**Content**

| Course Code | Course Name | Semester | Theory | Practice | Lab | Credit | ECTS |
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| RI-649 | International Relations in the Digital Age | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |

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| Prerequisites | |
| Admission Requirements | |

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| Language of Instruction | French |
| Course Type | Elective |
| Course Level | Masters Degree |
| Objective | This course examines the impact of digital transformation on international relations from a multidimensional perspective. It explores how global politics is being reshaped in the digital age, covering a wide range of issues from cybersecurity and artificial intelligence to data sovereignty and the geopolitics of digital platforms.<br>The course analyzes the evolving roles of states, international organizations, and private sector actors, while revisiting classical IR theories in light of contemporary technological developments. It aims to provide students with both analytical and applied perspectives on the changing dynamics of global politics. |
| Content | Conceptual and Theoretical Framework<br>• Week 1 – International Relations in the Digital Age: Digital transformation and its implications for power, sovereignty, and global actors<br>• Week 2 – Theoretical Approaches: IR theories in the digital age: new concepts, analytical frameworks, and limitations<br>• Week 3 – Digital Diplomacy: The use of digital tools in foreign policy, public diplomacy, and social media<br><br>International Security and Conflict<br>• Week 4 – Cybersecurity and Cyber Warfare: Digital threats, cyber operations, and intelligence in international security<br>• Week 5 – Information and Disinformation: Digital propaganda, platforms, social media, and perception management<br>• Week 6 – Hybrid Warfare and Military Technology: Changing dynamics of conflict, hybrid threats, and the role of emerging technologies<br><br>Week 7 – Case Study & Student Presentations<br><br>Economy, Technology and Power<br>• Week 8 – Technology and Global Economic Competition: US–China technological rivalry, EU strategies, and the roles of South Korea and Japan<br>• Week 9 – Technology Companies and Digital Competition: Political and economic influence of Big Tech and platform power<br>• Week 10 – Data, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Sovereignty: Data governance, data sovereignty, and the implications of AI<br><br>Governance, Regimes and the Future<br>• Week 11 – Global Technology Governance<br>International organizations, digital infrastructure, and supply chains<br>• Week 12 – Digital Authoritarianism and Digital Democracy<br>Political systems, surveillance, regulation, and digital rights<br>• Week 13 – Digitalization, Regulation and Sustainability: AI and data policies/regulations; Technology and ESG; and the global standards.<br>Week 14 – Case Study & Student Presentations |

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| References | Joseph Nye, The Future of Power, PublicAffairs, 2011<br><br>Corneliu Bjola and Markus Kornprobst (Ed.), Digital International Relations: Technology, Agency and Order, Routledge, 2023<br><br>Corneliu Bjola and Ilan Manor (Ed.), The Oxford Handbook on Digital Diplomacy, Oxford University Press, 2024<br><br>Peter Singer and Allan Friedman, Cybersecurity and Cyberwar: What Everyone Needs to Know, Oxford University Press, 2014<br><br>Adam Segal, The Hacked World Order, PublicAffairs, 2015<br><br>Anaum Chander and Haochen Sun (Ed.), Data Soverignty: From the Digital Silk Road to the Return of the State, Oxford Uni. Press, 2023<br><br>Bhaso Ndzendze and Tshilidzi Marwala (Ed.), Artificial Intelligence and International Relations Theory, Palgrave Macmillan, 2023<br><br>Stephen Coleman and Lone Sorenson (Ed.), Handbook of Digital Politics, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2023<br><br>Additional academic articles, policy papers, and media sources will be provided throughout the course in line with weekly topics. |

**Theory Topics**

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