

COURSE SYLLABUS

1. Information about the study program

1.1 University	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of History and Philosophy
1.3 Department	International Studies and Contemporary History
1.4 Field of study	Security Studies
1.5 Study cycle (BA/MA)	BA
1.6 Study program/Qualification	Security Studies

2. Information about the subject

2.1 Course title	Regional Geopolitics							
2.2 Course tutor	Lect. dr. Marius Lazar							
2.3 Seminar tutor	Lect. dr. Marius Lazar							
2.4 Year of study	2	2.5 Semester	4	2.6 Type of assessment	E	2.7 Course status	Contents	
							Mandatory	DD

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	4	of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	1
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	56	of which: 3.5 course	28	3.6 seminar/laboratory	14
Time distribution					Hours
Study based on textbook/course manual/recommended reading/personal notes					30
Additional research in the library, by accessing scientific databases, or during field work					10
Preparation for seminars/laboratory classes, essays, portfolios and reports					20
Tutoring					
Assessment (examinations)					9
Other activities					
3.7 Total hours for individual study		69			
3.8 Total hours per semester		125			
3.9 Number of credits		5			

4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1 Curriculum	Not the case
4.2 Skills	Not the case

5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. For delivering lectures	• -
5.2. For teaching seminars/laboratory classes	• -

6. Acquired specific competences

Professional competences	Ability to apply assimilated knowledge to analyse rivalries, risks, threats and conflicts in contemporary societies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valorisation of the theoretical and practical skills acquired for analysis activities, field research, negotiation, dissemination of knowledge in scientific circles or in the public space, continuation of research activity by integration in national or international doctoral programs
Transversal competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The timely, rigorous and responsible fulfilment, in conditions of efficiency and effectiveness, of professional tasks, respecting the principles of the ethics of scientific activity, the rigorous application of the citation rules and the rejection of plagiarism.

7. Course objectives (derived from the specific competences acquired)

7.1 General objective of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarization with the main rivalries and contemporary geopolitical dynamics of the great regional ensembles and the great world powers
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assimilation of geopolitical analysis methods • Familiarization with the geopolitical realities specific to the regions and the great world powers • Ability to use the acquired conceptual and methodological tools

8. Contents

8.1 Lectures	Teaching methods	Remarks
Geopolitics - general Principles	Presentation/debate	
US Geopolitics	Presentation/debate	
Russian Geopolitics	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitics Europe	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitics- Euro-Mediterranean	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitics Middle East	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitics of the Persian Gulf	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitics Subsaharan Africa	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitics of Balcan, Caucasus, Central Asia	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitics Indian Subcontinent	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitics AfPak (Afghanistan-Pakistan)	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitics of the Est Asia	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitics- South-Est Asia	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitics- Latin America	Presentation/debate	
Bibliography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aymeric Chauprade, Francois Thual, Dictionar de geopolitică, Corint, 2003 • Yves Lacoste, Dictionnaire de géopolitique, Flammarion, 1994 • Saul Bernard Cohen, Geopolitics. The Geography of International Relations, Rowman & Littlefield, 2015 • Michel Fucher, Fronts et frontières: un tour du monde géopolitique, Fayard, 1991 Optional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ander Armstrong, Geopolitics of European Union Enlargement: The Fortress Empire, Routledge, 2007 • Andrew Small, The China-Pakistan Axis: Asia's New Geopolitics, Oxford University Press, 2015 • Filip Reyntjens, The Great African War. Congo and Regional Geopolitics, 1960-2006, Cambridge University Press, 2011 • Frank Tétart (ed.), Géographie des conflits, Sedes, 2011 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Chapman, The Geopolitics of South Asia, Ashgate, 2009 • Hrair Dekmejian, Hovann Simonian, Troubled Waters: The Geopolitics of the Caspian Region, I.B. Tauris, 2003 • Jack Mangala, New Security Threats and Crises in Africa: Regional and International Perspectives, Palgrave Macmillan, 2010 		
8.2 Seminars	Teaching methods	Remarks
Geopolitics: general principles	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of USA	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of Russia	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of Europe	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of Mediterranean	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of Middle East	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of Gulf of Persic	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of sub-Saharan	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of Balkans, Caucasus and Central Asia	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of indian subcontinent	Debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of AfPak(Afghanistan- Pakistan)	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of East Asia	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of South East Asia	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of Latin America	debate/analysis	
Climate change and environmental security	debate/analysis	
Recap	Debate/analysis	
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9. Validating course contents based on the expectations of epistemic communities, professional associations and of potential employers related to the field of study.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The discipline was developed in accordance with the works in the field, published in the country and abroad; • Some of the topics in the course include relevant issues that are the subject of concern of relevant institutions or international scientific conferences, including debates in international journals.

10. Assessment (examination)

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Weight in the final grade
10.4 Lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assimilation and understanding of the information presented in the course and after reading the required bibliography 	Research project	6
10.5 Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assimilation and understanding of the information presented in the 	Reading sheets	3

	course and after reading the required bibliography		
10.6 Basic performance standard			1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debates, activities 			

Date	Course tutor's signature	Seminar tutor's signature
Date of department endorsement	Head of department's signature	
Date of Dean's endorsement	Signature of the vice-Dean in charge	Faculty stamp