team of students
- an individual final assignment

A full description of both assignments will be provided before the beginning of the course.

Bibliography

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Main Professor Biography



H el ene Thiollet is a CNRS tenured researcher at Sciences Po and teaches international relations, comparative politics and migration studies. Her research focuses on the politics of migration and asylum in the Global South, notably in the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa.

See <http://www.sciencespo.fr/cei/en/cei/spire-user/7131/1612>

H el ene is leading the Sciences Po team for the H2020 project [MigrAtion Governance and asYlum Crises MAGYC](#) (project number 822806)

financed by the European Union (2018-2022). She is also Principal Investigator for the research project the [Politics of Asylum Crises in Europe \(PACE\)](#) financed by the French National Agency for Research (ANR) (2019-2023). From 2012 to 2015, she coordinated the French National Agency for Research project "The Global Mobility and Migration Governance" (MOBGLOB) with Catherine Wihtol de Wenden.

Recent publications

H el ene Thiollet. 2022. Illiberal Migration Governance in the Arab Gulf. James Hollifield and Neil Foley (eds). Understanding Global Migration, Stanford University Press., pp.50-80, 2022, 9781503629578. (hal-03522786)

H el ene Thiollet. 2021. Migrants and monarchs: regime survival, state transformation and migration politics in Saudi Arabia. Third World Quarterly, Taylor & Francis (Routledge), pp.1-21. (10.1080/01436597.2021.1948325). (halshs-03329591)

H el ene Thiollet with Catherine Lejeune, Delphine Pag es-El Karoui, Camille Schmall. 2021. Migration, Urbanity and Cosmopolitanism in a Globalized World., Springer-IMISCOE Research Series, #open access <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-67365-9>