



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Transatlantic Relations and European Security in an Era of Great Power Competition - 54622*

*Last update 29-10-2020*

*HU Credits: 1*

*Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)*

*Responsible Department: European Studies*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: English*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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*Coordinator Office Hours: By appointment*

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Teaching Staff:

Prof Simon Luis

Course/Module description:

*The international system is characterized by intensifying great power competition, notably between the United States and China, but also between the United States and Russia at the regional (ie European) level. This module will explore the impact of intensifying great power competition on transatlantic relations and European security*

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*Demonstrate a strong working knowledge of Europe's evolving security architecture*

*Understand the challenges and opportunities that characterize the transatlantic relationship in an era defined by great power competition*

*Understand the dynamics of NATO-Russia security competition*

*Understand how the rise of China affects US strategy in Europe, and the regional tradeoffs it presents for the United States*

Attendance requirements(%):

90%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

*Module 1: Europe's Past, Present and Futures: A Geopolitical Perspective*

*Module 2: The NATO-Russia Strategic Balance*

*Module 3: Europe, the Rise of Asia and the Future of the Transatlantic Relationship*

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Module 4: Why Does the United States Prioritise Europe Or Asia

Module 5: What is Europe's Place in Sino-American Competition

Required Reading:

MODULE 1

- *Simón, L. (2018) The Return of a Westphalian Europe?, Whitehall Paper 90 (Royal United Services Institute)*

MODULE 2

- *Kroenig, M. (2015) Facing Reality: Getting NATO Ready for a New Cold War, Survival 57:1, 49-70*
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MODULE 3

- *Heisbourg, F (2020) NATO 4.0: The Atlantic Alliance and the Rise of China, Survival 62:2, 83-102*

MODULE 4

- *Brands, H and Cooper, Z. (2019) After the Responsible Stakeholder, What? Debating America's China Strategy, Texas National Security Review 2:2, 68-81*
- *Colby, E. (2018) Against the Great Powers: Reflections on Balancing Nuclear and Conventional Power, Texas National Security Review 2:1, 144-152.*

MODULE 5

- *Borrell, J. (2020) The Sinatra Doctrine: Building a United European Front, Institute Montaigne, 9 September 2020*
- *Simón, L. (2019), What's Europe's Place in Sino-American Competition?, War on the Rocks, 14 February*

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Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 100 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

3,000 words essay