FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD

Professor: **Carl Rihan**
Language of instruction: **English**
Number of hours of class: **10h**

Objective of the Course

This course is expected to introduce students to both international relations and foreign policy and to serve as a foundational course for those interested in pursuing studies in these respective fields. The course builds upon several themes explored in the Master Classes and will focus on the functioning of States within the broader "Global Order" from an international security lens. It tackles a broad range of subjects including the principles of international security, geopolitics, theories of war and peace, global governance and the international political economy, and emerging challenges and threats including leveraging Data Science as well as Artificial Intelligence within global politics.

By the end of the course, it is expected that students will have grasped the theoretical foundations of international politics, the characteristics of the international order, the nature of international challenges, and would have learned how to prepare short, practice-oriented foreign policy proposals as well as how to discuss policy challenges in an informed manner.

Summary

The course is structured around 4 classes of 2.5 hours each, followed by an oral presentation, the "Petit Oral". Sessions will revolve around the following topics:

Session 1: Foundations of Foreign Policy (the foreign policymaker's toolbox: key assumptions in international security, measuring State power).

Session 2: Conflict and Cooperation Between States (the balance of power and the likelihood of conflict, deterrence and hegemony, theories of war and peace).

Session 3: The International Political Economy and International Governance (cooperation between States, international trade and economic policy, monetary challenges, the Covid-19 pandemic).

Session 4: Foreign Policy and Transnational and Emerging Challenges: Quantitative Methods, Data Science, and Artificial Intelligence in Foreign Policy.

Professor's Biography

Carl Rihan, Ph.D. is Associate and Visiting Fellow of the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (Hamburg). Carl lectures on International Security and Public Policy at SciencesPo Lille and teaches Business Management at Ecole Jeannine Manuel (Marcq-en-Baroeul). A seasoned programme coordinator, Carl has more than twelve years of experience in the field of governance and economic development in fragile and conflict-affected settings, and has co-authored the roadmap "Implementing Agenda 2030 in the Arab World" (2019) as well as the more recent volume *Governance Cooperation in a Conflict-Ridden Context* (2024). He is also the author of the upcoming volume *Coup in Damascus: Syria and the Birth of Arab Military Rule* (2025).