



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Geopolitics

1920-3-E4001N089

Learning objectives

The course provides the necessary knowledge to understand major geopolitical dynamics related to global climate change as well as to other critical issues, in order to make it possible for students to disentangle, understand, and frame the main issues of global climate politics and their implications on world politics.

Contents

The geopolitics of climate change and of other critical issues, energy and the fossil fuels regime, global climate politics and the implications on world politics.

Detailed program

The course explores the geopolitical dynamics between climate change, conflicts, disasters, food security, economic growth, water, and migration. Then it widens the focus to consider critical geopolitical issues related to the construction of identity. Afterwards, the course analyses the role of the fossil fuels industry in climate change in view of the necessary energy transition. Finally, the issue analyzed are framed in terms of climate and world politics

The topics covered in the course are dealt with in an interdisciplinary perspective and through the use of case studies.

Prerequisites

Knowledge of the theoretical and methodological foundations of social sciences and good writing and communication skills.

Teaching methods

Lectures.

Collective analysis and comment of the relevant scholarly literature.

Seminars by Key-informants

Projection of slides.

Assessment methods

Oral exam. Question by the instructor for assessing the critical skills developed by students taking into account the interdisciplinary nature of the course.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Various literature (e.g., scientific articles, reports, magazine and newspaper articles) made available on the e-learning platform.

Further reading (very useful but non compulsory):

Dittmer, J. and Bos, D. (2019). *Popular Culture, Geopolitics, and Identity*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (Chapters highlighted at the beginning of the course).
