



## COURSE SYLLABUS

### 1. Information about the program

1.1 Higher Education Institution	Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca
1.2 Faculty	European Studies
1.3 Department	International Relations and German Studies
1.4 Field of study	International Relations and European Studies
1.5 Study level	Bachelor
1.6 Programme of study/ Qualification	International Relations, Foreign Politics and Crisis Management (in English)

### 2. Information about the discipline

2.1 Module	<b>Area Studies:</b> Tensiuni, crize și conflicte în Asia (Tensions, crises and conflicts in Asia)						
2.2 Course holder	Lect. Ana Pantea, PhD						
2.3 Seminar holder	Lect. Ana Pantea, PhD						
2.4 Year of study	2	2.5 Semester	3	2.6. Type of assessment <sup>1</sup>	C	2.7 Type of module <sup>2</sup>	OP

### 3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 No. of hours per week	2	3.1 of which for course	1	3.3 of which for seminar	1
3.4 Total no. of hours in the curriculum	28	3.5 of which for course	14	3.6 of which for seminar	14
Time distribution:					Hours
Study by using handbook, reader, bibliography and course notes					33
Additional library/specialised online research, field research					15
Preparation of seminars/laboratories, homework, projects, portfolios and essays					15
Tutoring					10
Examinations					10
Other activities: .....					
3.7 Total no. of hours for individual study	62				
3.8 Total no. of hours per semester	42				
3.9 No. of ETCS credit points	6				

### 4. Prerequisites (where applicable)

4.1 of curriculum	•
4.2 of competencies	•

<sup>1</sup> E - exam, ME - multi-term examinations, C - collocutional examination/assessment test

<sup>2</sup> OB - core module, OP - elective module, F - extracurricular module

## 5. Conditions (where applicable)

5.1 For the development of the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>
5.2 For the development of the seminar/laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>

## 6. Specific skills acquired

Professional skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Learning about approaches towards international relations through the analysis of scholarly texts</li><li>To equip students with latest techniques in research on the subject and reflect on future possibilities</li></ul>
Interdisciplinary skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Critical thinking</li><li>Combining individual work with team work</li><li>Using interdisciplinary frames for addressing the social aspects of international relations</li></ul>

## 7. Course objectives (based on list of acquired skills)

7.1 General objective	Acquiring interdisciplinary analytical tools for the understanding of international relations
7.2 Specific objectives	<p>East Asian region, composed of China, Korea and Japan, in the recent period is exhibiting diverse security challenges. As East Asia rises comprehensively in hard and soft power configurations recently, it also faces formidable security challenges in both traditional and non-traditional spheres. With the disintegration of the then Soviet Union, security aspects are being studied in traditional and non-traditional areas and these present rich research possibilities. As several traditional and non-traditional security challenges are cross-border, or even trans-continental, in nature and impact, this course introduces such themes with emphasis on the Chinese and East Asian perspectives.</p> <p>The core objectives of this course are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>to provide an understanding and analysis on the thought and processes of traditional and non-traditional security aspects of China and East Asia, with emphasis on internal debates;</li><li>to equip students with latest techniques in research on the subject and reflect on future possibilities</li></ul>

## 8. Contents

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	
<b><u>I Traditional Security Issues:</u></b> Historical & Theoretical discussions: General and East Asian debates	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>“Vertical and Horizontal Alliances”</u></b> Construction and practice of security Debates on power, peace, security, and stability	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>Sovereignty and Territorial Disputes</u></b> - land and maritime dimensions	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>Wars &amp; Conflict</u></b> Korean War, India-China Border skirmishes of 1962, Sino-Soviet Border skirmishes of 1969, Sino-Vietnam war 1979, Taiwan Straits crises	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>Potential Conflict scenarios</u></b> Taiwan, Korean Peninsula, South China Sea, Senkaku Islands, Kurile islands, Tawang	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>China and East Asian Militaries 1</u></b> Organisational and Structural aspects, Civil-Military relations Defence Strategy, Campaign & Tactics Conventional (army, navy and air force) & Strategic Arms	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>China and East Asian Militaries 2</u></b> Military Logistics, Education, Training & Exercises Defence Industry, Budget & Civilian Production	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>II Non-traditional Security Issues</u></b> Theoretical Issues “New Security Concept”	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>Terrorism</u></b> Background, causes and organizations Unilateral & multilateral counter-terror efforts	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>Internal Security and Potential Crisis</u></b> Historical features and current realities Rising inequalities, law & order issues and social unrest. Border Issues & Security – Consolidation, trade, smuggling, domination, Police Forces	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>Energy Crisis</u></b> From self-sufficiency to net importers of oil Conventional and renewable forms - coal, oil and gas, hydro-electricity, solar, nuclear and wind. Sustainability and affordability of energy resources. Pipelines & international issues	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>Environmental Security</u></b> Water, river diversification and dams Soil erosion, desertification	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>Pollution and climate change</u></b> International effects	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>Migration Crisis</u></b> Causes and effects Historical & current migrations - to Siberia, Japan, Central Asia, Myanmar, India	Interactive presentations/discussions	
<b><u>Health Security</u></b>	Interactive	

"Barefoot doctors", drugs, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Bird Flu	presentations/discussions	
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8.2 Seminar / Laboratory	Teaching methods	
1. The charming offensive of China. The smart power principle.	Interactive presentations/discussions	
2. Russian-Chinese relationship. A brief history of tensions after 1961. Cooperation Treaty in 2001 and its consequences.	Interactive presentations/discussions	
3. India-Chinese relationship. Potential tensions	Interactive presentations/discussions	
4. Role of BRICS today. Can the future be predicted?	Interactive presentations/discussions	
5. Kazakhstan and the Eurasian Economic Community.	Interactive presentations/discussions	
6. China – ASEAN relationship. Economics, military and legal size.	Interactive presentations/discussions	
7. There is soft power in the PRC? The interpretation of Kissinger's perspective on XXI century China.	Interactive presentations/discussions	

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Muthiah Alagappa (ed.), *Asian Conceptions of Security*, Palo Alto, California: Stanford University Press, 1998.  
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David Baldwin, "Security Studies and the End of the Cold War", in *World Politics*, vol. 48 (October 1995) pp. 117-41  
Thomas Biersteker, Cynthia Weber (eds.), *State Sovereignty as Social Construct* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996.  
Ken Booth (ed.), *New Thinking About Strategy and International Security*, London: Harper Collins, 1991.  
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Barry Buzan, *People, States and Fear: An Agenda for International Security Studies in the Post-Cold War Era* (Boulder, Colo: Westview Press, 2010.

## 9. The correspondence between the content of the course and the expectations of the academic community, professional associations and representative employers in the field:

- The course contributes to the formation of specialists with an interdisciplinary scholarly knowledge and abilities for a critical and contextual understanding of international relations, in particular of the impact of international politics on people's social life.

## 10. Assessment

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course	Ability to interpret scholarly texts	Course work and elaboration of three handouts	60%
10.5 Seminar/Laboratory	Ability to elaborate individual and collective projects and to debate	Project presentations	40%
10.6 Minimum standard of performance			
• 50% (Grade 5)			

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