



## WORLD POLITICS

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The objective of this course is to provide an up-to-date, integrated and forward-looking introduction to world politics. How should we approach the study of world affairs? How the world politics is best understood? World affairs have traditionally been understood on the basis of an international paradigm. In this view, which is called International Relations, states are taken to be the essential building blocks of world politics. However, since the 1980s, an alternative globalization trend has become fashionable. This reflects the belief that world affairs have been transformed in recent decades by the growth of global interconnections and interdependences. The aim of the course is to present and explain relevant approaches and issues of international politics. We are going to regard what the main presumptions of the traditional and the new theories are, and how to apply them to certain cases including international conflicts and global issues.

### **Course outline:**

#### *Block 1: World Politics as Academic Subject*

1. International Politics as a Discipline of Political Science
2. The "Great Debates" and the Levels of Analysis in International Politics
3. Westphalian World Order: History and Facts
4. World Stability
5. Ideas about Human Nature and the Interpretation of World Politics
6. International Society and Human Rights from IP perspectives

#### *Block 2: Different Schools, Different Focus*

7. The Mainstream: Traditions and Strands of Liberals and Realists
8. International Security: Topics and Discussions
9. "Beyond the Mainstream": Traditions and Strands of the Critical Views



### **Educational Resources:**

Lecture Notes, Readings, Videos, and Articles can be found on the homepage of the course at <http://malikdolgozat.uw.hu/wp.html>

### **Assessment:**

- ✓ Regular attendance (students are allowed to skip two classes in the semester).
- ✓ Two written examinations /between 3,000 and 5,000 words/ after the two blocks (that is, a midterm and a final examination essay). The weights of both papers are equally important /50-50%/ in getting the final grade.