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Syllabus

THEORIES AND RESEARCH IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - 58844

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: international relations

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: English

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Course/Module description:
This is an advanced course in IR theory and it is assumed that students have prior knowledge of the material. As such its objective is to widen and deepen existing knowledge and the course will be conducted mainly through reading and discussion.

The course will begin with mapping the discipline using various axes and by a discussion on the scientific nature of the discipline and its theories. Various positivist and post-positivistic answers will be surveyed. Clearing those issues we will advance to discuss some central approaches in the field, such as realism, liberalism, and constructivism, as well as the more challenging approaches such as critical theory, feminism, and post-structuralism.
We will then zoom into key concepts that are used in the field like anarchy, power, international system, international organization, norms, identities, governance, and networks. The course will be concluded with a normative discussion of the position of researchers vis-à-vis their societies.

Course/Module aims:
The objectives of the course are to acquire a thorough knowledge of the theoretical world of IR, and to learn the challenges confronting researchers.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
To compare different IR theories

To become familiar with and thoroughly and critically understand key concepts in the study of International Relations and social science more generally.

To evaluate explanatory success of IR theories

To apply theories on cases

To criticize theories

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Discussions in class and independent research

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction: Different ways to map the discipline
2. Is IR theory scientific?
3. Evaluating scientific progress
4. Realism
5. Liberalism
6. Constructivism
7. English School
8. Foreign policy and the domestic level of analysis
9. Critical theory and post-structuralism
10. Feminism
11. Power and essentially contested concepts
12. The state
13. The international system
14. Anarchy
15. Hegemony
16. Balancing
17. Rationality and emotions
18. Political psychology
19. Identities
20. Norms
21. Global governance
22. International networks
23. The normative dimension of IR research
24. Responsibility off academia

Required Reading:

Introduction: Different ways to map the discipline

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5.A final paper.