Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2019-2020

Contemporary Issues in the Global South (K000987)

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

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Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020

A (semester 1) Dutch
- Lecture 30.0 h
- Guided self-study 15.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020

De Cordier, Bruno

Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020

- Bachelor of Science in Political Science: 6 A
- 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 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
- Linking Course Master of Science in Conflict and Development Studies: 6 A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

The global South; current and contemporary issues; political -societal developments; conflict; identity; social mobility; globalization and de-globalization; global trends.

Position of the course

Clarifying current issues and examining the relationship and the interaction between current developments in the global South and those in Europe and other global centers, within a further globalizing, or perhaps de-globalizing, world. Relevance to the educational competences M. 1.3., M. 1.4., M. 1.7., M.3.1., M. 3.2., M. 5.1.

Contents

Current events, regardless of whether it concerns front-page news or under-covered events, form the starting point of this course. Social relations and -movements, conflict, cultural contradictions, urbanization and the emergence of new power centers are just some of the themes that regularly return. Concrete examples of topics treated during the previous years include: is the idea of 'the global South' still relevant?; religion and identity and the evolution of religiosity; the state of affairs and further scenarios in Syria; the Shia-Sunni conflict; the rise of middle classes outside of the OECD economies, and the consequences; the Mediterranean migration movements and the entanglement between Western Europe and the old 'Third World'; unrecognized 'de facto states”; ... But the actual content this year will depend on current event. The course will also look into possible developments and scenarios’ for the future.

Initial competences

No specific starting competences are required (relevant basic concepts are explained in the classes), save for the proactive follow-up of the relevant current events.

Final competences

- to acquire a thorough understanding of the complexity of regional and local socio-
political dynamics in societies and states in the global South and of their (possible) effects on Europe;
• to be able to identify possible future trends and scenarios in this respect;
• being able to compile and write an analytical article that is accessible to a wider audience;
• being able to identify and assess the relevant that is not reported, underreported or reported in a distorted way in the ‘mainstream news’;
• to make a more informed choice when choosing a more specialized area study.

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, group work, lecture, microteaching

Extra information on the teaching methods
• lectures by the chief lecturer and by a number of external guests (other academics, specialized journalists, ...) on current developments, with, depending on the available expertise and current affairs, sufficient regional-geographic diversification; some input can be in other languages than Dutch (English, French);
• preparation of a group paper on a relevant theme, with an emphasis on identifying trends and future scenarios;
• elaboration of a journalistic-analytical report (in Dutch) with as guideline the format of a publication in the analytical media that pays special attention to the global (semi-) periphery (e.g. Clingendael Spectator, Alternaties humanitaires-Humanitarian alternatives, ... ), and presentation of the case study in group in class (group work)
• evaluation of the different presentations by the other students on the basis of a peer assessment (including in the form of a debate in class)

Learning materials and price
Usually quite detailed presentations in PDF format, and where necessary, supporting literature and video material (via Minerva).

References
The bibliography is dependent on the topics dealt with in the lectures. 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
Participation, assignment

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

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
• group work (normally per 2, although this will depend on the number of enrollees): written report in an analytical-journalistic format (this part will be evaluated as a group evaluation);
• presentations thereof in a number of dedicated classes (this part will be evaluated as a group evaluation);
• micro-teaching: students are individually evaluated on the basis of their participation in the group debates, as well as in the preceding lectures.

Calculation of the examination mark
Periodic assessment (100%)
• 10/20: written analytical article
• 5/20: group presentation
• 5/20: micro-teaching and general participation

(Approved)
Facilities for Working Students

Possibility of alternative examination date. Conditions apply.