



## COURSE SYLLABUS SLE0043

### 1. Information about the program

1.1 Higher Education Institution	Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca
1.2 Faculty	European Studies
1.3 Department	European Studies and Governance
1.4 Field of study	International Relations and European Studies
1.5 Study level	Bachelor
1.6 Programme of study/ Qualification	International Relations and European Studies (in English)

### 2. Information about the discipline

2.1 Module	<b>Sociology of International Relations</b>						
2.2 Course holder	Prof. Eniko Vincze, PhD						
2.3 Seminar holder	TA Ana Pantea, PhD						
2.4 Year of study	2	2.5 Semester	2	2.6. Type of assessment <sup>1</sup>	E	2.7 Type of module <sup>2</sup>	OB

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

3.1 No. of hours per week	3	3.1 of which for course	2	3.3 of which for seminar	1
3.4 Total no. of hours in the curriculum	42	3.5 of which for course	28	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	5				

### 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	•
5.2 For the development of the seminar/laboratory	•

## 6. Specific skills acquired

<b>Professional skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning about approaches towards international relations through the analysis of scholarly texts</li> <li>• Applying theoretical knowledge on the analysis of current issues of globalization and international human rights regimes</li> </ul>
<b>Interdisciplinary skills</b>	<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>Developing the ability to critically address the politics of international relations and its impact on the society</p> <p>Facilitating the critical understanding of phenomena like globalization and human rights regimes in the context of the political economy of capitalism</p> <p>Promoting cooperation between students and their ability to debate around critical issues of the day</p> <p>Applying theoretical knowledge for understanding some current problems in the Romanian society, such as violation of human rights, increasing social inequalities, austerity policies</p>

## 8. Contents

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	
Sociology as sciencing on modern societies and nation states	Lecture, interactive interpretation of text	<p>Max Weber, Sociological Writings. Edited by Wolf Heydebrand, 1994 by Continuum.</p> <p>Daniel Chernilo: A Social Theory of the Nation-State: The Political Forms of</p>

		Modernity Beyond Methodological Nationalism
Sociological paradigms facing global challenges	Lecture, interactive interpretation of text	Alan Spector: Marxist Sociology and Humanist Sociology: Diversity, Intersections, and Convergence  Dimitri Della Faille and Neil McLaughlin: Sociology's Global Challenge  Claudia Buchmann: Education and social justice in a global age: internationalizing sociological teaching and research
International relations - as scientific inquiry of international politics	Lecture, interactive interpretation of text	Jeffry A. Frieden and David A. Lake: International Relations as a Social Science: Rigor and Relevance  Globalization: The nation- state and international relations
Critiques of international relations theory	Lecture, interactive interpretation of text	Sanjah Seth: The Limits of International Relations Theory: A Postcolonial Critique
Sociological approaches towards international relations	Lecture, interactive interpretation of text	George Lawson and Robbie Shilliam: Sociology and international relations: legacies and prospects  Martin Show: Sociological approaches towards international relations
The history of the politics of globalization		Michael Lang: Globalization and Its History  Douglas Kellner: Theorizing Globalization  Vidya S. A. Kumar: A Critical Methodology of Globalization: Politics of the 21st Century?
Debates around globalization	Lecture, interactive interpretation of text	Mauro F. Guillen: Is Globalization Civilizing, Destructive or Feeble? A Critique of Five Key Debates in the Social Science Literature  Roger Burbach and

		William I. Robinson: The Fin De Siede Debate: Globalization as Epochal Shift
Capitalism and globalization	Lecture, interactive interpretation of text	Miguel Bandeira Jeronimo: For a plural historical sociology of imperialism and colonialism  Waiden Bello: Globalization in Retreat: Capitalist Overstretch, Civil Society and the Crisis of the Globalist Project  Michael Mann: The end of capitalism?
Globalization and inequality	Lecture, interactive interpretation of text	Melinda Mills Globalization and Inequality  Seymour Spilerman: How Globalization Has Impacted Labour: A Review Essay
Neoliberal globalization and politics of austerity	Lecture, interactive interpretation of text	Kelly Moore, Daniel Lee Kleinman, David Hess and Scott Frickel: Science and neoliberal globalization: a political sociological approach  Aaron Major: Transnational State Formation and the Global Politics of Austerity
Sociological and anthropological approaches to human rights	Lecture, interactive interpretation of text	Gideon Sjoberg, Elizabeth A. Gill and Norma Williams: A Sociology of Human Rights  Mark Goodale: Toward a Critical Anthropology of Human Rights  Thomas Buergenthal and Judith V. Torney: Expanding the International Human Rights Research Agenda
Human rights as international and national issue	Lecture, interactive interpretation of text	Jack Donnelly: International Human Rights: A Regime Analysis  Jeong-Woo Koo and Francisco O. Ramirez: National Incorporation of Global Human Rights: Worldwide Expansion of National Human Rights Institutions, 1966-2004
International treaties and human rights	Lecture, interactive	Eric Neumayer: Do

	interpretation of text	International Human Rights Treaties Improve Respect for Human Rights? Wade M. Cole: Human Rights as Myth and Ceremony? Reevaluating the Effectiveness of Human Rights Treaties, 1981–2007 V. N. Viswanathan: Human rights in a globalized world - The Indian Experiences
<b>Bibliography</b>		
<b>See in the right column from above</b>		
8.2 Seminar / Laboratory	Teaching methods	
Sociology going public	Analysis and debates	Michael Burawoy: For Public Sociology Susan Stall: Civic sociology
Sociological approaches towards international relations	Project presentation and debates	William I. Robinson: Beyond Nation-State Paradigms: Globalization, Sociology, and the Challenge of Transnational Studies Trine Villumsen Berling: Bourdieu, International Relations, and European security
International relations viewed through globalization	Analysis and debates	Ian Clark: Beyond the Great Divide: Globalization and the Theory of International Relations Luke Martell: The Third Wave in Globalization Theory Neil Brenner: Beyond State-Centrism? Space, Territoriality, and Geographical Scale in Globalization Studies
Globalization and inequality	Project presentation and debate	Sandra Buchholz, Dirk Hofäcker, Melinda Mills, Hans-Peter Blossfeld, Karin Kurz and Heather Hofmeister: Life Courses in the Globalization Process: The Development of Social Inequalities in Modern Societies
Neoliberal globalization and its critiques	Analysis and debate	David Brady and Ryan Denniston: Economic Globalization, Industrialization and

		Deindustrialization in Affluent Democracies David O. Friedrichs and Jessica Friedrichs: The World Bank and Crimes of Globalization: A Case Study
Human rights as an international issue	Project presentation and debate	Louise I. Shelley: Human Rights as an International Issue
Analysis and debate		Thomas M. Franck: Are Human Rights Universal? Ellen Messer: Pluralist Approaches to Human Rights Emilie M. Hafner-Burton and Kiyoteru Tsutsui: Human Rights in a Globalizing World: The Paradox of Empty Promises
<b>Bibliografie</b> See in the right column from above		

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul> |
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**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			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% (Grade 5)</li> </ul>			

Date  
1<sup>st</sup> of February 2016

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Eniko Vincze

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