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Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
RI-615	Contemporary International Problems(Seminar Course)	1	3	0	0	0	5

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Compulsory
Course Level	Masters Degree
Objective	This seminar is designed to develop the skills necessary for writing a Master's thesis in International Relations according to academic standards. It encompasses fundamental stages, including source identification and research, conceptualization, and creating a structured writing plan. The emphasis is placed on qualitative research methods.
Content	Texts detailing the development and transformation stages of methodologies in international relations are read and discussed interactively. We explore various conceptual and theoretical approaches, including topic selection, formulation of research questions, literature reviews, hypothesis formulation, content or discourse analysis models, and types of research plans. Case studies are examined to provide a tangible understanding of these analytical methods.
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amitav Acharya, Barry Buzan, "Why is there no non-Western international relations theory? An introduction", International Relations of the Asia-Pacific Vol. 7, No. 3, 2007, 287-312.- Ersel Aydınllı, Julie Mathews, "Are the Core and Periphery Irreconcilable? The Curious World of Publishing in Contemporary International Relations", International Studies Perspectives, Vol. 1, No. 3, 2002, 289-303.- Ersel Aydınllı (Der.), Uluslararası İlişkilerde Metodoloji, İstanbul: Koç Üniversitesi Yayınları, 2022.- Luigi Curini, Robert Franzese, The SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations, SAGE, 2020.- Peter M. Kristensen, "How Can Emerging Powers Speak? On Theorists, Native Informants and Quasi-Officials in International Relations Discourse", Third World Quarterly, Vol. 36, No. 4, 2015, 637-653.- Christopher Lamont, Research Methods in International Relations, SAGE, 2015.

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Course presentation
2	I- Methodological Issues in International Relations: A- Are International Relations a social science? Debates on methodology
3	B- Western/Non-Western distinction and legitimacy in scientific research
4	C- International Relations in Turkey
5	II- Research Ethics
6	III- Question-Based Research in International Relations A- Literature review
7	B- Research design: identifying variables and their relationships / causality and correlation
8	IV- Content Analysis: The issue of coding
9	V- Use of Web Data
10	VI- Discourse Analysis 1

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11	VII- Game Theory
12	VIII- Large-N Analysis
13	IX- Field Research, Case Analysis
14	X- Writing the Research