



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Geopolitics

2425-3-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

Approximately 75% of the course uses a 'didattica erogativa' (DE) mode; it consists in lectures with the use of slides, audio and video.

Approximately 25% of the course makes use of a 'didattica interattiva' (DI) mode; it consists in exercises, group work, presentation of case studies from which individual and subgroup work can be developed, prepared and discussed during the course.

Approximately 20% of the course will be delivered through asynchronous online teaching, i.e. recorded lectures by the instructor that will be available prior to the lecture itself and then kept online. They are offered at the conclusion of the various teaching blocks into which the course is divided with the aim of expanding and deepening them. These lectures are part of the course materials.

The teaching is delivered in English and the study materials are in English.

Assessment methods

Written exam: open-ended questions.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Dalby, S. (2020). Anthropocene Geopolitics. Globalization, Security, Sustainability. University of Ottawa Press.

Other material indicated by the instructor during the course.

Sustainable Development Goals

CLIMATE ACTION | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
