

Content

| Course Code | Course Name | Semester | Theory | Practice | Lab | Credit | ECTS |
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| SP485 | Geopolitics | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |

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| Prerequisites | |
| Admission Requirements | |

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| Language of Instruction | English |
| Course Type | Elective |
| Course Level | Bachelor Degree |
| Objective | The aim of this course is to provide a critical perspective on the historical development of geopolitical thought. This course aims to question the relationship between geography, knowledge, and power within the framework of different geopolitical schools. |
| Content | This elective course questions the impact of geography on politics based on the basic concepts and theories in the discipline of geopolitics. This relationship between geography and politics is concerned with how geopolitical imaginations are formed and how these imaginations have shaped politics throughout history. In this context, this course analyzes the relationship between geography, knowledge, and power within the framework of periods such as imperialism, expansionism, the Cold War, and the new world order. The course which consists of two main parts, classical geopolitics and critical geopolitics, first examines classical geopolitical theories and world political history from the 20th century to the present. Secondly, critical geopolitical approaches examine the power relations constructed by classical geopolitics and how these relations shape the geopolitical imagination in minds. |
| References | <p>Gearoid O. Tuathail, Introduction to Imperialist Geopolitics, Geopolitics Reader, pp. 15-24</p> <p>Karl Haushofer, "Why Geopolitik?", Geopolitics Reader, pp.33-35. + Karl Haushofer, "Defense of German Geopolitics", Geopolitics Reader, pp.40-43.</p> <p>George F. Kennan, "The Sources of Soviet Conduct", Geopolitics: An Introductory Reader, pp. 103-107.</p> <p>Yves Lacoste, "An Illustration of Geographical Warfare: Bombing the Dikes on the Red River", Geopolitics: An Introductory Reader, pp. 122-128.</p> <p>Gearoid O. Tuathail, Introduction to New World Order Geopolitics, Geopolitics Reader, pp. 103-113.</p> <p>Simon Dalby, Environmental Geopolitics in the Twenty-first Century, Alternatives: Global, Local, Political, pp. 3-15.</p> <p>Jennifer Hyndman, Towards a Feminist Geopolitics, The Canadian Geographer, pp. 210-219.</p> |

Theory Topics

| Week | Weekly Contents |
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| 1 | Introduction: Content, Objectives and Method of the Course |
| 2 | Stages of Geopolitical Thought: Concepts, Schools, and Three Ages of Geopolitics |
| 3 | Imperial Geopolitics |
| 4 | Second World War Geopolitics |
| 5 | Cold War Geopolitics (1): USA vs. USSR |
| 6 | Cold War Geopolitics (2): France |

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| 7 | Mid-term exam |
| 8 | New World Order Geopolitics |
| 9 | Critical Geopolitics: Concepts and Schools |
| 10 | Critical Geopolitics Studies: On the Environmental Geopolitics and Feminist Geopolitics |
| 11 | Geopolitics in Turkey (1): Transformation of the Geopolitical Imagination in Foreign Policy |
| 12 | Geopolitics in Turkey (2): Where is Turkey in the World? |
| 13 | Paper Proposals |
| 14 | Paper Proposals |