

Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
RI223	History of International Relations Since 1990s	3	3	3	0	3	5

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Compulsory
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	This course aims to provide students with a framework for understanding the evolution of international relations from the 1990s to the present. It examines the major events, actors and changing dynamics of the post-Cold War period. Students will analyse shifts in the global balance of power, international crises, regional conflicts and the responses of the international community.
Content	Understanding the transformations of the international system since 1990 The end of bipolarity and the “unipolar moment” (1989–2001) The consolidation of the liberal international order (1991–2001) The transformation of sovereignty and the rise of international intervention (1991–2011) The transformation of security and the “War on Terror” (2001–2014) The limits of American hegemony and the erosion of Western predominance (2003–2016) Midterm examination The redistribution of power in the international system (2008–2016) The return of geopolitics and strategic competition (2008–2022) The diversification of international actors and strategies (2010s–2022) Challenges to the liberal international order (2014–2021) The return of interstate war and military power (since 2022) The fragmentation of the international order and its crisis of legitimacy (2023–2026) 1990–2026: Towards what kind of international system?
References	FERNANDEZ, Julian, Relations internationales, Paris, Dalloz, 2023. BAYLIS, John, SMITH, Steve and OWENS, Patricia, The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations, Oxford University Press, 2023.

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Understanding the transformations of the international system since 1990
2	The end of bipolarity and the “unipolar moment” (1989–2001)
3	The consolidation of the liberal international order (1991–2001)
4	The transformation of sovereignty and the rise of international intervention (1991–2011)
5	The transformation of security and the “War on Terror” (2001–2014)
6	The limits of American hegemony and the erosion of Western predominance (2003–2016)
7	Midterm examination
8	The redistribution of power in the international system (2008–2016)
9	The return of geopolitics and strategic competition (2008–2022)
10	The diversification of international actors and strategies (2010s–2022)
11	Challenges to the liberal international order (2014–2021)
12	The return of interstate war and military power (since 2022)
13	The fragmentation of the international order and its crisis of legitimacy (2023–2026)
14	1990–2026: Towards what kind of international system?

