

ECTS Syllabus

Course Title	Politics of the Global South				
Course Code	PGT-304				
Course Type	Elective				
Level	1 st Cycle				
Year / Semester	3 rd Year				
Teacher's Name	Hubert Faustmann				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories / week	N/A
Course Purpose and Objectives	Course Purpose: The course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the political dynamics, socio-economic challenges, and historical contexts that shape the nations of the Global South. By examining the political structures, governance models, and development trajectories of countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, students will gain insights into the complexities and diversities that characterize these regions. The course will explore themes such as colonialism, post-colonialism, globalization, democratization, and economic development, highlighting the interconnectedness of these regions with the rest of the world. The ultimate goal is to equip students with analytical tools and knowledge to critically assess the political realities and contribute to informed discussions on global justice, development, and policy-making. Course Objectives ○ Analyze the historical impact of colonialism and imperialism on the political development of Global South countries. ○ Examine the legacies of colonial rule and their influence on contemporary political and socio-economic structures. ○ Compare and contrast different political systems and governance models across the Global South. ○ Assess the role of state institutions, political parties, and civil society in shaping political outcomes. ○ Identify and evaluate key socio-economic challenges such as poverty, inequality, and corruption. ○ Investigate the effects of globalization on the political and economic landscapes of the Global South.				

	○ Analyze the role of international organizations, foreign aid, and trade policies in shaping domestic and international politics. ○ Study the processes and challenges of democratization in various Global South countries. ○ Assess the role of identity politics and ethnic conflicts in shaping political landscapes. ○ Engage in critical discussions and debates on key political issues facing the Global South.		
Learning Outcomes	After completion of the course students are expected to be able to: • Be equipped with a nuanced understanding of the political dynamics of the Global South, capable of engaging in informed discussions and contributing to solutions for global challenges. • Students will be able to critically analyze the historical impacts of colonialism and imperialism on the political and socio-economic development of countries in the Global South, demonstrating an understanding of how past events shape present conditions. • Students will demonstrate the ability to compare and contrast different political systems and governance models across the Global South, identifying key similarities and differences, and evaluating their effectiveness and challenges. • Students will be able to identify major socio-economic challenges faced by countries in the Global South and propose informed and viable strategies for addressing issues such as poverty, inequality, and corruption. • Students will critically assess the impacts of globalization on the political and economic landscapes of Global South countries, including the roles played by international organizations, foreign aid, and trade policies. • Students will demonstrate an understanding of the processes and challenges of democratization in various Global South contexts, including the ability to analyze case studies of both successful and unsuccessful democratic transitions. • Students will be able to evaluate the influence of cultural, religious, and social dynamics on political behavior and policy-making in the Global South, with a particular focus on identity politics and ethnic conflicts.		
Prerequisites	N/A	Required	N/A
Course Content	1. Comparing and Defining an Interdependent World. 2. Precolonial History: What Once Was, and Why It Matters. 3. Colonialism and Resistance: Gold, God, and Glory. 4. The Global Economy: What the Pandemic Reveals. 5. Aid, Trade, and Debt: Contending Views on Development. 6. Civil Society Takes on the State. 7. Linking Concepts and Cases. 8. Violence: The Call to Arms.		

	9. Democracy: Reform, Reconfiguration, or Disintegration? 10. Authoritarianism's Appeal: Why Now? 11. Sovereignty and the Role of International Organizations. 12. Confronting Global Challenges. 13. The Global South and the United States: Friends or Foes? 14. Looking Forward: Responses to Interdependence.				
Teaching Methodology	Lectures, Student Presentations, Class discussions				
Bibliography					
	Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
	Comparative Politics of the Global South: Linking Concepts & Cases	December Green & Laura Nuhrmann	Lynne Rienner, 5 th Edition	2022	978-1955055550
	International Relations from the Global South: Worlds of Difference	Arlene B. Tickner (ed.)	Routledge	2020	978-1138799103
	The Global South: History, Politics, Maps	Pamila Gupta (ed)	Duke University Press	2018	978-1478000983
	Power and Politics in the Global South: A Comparative Study for Students	Oleg Petrov	Independent	2023	978-8119855575
	The Poorer Nations. A Possible History of the Global South	Vijay Prashad	Verso	2014	978-781681589
Assessment	Class Participation, Class Presentations, Mid-Term, Final-Exam				
Language	English				