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PEOPLES' FRIENDSHIP UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA
NAMED AFTER PATRICE LUMUMBA
RUDN University**

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

(educational division (faculty/institute/academy) as programme developer)

Department of the Comparative Politics

(department realizing the PhD program)

COURSE SYLLABUS

International Relations, Global and Regional Studies/

Международные отношения, глобальные и региональные исследования

(course title)

Scientific specialty:

5.5.4 International Relations, Global and Regional Studies

(scientific speciality code and title)

The course instruction is implemented within the PhD programmes:

**International Relations, Global and Regional Studies / Международные отношения,
глобальные и региональные исследования (на англ. языке)**

(PhD program title)

1. DISCIPLINE (MODULE) GOAL

The goal of the discipline «International Relations, Global and Regional Studies» is to familiarize postgraduate students with the main problems of world politics, the structure of modern international relations, and current threats and challenges to international security. The course materials are presented in the context of the process of globalization and the evolution of world politics after the end of the Cold War and the disappearance of the bipolar world.

2. REQUIREMENTS TO PHD-STUDENTS ON FINISHING THE COURSE

Mastering the discipline «International Relations, Global and Regional Studies» is aimed at forming the following competencies:

To know the main paradigms of international relations (realism, neorealism, idealism, liberalism) and theoretical frameworks of geopolitics; the concept of multipolarity in international relations; threats to international security; the problem of terrorism and hybrid wars; the role of Russia in the world politics; basic methods of theoretical and empirical research activity

To be able to: identify and systematize the main ideas in scientific texts, critically evaluate any incoming information, regardless of the source, analyze alternative solutions to research and practical problems, evaluate the potential gains / losses of the implementation of these options.

To possess: the skills of collecting, processing, analyzing and systematizing information on the topic of research, the skills of choosing methods and means of solving research tasks.

3. WORKLOAD OF THE DISCIPLINE AND TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

The overall workload of the discipline «Political institutions, processes, technologies» is 4 credit units (144 academic hours).

Types of activities	Total ac. hrs.	Semesters
		2
<i>Classroom activities (total), including:</i>		
в том числе:		
Lectures (LC)	30	30
Laboratory activities (LA)	–	–
Practical lessons/Seminars (PC)	30	30
<i>Independent work</i>	48	48
<i>Intermediate certification (candidate exam)</i>	36	36
Overall workload	ac. hrs.	144
	credits	4

4. CONTENT OF THE DISCIPLINE

Name of the discipline section	Contents of the section (topic)	Type of study work
Section 1. International relations as a subject of scientific analysis	Topic 1. A systems approach to world politics. The main paradigms of international relations (political realism, idealism, functionalism, neorealism, neo-idealism, geopolitics).	LC, PC
	Topic 2. The main factors of world politics (goals, actors, changes).	LC, PC
	Topic 3. Social basics of world order (international regimes, international law, religions and morality in world politics).	LC, PC

	Topic 4. Mechanisms for making foreign policy decisions. International organizations and intergovernmental agreements. World politics in the context of globalization.	LC, PC
Section 2. The system of international relations	Topic 1. Subjects of world politics (states, non-state actors).	LC, PC
	Topic 2. The problem of multipolarity of the modern system of international relations.	LC, PC
Section 3. Threats to International Security	Topic 1. The arms control system in the modern world. The problem of arms control, in particular non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.	LC, PC
	Topic 2. Regional conflicts. Environmental problems as a threat to international security. Illegal drug trafficking as a global threat.	LC, PC
Section 4. Terrorism as a threat to international security	Topic 1. Terrorism and politics. Challenges of international terrorism. Problems of combating terrorism in international relations. Terrorism in international law.	LC, PC
	Topic 2. Terrorism as a factor in hybrid wars.	LC, PC
Section 5. Centers of power in modern world politics	Topic 1. The evolution of the role of the USA in world politics. The concept of the post-American world. US policy in Europe, Middle East, and towards Russia.	LC, PC
	Topic 2. The European Union as a center of power. The correlation of economic, political, and military resources of the EU. The formation of the EU as one of the world players.	LC, PC
	Topic 3. China, Japan, India, and Great Britain as centers of power	LC, PC
Section 6. Russia as a center of power	Topic 1. Foreign policy strategy of the Russian Federation. Relations of the Russian Federation with international organizations	LC, PC
	Topic 2. Policy of Russian Federation towards 'the collective West'. Relations of Russia with the East. Relations with post-Soviet states (Ukraine).	LC, PC
	Topic 3. Traditional and non-traditional challenges to the national security of Russian Federation.	LC, PC

5. EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Room Type	Room Equipment	Specialized educational / laboratory equipment, software and materials for mastering the discipline
Class for Seminars	Room for seminar-type classes, equipped with a set of specialized furniture, board (screen) and technical / multimedia gadgets	Not necessary
Self-Work Class	Room for self-working (can be used for lecture and seminars activities), equipped with a set of specialized furniture, board (screen) and technical / multimedia gadgets and computers with an access to EIPES	Not necessary

6. METHODOLOGICAL SUPPORT AND LEARNING MATERIALS

Main readings:

1. Reus-Smit C., Snidal D. (ed.). The Oxford handbook of international relations. – OUP Oxford, 2010.
2. Davies T. (ed.). Routledge handbook of NGOs and international relations. – London : Routledge, 2019.
3. Carlsnaes W., Risse Th., Simmons B.A. (ed.) Handbook of international relations. – London: Sage, 2013.
4. Goldmann K. International Relations: An Overview //A New Handbook of Political Science. – 1996. – C. 401-27.
5. Chang T. K., Chang A. (ed.). Routledge Handbook of Asia in World Politics. – London : Routledge, 2017.
6. Magone J. M. (ed.). Routledge handbook of European politics. – London and New York : Routledge, 2015.
7. Biermann R., Koops J. A. Studying relations among international organizations in world politics: Core concepts and challenges //Palgrave handbook of inter-organizational relations in world politics. – 2017. – C. 1-46.
8. Gheciu A., Wohlforth W. C. (ed.). The Oxford handbook of international security. – Oxford University Press, 2018.
9. Kaarbo J., Thies C. G. (ed.). The Oxford handbook of foreign policy analysis. – Oxford University Press, 2024.
10. White, Philip L. (2006). "Globalization and the Mythology of the Nation State" In A.G. Hopkins, (ed.) Global History: Interactions Between the Universal and the Local (Basingstoke), pp. 257-284.

Additional readings:

1. Käpylä J., Mikkola H. Contemporary Arctic meets world politics: Rethinking Arctic exceptionalism in the age of uncertainty //The Global Arctic Handbook. – 2019. – P. 153-169.
2. Williams M. C. Why ideas matter in international relations: Hans Morgenthau, classical realism, and the moral construction of power politics //International organization. – 2004. – V. 58. – №. 4. – P. 633-665.
3. Steele B. J. Liberal-idealism: A constructivist critique //International Studies Review. – 2007. – V. 9. – №. 1. – P. 23-52.

4. Pekkanen S. M., Ravenhill J., Foot R. (ed.). Oxford handbook of the international relations of Asia. – Oxford University Press, 2014.
5. Atkins G. P. Handbook of research on the international relations of Latin America and the Caribbean. – Routledge, 2018.
6. Colomer, Josep. "Great Empires, Small Nations: The Uncertain Future of the Sovereign State" (1st (e-Book) ed.). Routledge.
7. Victor J. N., Montgomery A. H., Lubell M. (ed.). The Oxford handbook of political networks. – Oxford University Press, 2017.

Internet sources:

ELS RUDN University and third party EBS, to which university students have access based signed contracts:

- RUDN Electronic Library System, <http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web> ;
- ELS University Library Online, <http://www.biblioclub.ru> ;
- EBS Urayt, <http://www.biblio-online.ru> ;
- ELS Student Consultant, <http://www.studentlibrary.ru> ;
- EBS Lan, <http://e.lanbook.com> ;
- EBS Trinity Bridge <http://www.trmost.ru>

Databases and search engines:

- Electronic fund of legal and normative-technical documentation, <http://docs.cntd.ru> ;
- Yandex search system [https:// www .yandex.ru](https://www.yandex.ru) ;
- Google search system <https://www.google.com> ;
- Reference database Scopus , <http://www.elsevier.com/locate/scopus>

Educational and methodological materials for students' self-work studying the discipline / module:

A course of lectures on the discipline «International Relations, Global and Regional Studies».

7. ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT AND GRADING SYSTEM FOR MIDTERM ATTESTATION OF STUDENTS IN THE DISCIPLINE (MODULE)

Assessment toolkit and a grading system to evaluate the level of competences (competences in part) formation as the course results are specified on the TUIS platform.

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