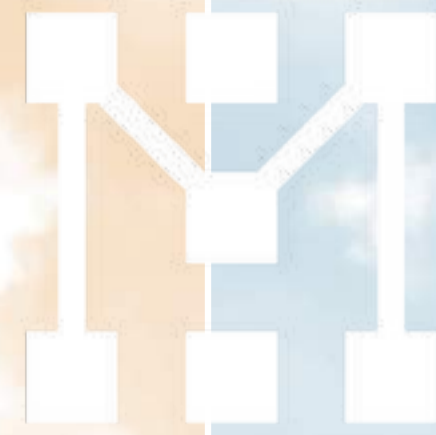


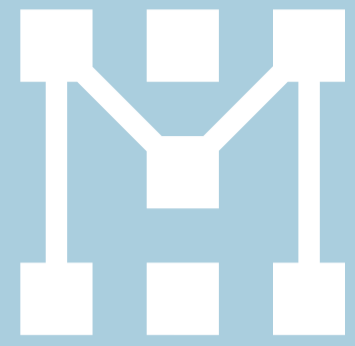
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# GUIDE

## FOR ERASMUS+ STUDENTS

Dear Students,

This file lists courses available for incoming exchange students in the field of International Relations for the Fall semester Academic Year of 2026/2027.

The maximum number of ECTS credits that guest students can take is **30 ECTS**, corresponding to one module. **Please note that there is no possibility to combine or switch between modules.** All courses within the selected module will be automatically registered for you. During the course drop period, you will have the opportunity to withdraw from individual courses you do not wish to complete

When preparing your Learning Agreement (Before Mobility), you can use either the template or the Online Learning Agreement Platform, based on the available module list.

Please carefully review the course information for the selected module, as it provides important details about the courses included.

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Subject	Number of lecture class	Number of practical class	Lecture/ Practical class	Credit Points	Erasmus	Group Number
Africa in Global Politics	2	0	L	5	15	1
Between East and West	0	2	P	5	15	1
Diplomacy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence	0	2	P	5	15	1
Global Conflict or Global Society: A Brief History of Future International Relations	0	2	P	5	15	1
International Systems in World History	2	0	L	5	15	1
Water in International Politics	2	0	L	5	15	1
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### Between East and West

This course challenges the traditional East-West binary of Europe by exploring the lands that lie between. We investigate Central Europe as both a physical region and a unique state of mind, tracing milestones in its social and political history that helped end the Cold War era. By examining the meeting points of diverse languages, ethnicities, and identities, you will determine whether Central Europe is a distinct geographic reality or a shared form of self-perception.

### Global Conflict or Global Society: A Brief History of Future International Relations

For the first time in history, more people die from overeating than starvation, and more by suicide than by war. Does this signal the "perpetual peace" Kant dreamed of, or is it a mask for new crises? This course explores the modern reality of global warming, ecosystem collapse, and the persistence of irrational greed and "planetary anarchy." We ask: has reason truly triumphed, or are we simply facing a more complex form of global instability? By concentrating on the effects of the contradictory processes in International Relations, the course will navigate students into "future history".

### International Systems in World History

This course investigates the diverse international systems that existed long before the modern system of sovereign states. From classical India and the Sino-centric world to the traditions of the Islamic Caliphate or the Mongol Empire, we explore how humanity organized itself in different cultural and technological contexts. By investigating how these civilizations managed relations without the institutions of modern international relations, we ask if our current system is destined to change with the rise of non-Western powers. We move beyond "closed" civilizations to see how these cultures interacted and how their legacies still fuel today's political debates and foreign policies.

### Water in International Politics

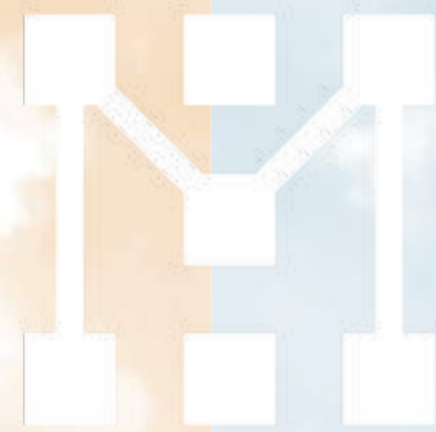
This course explores the rising significance of hydro-politics in a world of uneven water distribution and climate pressure. Students will analyze conflict and cooperation over water, drawing on International Relations theory to understand how states and non-state actors manage competing interests. Through empirical cases, the curriculum highlights how water challenges shape the future of global development and regional stability.

### Diplomacy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

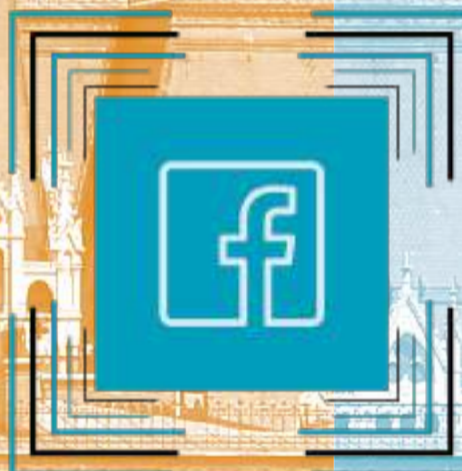
This course explores how artificial intelligence is reshaping international relations, from the competition for technological supremacy to the protection of global values. Students will analyze diverging regulatory models—comparing the approaches of the EU, China, and the US—while building practical skills in digital communication, data visualization, and AI-driven storytelling. The course culminates in a negotiation simulation, where participants represent country interests to navigate the complexities of global AI governance in a digital environment.

### Africa in Global Politics

Africa is one of the fastest-changing regions in the international system. This course explores the political, economic and security dynamics shaping contemporary Africa and its growing role in global affairs. Students will examine issues such as governance, economic development, regional integration, conflict and peacebuilding and Africa's relationships with global powers including China, the United States and the European Union. Through case studies and current events, the course provides a nuanced understanding of Africa as an increasingly important actor in world politics.



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