



### 1. Information about the program

1.1 Higher Education Institution	Babeș-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of European Studies
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	<b>Analysis of International Conflicts</b>						
2.2 Course holder	<b>Laura Herța, Ph.D</b>						
2.3 Seminar holder	<b>Ramona Neagoș, Asist. Dr.</b>						
2.4 Year of study	1	2.5 Semester	1	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					2
Additional library/specialised online research, field research					3
Preparation of seminars/laboratories, homework, projects, portfolios and essays					23
Tutoring					34
Examinations					12
Other activities: .....					23
3.7 Total no. of hours for individual study	94				
3.8 Total no. of hours per semester	150				
3.9 No. of ETCS credit points	4				

### 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>• Video-projector for the lecture</li> </ul>
5.2 For the development of the seminar/laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reader for the seminar</li> </ul>

## 6. Specific skills acquired

Professional skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of IR theories throughout the study of European and international processes</li> <li>• The use of analytical methodologies in the field of International Relations and European Affairs</li> <li>• Ensuring assistance in the field of international negotiations and mediation among groups having diverse interests</li> <li>• Ensuring assistance in the management of relations within institutions and organisations involved in international and European processes</li> </ul>
Interdisciplinary skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing information which is specific to solving contextual complex tasks, including also the use of an international language, proficient level</li> <li>• Applying efficient techniques regarding multidisciplinary teamwork</li> </ul>

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

7.1 General objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• providing skills pertaining to the analytic methodologies in order to frame and to correlate phenomena and events within international politics to fundamental concepts in International Relations and in order to design adequate interpretations of specific processes and strategies</li> </ul>
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• providing analytical skills for understanding and analyzing current events and phenomena within world politics, such as: armed conflicts, intra-state wars, secession, ethics and humanitarianism in the international society</li> <li>• facilitating an environment of study based on problematizing and providing students with opportunities to appropriate, internalize key elements of IR through group discussions, dialogue, and <i>problem-oriented</i> analyses.</li> <li>• development of reflective knowledge and analytical skills</li> </ul>

## 8. Contents

8.1 Lecture	Teaching methods	Observations
Introductory notions, explanation of basic terminology. Provision of students with requirements for the lecture and seminar and organisational details	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
Analyzing humanitarian intervention: definitions and origins of concept	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
Forms of UN intervention: peacekeeping, peace enforcement, peace making, post-conflict peace building	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
The analysis of humanitarian intervention: moral, doctrinal, and legal aspects. The Pluralist arguments	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
The analysis of humanitarian intervention: moral, doctrinal, and legal aspects. The Solidarist arguments	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
The responsibility to protect: emerging norm in world politics?	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
Interventions during the Cold War period (state practice, case studies and the reaction of the international community)	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
Humanitarian intervention and developments in the post-Cold War period (case study: creation of “safe havens” in northern Iraq)	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
Genocide and humanitarian intervention I (case study: colonialism and the construction of ethnic identity)	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
Genocide and humanitarian intervention II (case study: the intervention in Rwanda and the failure of international community)	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
State collapse and humanitarian intervention (case study: the intervention in Somalia)	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
Intra-state violence and humanitarian intervention (case study: the intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the limits of peacekeeping)	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
Kosovo – just war, humanitarian war? (case study: the intervention in Kosovo)	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
Peace enforcement and the responsibility to protect (case study: the intervention in Libya and its impact on non-intervention in Syria)	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
<b>Bibliography (optional):</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wheeler, Nicolas J./Bellamy, Alex J. (2016), “Humanitarian Intervention and world politics”, in: Baylis, Jon/Smith, Steve (eds.), <i>The Globalization of World Politics</i>, Oxford, pp. 514-534</li> <li>• J. L. Holzgrefe (2003), “Introduction”, in J. L. Holzgrefe; Robert O. Keohane, <i>Humanitarian Intervention. Ethical, Legal, and Political Dilemmas</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 15-52</li> <li>• International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (2001), <i>The Responsibility to Protect</i>, Ottawa: International Development Research Centre</li> <li>• Davis, Sara E.; Luke Glanville (2010), <i>Protecting the Displaced. Deepening the Responsibility to Protect</i>, Leiden, Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers</li> <li>• Pashakhanlou, Arash Heydarian (2017), “Air power in humanitarian intervention: Kosovo and Libya in comparative perspective”, <i>Defence Studies</i>, Volume 18, 2018 - Issue 1, pp. 39-57</li> </ul>		

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- Carey, Henry F. (2001), "U.S. Domestic Politics and the Emerging Humanitarian Intervention Policy: Haiti, Bosnia, and Kosovo", *World Affairs*, vol. 164, 2, Fall 2001, pp. 72-82
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- De Jonge Oudraat, Chantal (2000), "Humanitarian Intervention: The Lessons Learned", *Current History*, Dec. (00/641), pp. 419-429
- DiPrizio, Robert C. (2002), *Armed Humanitarians. U.S. Interventions from Northern Iraq to Kosovo*, Baltimore&London: The Johns Hopkins University Press
- Thomas G. Weiss (2007), *Humanitarian Intervention. Ideas in Action*, Cambridge UK: Polity Press
- Thomas G. Weiss; Don Hubert (2001), *The Responsibility to Protect: Supplementary Volume to the Report of ICISS*, Ottawa: International Development Research Center
- Michael Walzer (2006), *Just and Unjust Wars. A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, New York: Basic Books
- Terry Nardin, David R. Mapel, *Traditions of International Ethics*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992

8.2 Seminar / Laboratory	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Organizational details: requirements for seminar activity, presentation of reader and bibliography, organization of the final examination	Text analysis, debate	
2. The neglected war in Ethiopia	Text analysis, debate	<p>-James F. Phillips, Charlotte M. Roy &amp; Mulugeta Gebregziabher (2022), "The international humanitarian response to famine in Tigray, Ethiopia: lessons from the Nigerian Civil War", <i>Global Health Action</i>, Vol. 15, 2022.</p> <p>-Jon Abbink (2011), "Ethnic-based federalism and ethnicity in Ethiopia: reassessing the experiment after 20 years", <i>Journal of Eastern African Studies</i>, Vol. 5, No. 4, pp. 596-618</p>
3. Afghanistan and international security	Text analysis, debate	<p>-Adam Roberts, "Afghanistan and International Security", in <i>The War in Afghanistan: A legal analysis (International Law Studies. Volume 85)</i>, 2009.</p> <p>-Leoni Connah, "US intervention in Afghanistan: Justifying the unjustifiable?", in <i>South Asia Research</i>, Vol. 41 (1), pp. 70-86, 2021.</p> <p>-Sten Rynning, Paal Sigurd Hilde, "Operationally Agile but Strategically Lacking: NATO's Bruising Years in Afghanistan", <i>LSE Public Policy Review</i>, 2022, 2(3): 8, pp. 1-11.</p>

4. State failure, famine, and humanitarian war: the intervention in Somalia	Text analysis, debate	<p>-Laura Herta, "Suffering Civilians in Africa: Between the Justifications for Humanitarian War and the Ethics of Humanitarian Assistance – ICRC and MsF Perspectives –", <i>Studia UBB Europaea</i>, LVIII, 2, 2013, pp. 39 - 74</p> <p>-Nicholas Wheeler, "From Famine Relief to 'Humanitarian War': The US and UN Intervention in Somalia", in Nicholas Wheeler, <i>Saving Strangers. Humanitarian Intervention in International Society</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000, pp. 172-207.</p>
5. Intra-state violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the reaction of the international community	Text analysis, debate	<p>-John Janzekovic, "Ethnic Conflict in the Balkans 1992–1999. A Case Study", in John Janzekovic, <i>The Use of Force in Humanitarian Intervention. Morality and Practicalities</i>, Ashgate, 2006, pp. 159-190.</p> <p>-Nicholas Wheeler, "The Limits of Humanitarian Intervention from the Air: The Cases of Bosnia and Kosovo", in Nicholas Wheeler, <i>Saving Strangers. Humanitarian Intervention in International Society</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000, pp. 242-285.</p>
6. Humanitarian intervention and Libya: a milestone for RtoP?	Text analysis, debate	<p>-Jeffrey H. Michaels, "Able but not willing. A critical assessment of NATO's Libya intervention", in <i>The NATO intervention in Libya</i>, Routledge, 2013, pp. 17-40.</p> <p>-Sarah Brockmeier, Oliver Stuenkel, Marcos Tourinho "The Impact of the Libya Intervention. Debates on Norms of Protection", <i>Global Society</i>, 2015</p> <p>-Laura Herța, Adrian Corpădean, "The Responsibility to Protect in the Case of Libya. Perspectives and Arguments from BRICS Countries", in <i>Redefining Community in Intercultural Context RCIC'20. Migration &amp; Intercultural Dialogue</i>, Conference Proceedings, 'Henri Coandă' Air Force Academy Publishing House, 2020, pp. 57-62.</p>
7. Human Rights in a Changing World. Will Ukraine's tragedy spur UN Security Council reform?	Text analysis, debate	<p>- Eichensehr, Kristen E., Camia, Erin, Meyer, Katrina, et. all., <i>American Journal of International Law</i> Vol. 116 (2022), <i>Russian Invasion of Ukraine Draws Widespread—but Not Universal—Condemnation</i>, [<a href="https://uvalaw-scholarship.s3.amazonaws.com/CPUS_116_3_Jul2022_pt2_russian-invasion-draws-widespread-condemn.pdf">https://uvalaw-scholarship.s3.amazonaws.com/CPUS_116_3_Jul2022_pt2_russian-invasion-draws-widespread-condemn.pdf</a>]</p> <p>- Götz, Elias; Kaas Jonas Gejl, The Danish Institute for International Studies (2022), <i>The bear in the room. Russia's role in the UN Security Council - and what It means for the West</i> [<a href="https://www.diis.dk/en/research/the-bear-in-the-room">https://www.diis.dk/en/research/the-bear-in-the-room</a>]</p> <p>- Evans, Gareth, The Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect(2022), <i>Revitalizing the Struggle for Human Rights</i>, [<a href="https://www.globalr2p.org/publications/revitalizing-the-struggle-for-human-rights/">https://www.globalr2p.org/publications/revitalizing-the-struggle-for-human-rights/</a>]</p>
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#### Further optional reading:

- Phil Orchard, "Regime-Induced Displacement and Decision-Making within the United Nations Security Council: The Cases of Northern Iraq, Kosovo, and Darfur", in Sara E. Davies and Luke Glanville (eds.), *Protecting the Displaced. Deepening the Responsibility to Protect*, Leiden, Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2010, pp. 101-125.
- Laura M. Herta (2013), "Jus in Bello and the Solidarist Case for Humanitarian Intervention. From Theory to Practice", *Studia UBB Europaea*, LVIII, 1, 2013, pp. 5-48
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- Ian Holliday, "Ethics of Intervention: Just War Theory and the Challenge of the 21st Century", *International Relations*, vol. 17(2), 2003, pp. 115–133.

**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 discipline *Analysis of International Conflicts* prepares students for specific activities within institutions or NGOs preoccupied with conflict resolution, human rights, post-conflict peace-building, peace and reconciliation, secession and ethnic conflicts, analysis of foreign policy, or for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**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	2 p. (presentation, text analysis) 1 p. (overall 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.  
The re-examination will solely focus on a written exam (without seminar activity, but it will include questions from the seminar).

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