

# INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Degree (s): Economics; Management; Finance; Mathematics Applied to

**Economics and Management** 

Group: Optional course unit

Curricular year/semester: 3rd year / 1st Semester

ECTS / hours per week: 4 ECTS / 3.0 Hours

Workload per Week: 2Theoretical/Practical x 1.5Hours

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## **OBJECTIVES**

The course offers a general overview of the making of the modern international community, with the rise of the so-called Westphalian State.

It focus on the features of the main actors of the modern international community, namely the general principles guiding the work of international organizations.

Then it concentrates on the role of international organizations in global governance affairs, analyzing the action of the UN Security Council on peace and security issues, as well as the intended reform of this body. The last part of the course is devoted to the world economic order, stemming from Bretton Wood agreements to the World Trade Organization, as well as new developments in trade negotiations and the challenge of China in the reform of the international system.

#### **PROGRAM**

## 1. HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- The idea of sovereignty and the rise of the modern state.
- Europe before the Thirty Years' War; The Peace of Westphalia
- The upsurge of the international community and conflict resolution
- Napoleonic wars and the Congress of Vienna. Balance of powers' doctrine
- The Holly Alliance and the right to interfere
- Monroe Doctrine and the scope of European rules
- Rise of 'internationalism': International law and international treaties
- The international society and the international system of states



- WWI and the end of the European age
- Treaty of Versailles, President Wilson and the League of Nations.
- Dismantlement of European empires and countries under international mandate
- Nationalism and the rise of fascisms
- The failure of the LoN

## 2. THE WORLD POLITICAL ORDER

- General Principles on International Organizations
- The origins of united nations
- United Nations during WWII. Summits that shaped the UN. The Yalta Conference
- San Francisco Conference and the making of the United Nations Organization
- Principles of the UN. Membership of the UN and the changing status of China and Soviet Union
- the Cold War and the functioning of the UN
- The Korea war
- The UN structure
- Self-determination principle and the end of colonial empires. The Bandung Conference and *third* world countries
- UN Peace & Security missions: From peace-keeping to peace-building
- New world order and new international law
- Development policy; Human Rights protection; Climate change agreements
- The need for UN reform: SC reform and enabling PKO operations
- The post-American age and the new emerging powers
- The dismantlement of the Ottoman Empire and Middle East conflicts: From Palestine to Syria.
- Global governance challenges and the world (dis)order.

#### 3. THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

- International economic relations in the past centuries
- International trade treaties and the advent of the most favored nation clause
- Protection of foreign investment after WWI
- International economics relations during the 1930's
- WWII and the Bretton Woods conference
- International financial system: the UN specialized agencies
- International Monetary Fund: exchange rate stability and its current mission
- The World Bank and its agencies. Development challenges
- Emerging economies and the reform of international financial organizations
- The world trade system: the 1947 GATT agreement
- World trade rounds and the scope of trade liberalization



- The Uruguay Round and the making of the WTO
- The Uruguay Round and the GATT 1994; GATS, TRIPS; DSU
- Globalization and the Doha Round. The Millennium Development Goals
- Multilateralism and the jungle of bilateral agreements.
- US and free trade agreements strategy. TPP & TTIP.
- China development policy. The AIII Bank

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