



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Geopolitics

2122-3-E4001N089

Learning objectives

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

Contents

The geopolitics of the Anthropocene 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 the Anthropocene, conflicts, disasters, food security, economic growth, water, and migration. Then, 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 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.

Assessment methods

Written exam. It requires students to develop a critical argument about an issue that covers and connects different topics analysed in the course. This modality is the most appropriate for assessing the critical skills developed by students in relation to the interdisciplinary nature of the course.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Various kinds of references (e.g., scientific articles, reports, magazine and newspaper articles) pointed out at the beginning and during the course.

Flint, C. (2021). *Introduction to Geopolitics. 4th Edition*. Routledge (Chapters 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9)

Dalby, S. (2020). *Anthropocene Geopolitics. Globalization, Security, Sustainability*. University of Ottawa Press (Chapters, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10).
