

Selected Topics Courses Fall 2021

INAF 5429 G Europe in the Changing World Order
Visiting Scholar

Powerful international challenges and crises have driven an evolution in EU external action. In the 21st century, Europe finds itself between an introvert America and a resurgent Russia. This course will analyze European perceptions of the US's changed strategic trajectory and its impact on policy changes in Europe. In this context we will examine trade issues and policies as well as changes in the European dependence on the Atlantic security structure. The course will also tackle the questions surrounding the challenges of a resurgent Russia for the world order as well as for relations between the European Union and the United States. The course will also look at the "near abroad" of the EU, i.e. Ukraine and the states of the Eastern Partnership as well as the Middle-East and North Africa. The course will conclude on a fundamental question: does the EU still matter?

INAF 5459 F Practice of Trade Negotiations

This is a skills-based course on how to design and implement a government's trade negotiations strategy. The course will examine each stage in trade negotiations, using real-life cases and simulations to apply the knowledge learned. Practical examples will be drawn from both the developed and developing worlds. The course is based on the experience of current and former trade negotiators and diplomats from Canada, the US, the UK, Russia, Africa, the Caribbean, and several Latin American and Asian countries.

Selected Topics Courses Winter 2022

INAF 5429 W Advanced Topics in Canadian Foreign Policy
Fen Hampson

This course is designed to provide students with a more complete understanding of the central elements of Canadian foreign policymaking process and to engage them in the details of policy formulation and development in an applied context. The course also aims to situate the discussion of Canadian foreign policy making within the broader milieu of a changing and turbulent international system and the challenges it poses to Canadian decision-makers. Some of the topics covered include Canada's relations with the United States and Emerging Market countries, Canada's competitiveness in the global economy, challenges to democracy and inclusiveness

and how Canada responds, the future of NATO and Canada's relations with authoritarian regimes, and Canada's response to the world refugee crisis.

INAF 5429 X The Applied History of Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
Michael Manulak

This course draws lessons from the detailed analysis of the history of diplomacy, foreign policy, and international organization. It emphasizes practical skills, such as diplomatic network analysis, coalition building, persuasion, and negotiation. Where and when possible, the course uses Canadian case studies as a means of maximizing concreteness and shedding light on Canadian international policy processes.

INAF 5449 W Transnational Crime: Dynamics, Implications, and Policy Responses
Jean Daudelin

The course explores the nature, determinants and implications of transnational crimes—human, economic and security-related, and both positive and negative—and assesses current policy and institutional responses. Among the subjects from which the class will pick its topics: corruption, tax evasion, drug trafficking, trafficking in people, counterfeiting, intellectual property theft, cyber-criminality, money laundering, and piracy.

INAF 5479 W Climate Change and International Affairs
Inger Weibust

This course will explore why climate change is a truly global problem and why that makes it very difficult to fix. There is a great imbalance between those historically responsible for climate change and those likely to bear the brunt of its effects. We will explore possible policy responses including international law and economic instruments. We will examine the evidence on climate change as a driver of armed conflict and forced migration.

INAF 5489 W COVID 19 And Its Impact On International Affairs
Val Percival

The COVID-19 pandemic has reverberated throughout the world, leaving no region untouched. While the full extent of COVID's impact on international affairs will take decades to clearly understand, some trends have emerged.

COVID has altered sources of power and vulnerability. The failure of international institutions to effectively navigate the pandemic and facilitate a coordinated international response has weakened multilateralism, including the United Nations. The pandemic has affected international trade and potentially undermined the case for increased globalization. The global economic impacts of COVID-related disruption will undoubtedly alter socio-economic development and exacerbate social and economic stresses in fragile and conflict affected states.

Yet COVID has also opened up avenues for cooperation. It has highlighted our shared vulnerability to health threats. And the stunning success of vaccine development demonstrates the power of science, its critical role in safeguarding human well-being, and the potential for science to contribute to global cooperation.

This course will explore the impact of COVID 19 on key dimensions of international affairs, including conflict, conflict management and international security; trade and the global economy; international institutions and diplomacy; as well as development and humanitarian engagement.