



**Sokhumi State University**  
**Syllabus**

<b>Name of the Course</b>	<b>International Politics: Models of World Political Order</b>
<b>Course Code</b>	POLS M203
<b>Course Status</b>	Faculty of Social and Political Science. Master's Program – Political Sciences. Second Term. Obligatory Course.
<b>ECTS – Number of Credits</b>	<p>6 ECTS - 150 hours.</p> <p>50 contact hours, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ lecture -30 hours;</li> <li>➤ working group/seminars -15 hours;</li> <li>➤ midterm exam – 2 hours;</li> <li>➤ final exam - 3 hours.</li> </ul> <p>100 hours of individual work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Information and material processing- 50 hours;</li> <li>➤ Homework assignments - 25 hours;</li> <li>➤ Preparation for a Midterm exam- 10 hours;</li> <li>➤ Preparation for a Final exam - 15 hours.</li> </ul>
<b>Course Format</b>	Lecture/seminar: 2+1 per week (15 weeks);
<b>Lecturer</b>	<p>Abdaladze Gvantsa – Associate Professor at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Department of International Relations</p> <p>Mobile: 593 900 674</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:g.abdaladze@sabauni.edu.ge">g.abdaladze@sabauni.edu.ge</a></p>
<b>Course Objective</b>	The aim of the course is to introduce the students the core principles, paradigms and contemporary challenges of the International Politics; to outline the different periods of world political order from the interwar period to nowadays; to review the role of different political and non-political factors and actors in the process of formation of “new world orders”; to connect theories and practice; to review cases.
<b>Course Prerequisites</b>	N/A
<b>Course Content</b>	See Attachment N1
<b>Required Reading</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Handouts done by the lecturer</li> <li>2. International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues, 10th Edition, Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis. Pearson, 2010. (<b>Georgian</b> language edition published by Ilia State</li> </ol>

	<p>University, Tbilisi, 2011).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. William R. Keylor. The Twentieth Century World and Beyond. An International History Since 1900. Sixth Edition. Oxford University Press. (<b>Georgian</b> language edition published by Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, 2015).</li> <li>4. Czempiel Ernst-Otto, World Politics in Transition. Munich, 2002. (Georgian language edition published by Social Sciences Support program of the Open Society – Georgian Foundation, Tbilisi, 2003).</li> <li>5. Charles W. Kegley, Shannon L. Blanton. World Politics: Trend and Transformation, 2014 – 2015. 15th Edition. 2014</li> <li>6. Karen A. Mingst, Ivan M. Arreguín-Toft. Essentials of International Relations. 6th Edition. 2013</li> <li>7. Peter Hough, Shahin Malik, Andrew Moran, Bruce Pilbeam. International Security Studies: Theory and Practice. 2015</li> <li>8. Security Studies: An Introduction 2nd Edition. Edited by Paul D. Williams. 2012</li> </ol>
<b>Supplementary Reading</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aleksidze Levan, Contemporary International Law. Tbilisi, 2001.</li> <li>2. Katsitadze Kakha, Geopolitical and Geostrategic Transition in Europe. Tbilisi, 2001.</li> <li>3. Stiglitz Joseph E., Globalization and its discontents. NY, 2003. (Georgian language edition sponsored by Eurasia Partnership Foundation in Georgia, SIDA, BST. Tbilisi, 2012).</li> <li>4. Watts Jonathan, How China will save the world or destroy it, 2010.</li> <li>5. (Georgian language edition sponsored by Eurasia Partnership Foundation in Georgia, SIDA, BST. Tbilisi, 2012).</li> <li>6. Hirst Paul, Thompson Grahame, Globalization in Question. Tbilisi, 2005.</li> <li>7. Calvocoressi Peter, World Politics since 1945, 9th edition. Pearson. 2009.</li> <li>8. Roland Dannreuther. International Security: The Contemporary Agenda 2nd Edition. 2013.</li> <li>9. Essential Readings in World Politics (Fifth Edition) Edited by Karen A. Mingst and Jack L. Snyder. 2013.</li> <li>10. Jeffry A. Frieden, David A. Lake, Kenneth A. Schultz. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. 3rd Edition. 2015.</li> <li>11. Francis Fukuyama. State-Building: Governance and World Order in the 21st Century. 2004</li> <li>12. Charles L. Glaser. Rational Theory of International Politics: The Logic of Competition and Cooperation. 2010</li> <li>13. Tamar Gutner. International Organizations in World Politics. 2016.</li> <li>14. Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in Modern War, by Scott Nicholas Romaniuk and Stewart Tristan Webb. 2015.</li> <li>15. Henry Kissinger. World Order. 2015.</li> <li>16. Bruce Bueno De Mesquita. Principles of International Politics: War, Peace, and World Order. 5th Edition 2013.</li> <li>17. Security Studies: A Reader 1st Edition. Edited by Christopher W. Hughes and Yew Meng Lai . 2011.</li> <li>18. Steven L. Spiegel, Elizabeth G. Matthews, Jennifer M. Taw, Kristen P. Williams. World Politics in a New Era. 6th Edition. 2013.</li> <li>19. The Globalization of World Politics, edited by John Baylis and Steve Smith, second edition, Oxford. 2001.</li> </ol>

	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Global Trends 2030: Alternative Worlds. A publication of the National Intelligence Council. <a href="https://www.dni.gov/index.php/global-trends-home">https://www.dni.gov/index.php/global-trends-home</a></li> <li>2. Envisioning 2030: US Strategy for a Post-Western World. Atlantic Council. A report of the Strategic Foresight Initiative at the Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security. Robert A. Manning, principal drafter <a href="https://www.files.ethz.ch/isn/156307/Envisioning2030_web.pdf.pdf">https://www.files.ethz.ch/isn/156307/Envisioning2030_web.pdf.pdf</a></li> <li>3. Transforming our world: the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. United Nations. <a href="https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/21252030%20Agenda%20for%20Sustainable%20Development%20web.pdf">https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/21252030%20Agenda%20for%20Sustainable%20Development%20web.pdf</a></li> </ol> <p><b>Internet Resources:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.cfr.org">http://www.cfr.org</a>  <a href="http://www.internationalrelations.com/">http://www.internationalrelations.com/</a>  <a href="http://www.chathamhouse.org/">http://www.chathamhouse.org/</a>  <a href="http://www.foreignaffairs.com/">http://www.foreignaffairs.com/</a>  <a href="http://www.ssoar.info/en/home.html">http://www.ssoar.info/en/home.html</a>  <a href="http://www.thefreelibrary.com">http://www.thefreelibrary.com</a></p>
Course Outcomes	<p><b>Knowledge and understanding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate knowledge of core principles of international politics.</li> <li>• Identify the main challenges and changes of world political order in XX-XXI cc.</li> <li>• Integrate the different competing issues</li> </ul> <p><b>Applying knowledge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyse the controversial character of the models of world political order.</li> <li>• Connect the theoretical knowledge with historical and contemporary real cases.</li> </ul> <p><b>Making judgments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess critically different informational sources.</li> <li>• Focus on different levels of analysis (systemic, domestic, individual)</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to participate in professional disputes about international politics</li> <li>• Ability to prepare reports and analysis</li> <li>• Ability to use modern technologies</li> </ul> <p><b>Learning skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to schedule his/her personal learning and</li> <li>• Ability to achieve scheduled tasks independently.</li> </ul>
Teaching Format	Teaching Format - lectures and seminars. Methods of teaching and learning – lectures, discussions, presentations, peer-review assessments, case-study. Language of Teaching - Georgian.
Grading and Evaluation	<p>Assessment is based on 100 point scale. Positive assessment includes:</p> <p>(A) - Excellent - Minimal 91% and more;  (B) - Very Good - Maximal 81-90%;  (C) - Good - Maximal 71-80%;  (D) - Fair - Maximal 61-70%;  (E) - Satisfactory - Maximal 51-60%;</p> <p>Negative assessment includes:</p> <p>(FX) - Failure – maximal points from 41-50%, student can take make-up exam once;</p>

	<p>(F) - Failure – maximal points from 40% and less, student must take course again.</p> <p>Assessment Criteria:</p> <p>Attendance and Participation: 10%.</p> <p>Individual Presentation: 20%</p> <p>Midterm Exam (Article Review): 30%</p> <p>Final Exam (Research Paper): 40%</p>
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## Attachment N1

### Course Schedule

Week	Session Hours	Lectures/ Discussion (Participation) Boards/presentation
I	Lecture (2 Hours )	Theories of international politics and International decision making
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
II	Lecture (2 Hours )	The International System and World Political Order– Theoretical Approach
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
III	Lecture (2 Hours )	The historical context of contemporary world order
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
IV	Lecture (2 Hours )	Great powers in XX c. International politics (WWI, WWII, cold war, post cold war era)
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
V	Lecture (2 Hours )	The debates about polarity
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
VI	Lecture (2 Hours )	International Security - theoretical approach
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
VII	Lecture (2 Hours )	Military and non-military aspects of security
	Working Group (1 Hour)	

VIII	Midterm Exam (2 Hours)	
IX	Lecture (2 Hours)	Alliances in World politics: balancing and bandwagoning
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
X	Lecture (2 Hours)	Contemporary challenges of International security and world order
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XI	Lecture (2 Hours)	Super powers in contemporary international politics – the USA vs Russia
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XII	Lecture (2 Hours)	Super powers in contemporary international politics – the USA vs China
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XIII	Lecture (2 Hours)	Non-state actors in world politics
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XIV	Lecture (2 Hours)	Globalization – the new model of global political order?
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XV	Lecture (2 Hours)	Global trends and forecasts
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XVI	Lecture (2 Hours)	Conclusions: Models of World Political Order
	Working Group (1 Hour)	
XVII	Final Exam (3 Hours)	
XVIII - XIX	Supplementary Examination	