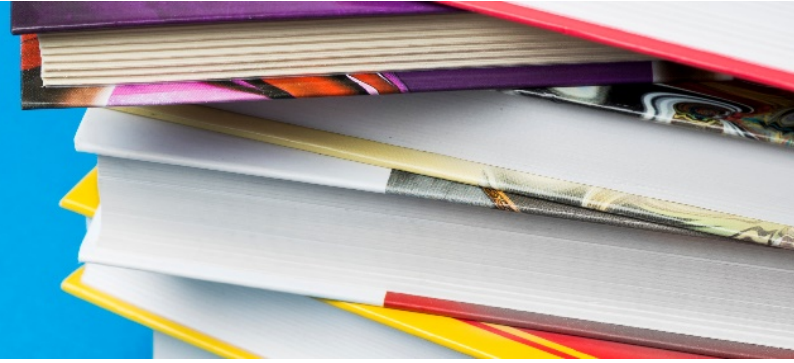




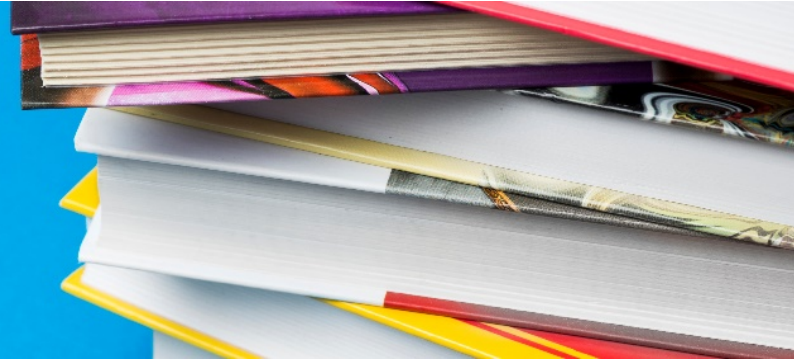
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Contemporary International Politics	
<b>Lecturer</b>	
Juan Negri	
<b>Semester</b>	
Fall 2025-6	
<b>Course requirements</b>	
Regular attendance, completion of assigned readings, and active class participation are required.	
<b>Final grade components</b>	
The final grade will be based on a written analytical paper. Active participation and constructive contribution to class discussions may positively affect the final grade.	
<b>Course schedule</b>	
<b>Class no. / Date</b>	<b>Subject and Requirements (assignments, reading materials, tasks, etc.)</b>
1 – Monday, January 13	<b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>The International Agenda</i> . Agenda-setting, global trends, and scenarios. <b>Readings:</b> CIDOB Notes Internacionales (2024), <i>The World in 2025: Ten Issues That Will Shape the International Agenda</i> .
2 – Monday, January 13	<b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>Strategic Competition (U.S.–China)</i> . Economic, political, technological, and military rivalry. <b>Readings:</b> McFaul, Michael (2020), “Cold War Lessons and Fallacies for US-China Relations Today,” <i>The Washington Quarterly</i> .
3 – Wednesday, January 15	<b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>International War</i> . Security concepts, alliances, threats, and arms race. Case studies: Ukraine and the Middle East. <b>Readings:</b> Person, Robert & McFaul, Michael (2022), “What Putin Fears the Most,” <i>Journal of Democracy</i> ; Bajoghli, Narges & Nasr, Vali (2024), “How the War in Gaza Revived the Axis of Resistance,” <i>Foreign Affairs</i> .
4 – Wednesday, January 15	<b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>Civil Wars</i> . Intrastate conflict, peacekeeping, and Afghanistan. <b>Readings:</b> Kalyvas, Stathis (2018), “Jihadi Rebels in Civil War,” <i>Dædalus</i> ; Murtazashvili, Jennifer (2022), “The Collapse of Afghanistan,” <i>Journal of Democracy</i> .
5 – Friday, January 17	<b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>International Cooperation</i> . The UN system, multilateralism, treaties, international courts. <b>Readings:</b> Carrubba, Clifford & Gabel, Matthew (2017), “International Courts: A Theoretical Assessment,” <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> .
6 – Friday, January 17	<b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>Human Rights</i> . Human rights regimes, state vs. individual responsibility.



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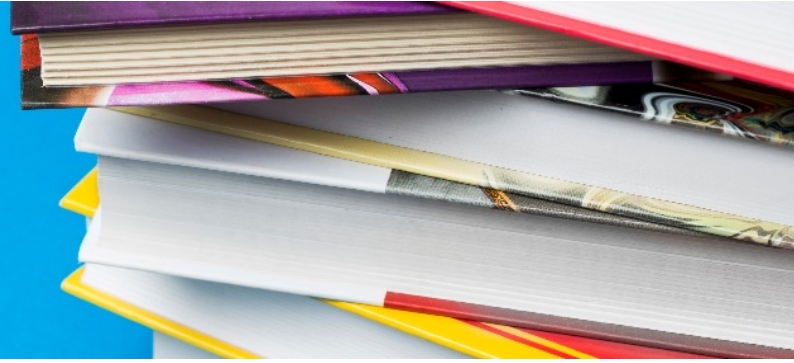
	<p><b>Readings:</b> Balcells, Laia &amp; Stanton, Jessica A. (2021), "Violence Against Civilians During Armed Conflict," <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i>.</p>
7 – Monday, January 20	<p><b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>Democracy and Dictatorship</i>. Regime type and international politics; global autocratization.</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Varieties of Democracy Institute (2025), <i>Democracy Report</i>; Mounk, Yascha &amp; Foa, Roberto Stefan (2018), "The End of the Democratic Century," <i>Foreign Affairs</i>.</p>
8 – Monday, January 20	<p><b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>Globalization Under Stress</i>. Trade, debt, geoeconomics, post-pandemic challenges.</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Gopinath, Gita (2023), "Cold War II? Preserving Economic Cooperation Amid Geoeconomic Fragmentation," <i>IEA World Congress Speech</i>.</p>
9 – Wednesday, January 22	<p><b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>Climate and Energy</i>. Climate change, energy security, and the geopolitics of the energy transition.</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> UNDP (2020), <i>The Next Frontier: Human Development and the Anthropocene</i>, Ch. 2; Bordoff, Jason &amp; O'Sullivan, Meghan (2022), "Green Upheaval: The New Geopolitics of Energy," <i>Foreign Affairs</i>.</p>
10 – Wednesday, January 22	<p><b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>Non-State Actors</i>. Technology, corporations, science, and international relations.</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Bremmer, Ian (2021), "The Technopolar Moment," <i>Foreign Affairs</i>; Walt, Stephen (2021), "Big Tech Won't Remake the Global Order," <i>Foreign Policy</i>.</p>
11 – Friday, January 23	<p><b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>Europe</i>. EU integration and crises; Russia's challenge.</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Schimmelfennig, Frank (2014), "European Integration in the Euro Crisis: The Limits of Postfunctionalism," <i>Journal of European Integration</i>.</p>
12 – Friday, January 23	<p><b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>The Middle East</i>. From the Arab-Israeli conflict to Gaza, Islamism, terrorism, and Iran.</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Gelvin, James (2014), <i>The Israel-Palestine Conflict: One Hundred Years of War</i>, Ch. 8; Slater, Jerome (2001), "What Went Wrong? The Collapse of the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process," <i>Political Science Quarterly</i>.</p>
13 – Friday, January 23	<p><b>Subject and Requirements:</b> <i>The Future of the International Order (Closing Discussion)</i>. Synthesis of major trends: decline of the liberal order, multipolarity, and regional challenges.</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Ikenberry, G. John (2018), "The End of Liberal International Order?" <i>International Affairs</i>; Mearsheimer, John (2019), "Bound to Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Liberal International Order," <i>International Security</i>; Kamel, Maha (2018), "China's Belt and Road Initiative: Implications for the Middle East," <i>Cambridge Review of International Affairs</i>.</p>

## Required course reading

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Gelvin, J. (2014). The Israel-Palestine Conflict: One Hundred Years of War. Cambridge University Press.

Gopinath, G. (2023). "Cold War II? Preserving Economic Cooperation Amid Geoeconomic Fragmentation." IEA World Congress Speech.

Ikenberry, G. J. (2018). "The End of Liberal International Order?" International Affairs.

Laruelle, M. (2015). "Russia as a Divided Nation." Problems of Post-Communism.

Mearsheimer, J. (2019). "Bound to Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Liberal International Order." International Security.

McFaul, M. (2020). "Cold War Lessons and Fallacies for US-China Relations Today." The Washington Quarterly.

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UNDP (2020). The Next Frontier: Human Development and the Anthropocene.

Varieties of Democracy Institute (2025). Democracy Report.

Walt, S. (2021). "Big Tech Won't Remake the Global Order." Foreign Policy.

## Optional course reading

## Comments

Intensive two-week course taught in English. Open to students from all programs. No prerequisites required.



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