

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: GLOBAL POLITICS AFTER 9/11
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: St Helens College

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 12.00
Total Delivered Hours: 31.50
Total Learning Hours: 120
Private Study: 88

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12.000
Seminar	15.000
Tutorial	3.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS1	Presentation (weeks 8-10) 20 minutes plus 1000 word paper	30.0	
Exam	AS2	One seen exam, end of semester (week 13)	70.0	1.50

Aims

To examine the impact on international relations, British politics and Anglo-US relations of the terrorist attacks that took place on 9/11, and developments since. To evaluate a range of responses to the significance of recent international events from a variety of ideological perspectives. To analyse the contemporary role of ideology within a global context and developments in US politics since 9/11, particularly in relation to the Iraq War and

the "War on Terror" and in the light of international relations theory and international law.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify major strands in international relations theory and use these to interpret recent developments in international politics.
- 2 Evaluate contemporary theories of cultural and civilisational conflict in the light of recent events.
- 3 Discuss US and Anglo-US policy in relation to the "War on Terror", Afghanistan and Iraq in the light of the tenets of international law.
- 4 Critically discuss responses to the events of 9/11 and subsequent developments from a number of ideological perspectives (e.g. Marxist, postmodernist, Islamist, neo-conservative, liberal internationalist)
- 5 Critically examine a text or texts relevant to the study of contemporary international politics.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Presentation of 20 mins	1	3	4
EXAM	2	5	

Outline Syllabus

Introduction to International Relations Theory: From Hobbes and Neo-Realism to postmodern approaches to international relations.

The Historical Context: From Cold War to the War on Terror.

The British Perspective: Anglo-US Relations & the "special relationship"; Britain as a "bridge" between America and Europe. America v. Europe.

US perspectives on global politics after 9/11: neo-conservatism & liberal internationalism. The Obama presidency.

S.P. Huntington and the "Clash of Civilisations" debate.

Edward Said, "Orientalism" and Islamism.

The Iraq War and its aftermath.

Human rights and civil liberties in the context of the global "War on Terror".

Climate Change and the limits of politics.

Learning Activities

Lectures. Seminars involving student presentations where appropriate, and group discussion. Individual tutorials. Group work where appropriate. Individual student research, including use of the internet, and library research. Essay planning and writing.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Baudrillard, J.
Publishing Year	2002
Title	The Spirit of Terrorism
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Verso
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Burchill, S. et al
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Theories of International Relations
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Palgrave
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Gray, J.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Al Qaeda and What it Means to be Modern
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Faber & Faber
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Huntington, S.P.
Publishing Year	2002
Title	The Clash of Civilisations
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Free Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Kagan, R.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Paradise & Power
Subtitle	
Edition	

Publisher	Atlanta Books
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Said, E.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Orientalism
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Penguin
ISBN	

Notes

This module allows students to explore the changing place of Britain in the world, and to examine a range of major issues, theories and texts relating to international politics including: the "clash of civilizations" thesis and the concept of "orientalism"; the influence of US neoconservatism and the Iraq War; the unfolding Obama presidency and its impact on global politics; and ideological perspectives on political developments since 9/11.

Baudrillard sees the power of the terrorists as lying in the symbolism of slaughter "not merely the reality of death, but in a sacrifice that challenges the whole system. Where previously the old revolutionary sought to conduct a struggle between real forces in the context of ideology and politics, the new terrorist mounts a powerful symbolic challenge which, when combined with high-tech resources, constitutes an unprecedented assault on an over-sophisticated and vulnerable West. This new edition is up-dated with the essays 'Hypotheses on Terrorism' and 'Violence of the Global'. The spirit of terrorism 135. goes far beyond the hatred of the underprivileged and the exploited toward the dominant global power, of those who fell on the wrong side of the world order. This malicious desire is at the heart of all those who share the benefits. The new rules are ferocious, because the stakes are so high. To a system whose surplus of power does not allow any challenges, terrorists respond with a definitive act also impossible to duplicate. Terrorism is an act that restores an irreducible particularity in the middle of a generalized exchange system. All particularities (species, individuals, cultures) which today challenge the establishment of global circulation directed by one single power take their revenge with their death through this terrorist transformation of the situation .. The Spirit of Terrorism book. Read 63 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Until September 11 we had had no symbolic event on a world ... Terrorism is meaningless, it is the extreme event, attempt, of those outside global power to humiliate by refusing to act in a way that can be logically understood. Terrorism is not "real" & therein | Baudrillard talks of terrorism beyond the parameters it is usually discussed in. You won't find much mention of political or historical specificity or attempts to find causation or "meaning" in terrorism. For him, it is beyond a theory of "clash of civilizations," beyond discussions of Good & Evil.