

Course Specifications

Valid in the academic year 2018-2019

Contemporary Issues in the Global South (K000987)

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

Credits 6.0 Study time 180 h Contact hrs 45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

A (semester 2)	Dutch	lecture	30.0 h
		guided self-study	15.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

De Cordier, Bruno	PS05	lecturer-in-charge
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Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

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Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject China)	6	A
Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject India)	6	A
Master of Science in Political Science (main subject International Politics)	6	A
Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject Japan)	6	A
Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject Middle East Studies)	6	A
Master of Science in EU-Studies	6	A
Master of Science in Sociology	6	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Global South, current events, political developments, conflict, globalisation and global trends

Position of the course

To explain and analyze current affairs, and examine the links between current dynamics in the Global South and those in Europe and other global centres in-depth, and this within an increasingly globalizing world.
Relation to the educational competences : M. 1.3., M. 1.4., M. 1.7., M.3.1., M. 3.2., M. 5.1.

Contents

The starting point of this course are current affairs. Social (dis)balances; identitarian and social movements, conflict, cultural confrontation, urbanisation, migration and the emergence of new centres of power are some of the issues that are regularly examined. The concrete content of the course largely depends on current events and on the manifestation of global trends. Attempts will be made to identify possible developments for the future.

Initial competences

Structure and Conflict in the Global South (recommended)

Final competences

To have gained insight into the complexity of local social and political dynamics in the societies and states of the Global South.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences

assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Guided self-study, lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

Ex cathedra lectures, guest lectures and discussion sessions. Guest lectures, as well as the documentation and literature, can be in other languages than Dutch (especially English and French). In the academic year 2018-19, this course is being offered as a fully optional course for the first time. Therefore, there is no view yet on the turnout and on the motivations and expectations of the students who will follow it. So the educational methods are possibly subject to change. The purpose is to make this course as interactive as possible. For the elaboration of a number of current cases, we also plan (t.b.c.) to invite a couple of region- or theme-specialized journalists.

Learning materials and price

Normally quite detailed presentation in pdf format and, where necessary, relevant literature and video materials (via Minerva)

References

The literature depends on the subjects that are being examined in the course. There are literature references in the presentations.

Course content-related study coaching

To be determined (ad hoc).

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Written and insight-focused exam (ready knowledges, insight-focused question and an opinion-oriented question).

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodic assessment (100%)