



COURSE SYLLABUS

1. Information about the program

1.1 Higher Education Institution	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	European Studies Faculty
1.3 Department	International Relations and German Studies
1.4 Field of study	International Relations and European Studies
1.5 Study level	BA
1.6 Programme of study/ Qualification	International Relations and European Studies

2. Information about the discipline

2.1 Module	Introduction to Geopolitics						
2.2 Course holder	Assist. Professor Monica Meruþiu, PhD						
2.3 Seminar holder	Assist. Professor Monica Meruþiu, PhD						
2.4 Year of study	1	2.5 Semester	1	2.6. Type of assessment ¹	E.	2.7 Type of module ²	OP

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 No. of hours per week	4	3.1 of which for course	2	3.3 of which for seminar	2
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					14
Additional library/specialised online research, field research					10
Preparation of seminars/laboratories, homework, projects, portfolios and essays					14
Tutoring					10
Examinations					8

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

² OB - core module, OP - elective module, F - extracurricular module

Other activities:		
3.7 Total no. of hours for individual study	28	
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	• --

5. Conditions (where applicable)

5.1 For the development of the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Required readings
5.2 For the development of the seminar/laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reader for the seminar • Attendance at least 75% of the seminars • Participation in debates

6. Specific skills acquired

Professional skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the permanence of geographical conditionings upon human society • Acquiring the ability to analyze the specific ways in which the inner-continental and maritime powers interacted with spaces • Understanding the relationship between power and space • Revealing the importance of access to natural resources, transportation routes and communication.
Interdisciplinary skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning the terminology of the History and the Theory of International Relations • Understanding the types of analysis of related subject areas as, International Economics, Military Strategy

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

7.1 General objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the intellectual and political process that led to the emergence and formation of geopolitical thinking • Assimilation and understanding the Geopolitics concepts and terminology • Acquiring the ability to discuss the role that power and spaces plays as objectives of international actors
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying relationships between settings and geographic locations and how they were structured differently in certain cultural, political and economic entities.

8. Contents

8.1 Lecture	Teaching methods	Observations
1-2. What is geopolitics? The area of study. Methodological tools, terminology, concepts commonly used.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
3-5. The formation of geopolitics as a discipline of its own. The Main schools.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
6. Cold War Geopolitics.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
7. Post Cold War Geopolitics.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
8. Critical Geopolitics.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
9. Environmental Geopolitics.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
10. Geopolitics of Terrorism.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
11. Anti-Geopolitics.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
12. The Geopolitics of Identity.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
13. Popular Geopolitics.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
14. Final Remarks and Conclusions.		

Bibliography:

Agnew, John, Katharyne Mitchell, Gerard Toal eds., *A Companion to Companion Political Geography*, Blackwell Publishing, 2003

Brzezinski, Zbigniew, *The Grand Chessboard. American Supremacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives*, New York, 1997

Cohen, Saul Bernard, *Geopolitics of the World System*, Oxford, UK, 2003

Demko, George J., William B. Wood, eds., *Reordering the World. Geopolitical perspectives on the 21st Century*, Westview Press, 1999

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Kissinger, Henry, *Diplomacy*, New York, 1994

Parker, Noel, ed., *The Geopolitics of Europe's Identity Centers, Boundaries, and Margins*, New York, 2008

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Petersen, Alexandros, *The World Island. Eurasian Greopolitics and the Fate of the West*, Praeger, 2011

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Walberg, Eric, *Postmodern Imperialism. Geopolitics and the Great Games*, Clarity Press, Inc, 2011

8.2 Seminar / Laboratory	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Organizational details: requirements for seminar activity, presentation of reader and bibliography, organization of the final examination		

2. Key Concepts for Understanding Geopolitics	Text analysis, debate	Readings: COLIN FLINT, 2006, "A Framework for Understanding Geopolitics," from Introduction to Geopolitics PHIL KELLY, 2016, "Preface," and "Introduction," from Classical Geopolitics. A New Analytical Model
3. Imperialist Geopolitics	Text analysis, debate	Readings: ADOLF HITLER, 1942, "Eastern Orientation or Eastern Policy?," from Mein Kampf KARL HAUSHOFER, 1948, "Defense of German Geopolitics", from Total Power: A Footnote to History. HALFORD J.MACKINDER, 1904, "The Geographical Pivot of History", from Geographical Journal THEODORE ROOSEVELT, 1905, "The Roosevelt Corollary", from A Compilation of Messages and Papers of the Presidents KARL HAUSHOFER, 1942, "Why Geopolitik?," from The World of General Haushofer
4. Cold War Geopolitics	Text analysis, debate	Readings: PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN, 1947, "The Truman Doctrine" from Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States GEORGE F. KENNAN, 1947, "The Sources of Soviet Conduct" from Foreign Affairs PATRICK O'SULLIVAN 1982 "Antidomino", from Political Geography Quarterly LEONID BREZHNEV, 1968, "The Brezhnev Doctrine", from Pravda END COMMITTEE, 1980, "Appeal for European Nuclear Disarmament (END)" from Protest and Survive
5. Cold War Geopolitics (II)	Text analysis, debate	Readings: ANDREI ZHDANOV, 1947, "Soviet Policy and World Politics", from The International Situation. POLICY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESENT DANGER, 1984, "Common Sense and the Common Danger" from <i>Alerting America: The Papers of the Committee on the Present Danger</i> MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, 1988, "New Political Thinking" from <i>Perestroika: New Thinking for Our Country and the World.</i>
6. New World Order Geopolitics	Text analysis, debate	Readings: FRANCIS FUKUYAMA, 1989, "The End of History?" from The National Interest PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH, 1991, "Toward a New World Order", from Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH, 1992, "The Hard Work of Freedom" from Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States SAMUEL P. HUNTINGTON, 1993, "The Clash of Civilizations?" from Foreign Affairs GEARÓID Ó TUATHAIL, 1996, "Samuel Huntington and the 'Civilizing' of Global Space" from Critical Geopolitics TIMOTHY W. LUKE, 1991, "The Discipline of Security Studies and the Codes of Containment: Learning from Kuwait" from Alternatives: Social Transformation and Humane Governance

7. The Geopolitics of Terrorism	Text analysis, debate	Readings: <i>The Unwinnable War</i> , an interview with Z. Baumann, Eurozine. THE GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM, CSIS-Baker Institute Task Force. Anne Applebaum, <i>The New World Order, America and the New Geopolitics</i> , Hoover Inst., 2002 Simon Dalby, <i>Calling 911: Geopolitics, Security and America's New War</i> , 2003.
8. Environmental Geopolitics	Text analysis, debate	Readings: ROBERT D.KAPLAN, 1994, "The Coming Anarchy" from The Atlantic Monthly SIMON DALBY, 1996, "Reading Robert Kaplan's 'Coming Anarchy'" from Ecumene THOMAS F. HOMER-DIXON, 1996, "Environmental Scarcity and Mass Violence" from Current History VACLAV SMIL, 1994, "Some Contrarian Notes on Environmental Threats to National Security" from Canadian Foreign Policy GARETH PORTER, 1995, "Environmental Security as a National Security Issue" from Current History MATTHIAS FINGER, 1991, "The Military, the Nation State and the Environment" from The Ecologist VANDANA SHIVA, 1993, "The Greening of Global Reach" from Global Ecology: A New Arena of Political Conflict
9. Identity and Geopolitics	Text analysis, debate	Readings: https://www.cfr.org/backgroundunder/china-taiwan-relations https://nationalinterest.org/feature/taiwan-back-geopolitical-menu-24972?page=0%2C1 https://www.e-ir.info/2015/05/05/russia-as-ukraines-other-identity-and-geopolitics/
10. Anti-Geopolitics (I)	Text analysis, debate	Readings: EDWARD SAID, 1984, "Orientalism Reconsidered" from Europe and Its Others, Volume 1 FRANTZ FANON, 1963, "Concerning Violence" from The Wretched of the Earth MARTIN LUTHER KING, 1986, "A Time to Break Silence" from A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr. VÁCLAV HAVEL, 1985, "The Power of the Powerless" from The Power of the Powerless
11. Anti-Geopolitics (II)	Text analysis, debate	Readings: E.P.THOMPSON, 1985, "America and the War Movement" from The Heavy Dancers GEORGE KONRAD, 1984, "Antipolitics: A Moral Force" from Antipolitics ABOUALI FARMANFARMAIAN, 1992, "Did You Measure Up? The Role of Race and Sexuality in the Gulf War" from Genders
12. The Geopolitics of Humanitarian Intervention	Text analysis, debate	Readings: https://www.cfr.org/backgroundunder/dilemma-humanitarian-intervention https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/immaculate-

		intervention-wars-humanitarianism http://sur.conectas.org/en/is-humanitarian-action-independent-political-interests/ Mayesha Alam, The Rohingya Crisis and the Risk to American Geopolitical Interests, 2017. MICHAEL H. FUCHS, DANIEL BENAİM, BLAINE JOHNSON, China Is Violating Uighurs' Human Rights. The United States Must Act, Foreign Affairs, 2019.
13. Critical Geopolitics	Text analysis, debate	Critical Geopolitics: Documentary and Open Debates
14. Final remarks and conclusions.		

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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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10. Assessment

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course/Lecture	7 points	Final written examination	70%
10.5 Seminar	3 points	1 p. (presentation, text analysis) 2 p. (seminar activity)	30%
10.6 Minimum standard of performance:			
Minimum four active seminar attendances (reading and discussing the required texts) Students shall pass the exam if they obtain at least the grade 5 in their written examination			

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