

**POLITICS, WAR AND ECONOMY IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION:  
A History of Globalization.**

*Number of sessions: 30*

*Length of each session: 1,5 h*

*Total length of the module: 45 hours*

**INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE**

Globalization is fast becoming the most over-used and least understood word in the world. The accelerating political, economic, cultural and environmental interconnections that it describes are powerful and controversial. But what does it really mean? This course focuses on the historical context of globalization in order to gain insights as to where it is going next.

**CONTENT****First Week**

Introduction  
Organization of the course and some information

**Second Week**

World War Two as a Global War  
The World after Adolf Hitler: one Planet, two Worlds

**Third Week**

Reconstructing the West: The Marshall Plan and the OCDE, 1945-55  
Reconstructing the East: COMECON and the Agreement Russia-China, 1945-55

**Fourth Week**

Decolonization and new actors, 1945-65  
The non-aligned movement, 1955-75

**Fifth Week**

Wars of the cold War, 1945-1957: Korea, Latin America and Europe  
Wars of the cold War, 1957-75: Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia

**Sixth Week**

The End of Bretton Woods, 1965-75  
The Gold standard and the new oil Economies  
Oil Politics and the New Strategic Situation, 1970-90  
Iran, Iraq and the West

**Seventh Week**



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Mid-Term

Debate: Social Changes in Post-industrial Societies

Eighth Week

Debate: New Markets, new technologies

Debate: What's globalization then?

Ninth Week

The fall of the Soviet Union, 1989-91. Disintegration of empires, birth of nations

An American World, 1991-2001. The Hegemony of the WB and the WMF under Bill Clinton

Tenth week

Africa since 1991: A sinking continent

Asia since 1991: The emergence of the masses

Eleventh Week

Latin America since 1991

Between the US and Populism

Terrorism and Failed States

Westernization and Crony States

Twelfth Week

Piracy and Failed States

Black Markets and international trade

WMF, WB, China and Oil in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

Economic growth and development

Thirteenth Week

World Business and Politics since 1991

Central Asia, Europe and Gas

World Business and Politics since 1991

The US and the Middle East

Fourteenth Week

Final Exam

Closing session

## GRADING

The final grade of each student is determined considering the following weights:

Mid Term Exam (30%)

Papers (50%)

Final Exam (20%)