Module description

We live at a time of historic change in the international system. The rise of China and other large developing countries is challenging the long dominance of the west. Political upheaval and the growing role of networks are reshaping the world. Economic, social and technological changes are altering the context for international relations. This module asks the key questions about contemporary international relations. It teaches key ideas such as sovereignty and security; develops students’ ability to analyse and respond to some of the central problems of our day; and to understand longer trends of continuity and change in global politics.

Person specification

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the generic person specification for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- a good honours degree or equivalent in international relations, politics, international studies or a closely related area
- familiarity with key issues, debates and theories in international relations today
- commitment to teaching using a range of elearning tools to support students
- experience of supporting students in developing their abilities to study and research independently.

It would be an advantage to have:

- postgraduate qualifications and/or ongoing research interests in a closely related area
- experience of honours level teaching, preferably of adults
- experience of distance teaching and learning
- experience in the use of electronic forums as teaching and discussion spaces.

Additional information

- This module has full double marking of the EMA and although separate contracts will be given for first and second marking of EMAs, it is an expectation that ALs teaching on DD313 will be available and willing to undertake this marking.
- Students are required to collaborate online in part of the assessment.
- Some practical and professional skills are taught and assessed.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

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