Minor Political Science 2017-2018
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Comparative Political Research

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**Doel vak**
This course presents an overview of the field of Comparative Political Research by placing particular focus on the following aspects. This course:

- provides students an overview of the central debates within Comparative Political Research.
- teaches students to critically evaluate the premises of theories and the comparative method.
- trains students to set up a research design. Students are familiarized with key methodological issues such as internal and external validity, conceptualization, operationalization, and case-selection.
- teaches students the basic skills necessary for performing comparative research across a number of cases (e.g. countries).
- teaches students how to apply the comparative method in qualitative and quantitative research, to think about the advantages and disadvantages of both types of research, and how they can complement each other.

**Inhoud vak**
In this course students will compare two contrasting case studies and make a design for a comparative case study themselves. These tasks will help students to gain the basic skills necessary for performing comparative research and to set up a research design.

**Onderwijsvorm**
- The course will be taught in the form of lectures and tutorials.
- The tutorials provide students with the opportunity to discuss their preliminary answers to the assignments. The more students prepare and participate in the tutorials, the more feedback they receive in return.

**Toetsvorm**
Written assignments.

**Literatuur**
Main Textbook (To be purchased):

In addition students will read a number of articles.
EU Governance in an International Context

Doel vak
- Gain a basic knowledge of the history of European integration, of the institutional structure of the European Union, and of the key issues in the most important policy fields.
- Introduction to the key approaches to European integration and their application to an understanding of the history and contemporary themes of European Union politics and governance.
- Gain insight into how the European Union affects domestic politics, whilst at the same time being situated in a global context.

Inhoud vak
The European Union has an ever growing influence on political decision-making and policy-making in Europe and its nation-states. This course introduces students to the way the EU operates, its institutional architecture, its history, and its modes of decision-making. The course highlights how EU decision-making affects domestic politics, whilst it is at the same time situated in a broader, international context. Besides attention for the main characteristics of EU decision-making, the course familiarizes students with key theories of European integration (more intergovernmental versus more supranational approaches) and with the interaction between different levels of governance (Multilevel Governance, Europeanisation). These insights are applied in a number of selected policy domains that touch both upon the EU’s internal politics (e.g. competition, agriculture, environmental policy) as well as upon its engagement in the global realm (e.g. military interventions).

Toetsvorm
Exam and written assignment.

Literatuur
Doelgroep
2nd year Bachelor students Politicologie and Bestuur & Organisatie (Afstudeerrichting Bestuurswetenschappen); Exchange students.

Intekenprocedure
In this course you can not enroll yourself for the tutorials, but you will be assigned by the course coordinator. At the latest in the first week of the course you will find to which tutorial you are assigned in your personal schedule in VUnet.
Note: You do have to register for the course, with the corresponding parts!

Global Political Economy

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Doel vak
- Acquiring knowledge of and insight into the contemporary global political economy, in particular how the contradictory process of globalization reshapes the relationship between states and markets;
- Introduction to and an understanding of rival concepts and theories within International Political Economy and their application to issues in contemporary global political economy.

Inhoud vak
This course offers students an introduction to the subject of International Political Economy (IPE). Throughout, the course will be guided by the question to which extent, and how, the current process of globalization is changing the relationship between states and markets, between public regulation and the private economy, between state and capital. Traditionally IPE studies the relationship between 'the economic' and 'political' within the interaction of – patterns of co-operation and conflict between – national states. If anything, the global financial and economic crisis of 2008 and beyond has made clear that this state-centric perspective is no longer adequate. At the same time the crisis has also shown that states, although apparently vulnerable in the face of global market forces, are also crucial when it comes to protecting the workings of global capitalism. This shows that indeed the relationship between states and markets is not a one-way street. In other words, politics and policies are shaped by the interests and activities of transnational (market) actors and by economic globalization but the latter is also driven by politics, and shaped (indeed enabled) by the policy choices that states make. It is from this perspective that this course will examine the various approaches within international political economy; the historical
evolution of the global political economy; the globalization of production and the role of transnational corporations; the international monetary system and the globalization of finance; the global financial crisis and the eurozone crisis; the political economy of development; the rise of China and other emerging powers, and the political economy of energy and the environment.

**Onderwijsvorm**
Lectures.

**Toetsvorm**
Written Exam.

**Literatuur**

**Aanbevolen voorkennis**
Some introductory-level knowledge of political science and International Relations as well as of basic (macro-)economics is recommended but relevant concepts will also be explained in class.

**Doelgroep**
Students Bachelor Political Science; Minor Political Science; exchange students

**Research Project Political Science**

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**Doel vak**
At the end of the course students will have:
- Improved their skills to analyze and interpret political data and evaluate the quality, validity and usefulness of political science research findings;
- Successfully carried out a limited group research project, applying and refining academic, writing and research skills acquired before;
- Shown their ability to work in a team and contribute to a group product;
- Written a group research paper according to the Political Science Writing Guide, and demonstrating their ability to clearly communicate their research findings and the acquired political science knowledge;
- Shown a critical attitude towards political science literature and established points of view;
- Demonstrated intellectual integrity and the ability to be
self-critical.

**Inhoud vak**
This seminar will require students to apply at a more advanced level the academic and research skills they have already acquired within the first year of political science for political science bachelor students or in their own bachelor's for those who follow the minor political science, and apply these skills to a small research project of their own, to be carried out in a small group. The research project will have to address a relevant question pertaining to the content of either of two parallel courses followed in period 2 (EU Governance in an International Context and Global Political Economy in the track Mondiale Politiek or Economie van Markt & Overheid in Nationale Politiek en Bestuur). Class attendance is mandatory.

**Onderwijsvorm**
Tutorials.

**Toetsvorm**
Written assignments; class participation.

**Literatuur**
To be announced.

**Doelgroep**
Bachelor political science students and minor political science.

**Intekenprocedure**
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**Doel vak**
This course aims to familiarize students with fundamental political science concepts, especially the concept of power, and apply those concepts in order to gain a better understanding of the recent history of, and contemporary issues in, world politics. After completing the course, students will have:
- Knowledge of different approaches to the concept of power and be
able to apply these to the analysis of (contemporary) political issues;
- An understanding of what ‘states’ are and how the modern state
and the modern states system came into being;
- Knowledge of some key approaches in political science and an
overview of the discipline and major sub-disciplines;
- Knowledge of and insight into the main developments in the
history of world politics from the Peace of Westphalia to the Iraq War
and the current era of globalization and the power shift to Asia;
Be familiar with main patterns of cooperation and conflict between
states as well as between non-state actors and be able to understand
some of these patterns by the application of key political science
concepts and some key approaches within the sub-discipline of
International Relations.

Inhoud vak
The course, which offers a broad introduction to the major concepts of
and main approaches in political science, consists of two main parts.
After a critical overview of different concepts of power, the concept of
the state and contending perspectives on the conflict and cooperation
within modern political systems, the course introduces students to
contemporary world politics through an overview of international
political history from the 17th century to the present. Here we seek to
understand history by identifying recurrent patterns of cooperation and
conflict not just between states but also involving non-state actors,
and by applying some of the concepts and approaches dealt with in the
first part of the course. The course will end with a discussion of
contemporary issues within the context of a globalized world politics,
such as the ongoing War on Terror, the communications revolutions and
its impact upon power.

Toetsvorm
Written examination

Literatuur
- Nye, J., en D. Welch Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation:
- To be announced

Doelgroep
Bachelor students political science; Pre-Master course students;
exchange students