# History of Treaties and International Politics

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

In-depth study of topics related to diplomacy, the history of international politics and the relations between military strategy and foreign policy not included in the History of International relations and Institutions course. Students will critically address the specific topics indicated in the programme, based on their general knowledge of the international history of the last two centuries.

*Knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, students will be able to understand political-institutional dynamics related to international politics and diplomacy, with particular reference to the areas and periods indicated in the programme.

*Ability to apply knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, students will be able to critically evaluate and apply the acquired knowledge for professional purposes.

***COURSE CONTENT***

1. Sources and methodology of the history of international relations, origins and development of permanent diplomacy and diplomatic career.

2. The use of military force within international relations; diplomacy and general strategy. The evolution of the Atlantic Alliance.

3. Italian foreign policy after the Second World War.

***READING LIST***

The reading list is common to attending and non-attending students. Attending students will have facilitated examination procedures, as indicated in the notes. Students should study the following in preparation for the examination:

1. M. de Leonardis, *Storia dei trattati e politica internazionale. Fonti, metodologia, nascita ed evoluzione della diplomazia permanente*, 3rd Edition, Milano, EDUCatt, 2021.

2. M. de Leonardis (ed.), *NATO in the Post-Cold War Era: Continuity and Transformation*, London, Palgrave/Macmillan 2021 (only the Introductin and chapter 1 both available to *open access*). A text on strategic studies or on Italian foreign policy after the Second World War, chosen from a list that will be distributed during lectures and posted on *Blackboard*. Only full-time students who regularly attend have the option of studying the text chosen from this list before the final examination, giving an oral presentation in the class or submitting a written paper during the course.

3. M. de Leonardis, *Guerra Fredda e interessi nazionali. L’Italia nella politica internazionale del secondo dopoguerra,* Soveria Mannelli, Rubbettino, 2014.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures, seminars, conferences by external experts, eventual study visit to a NATO Command (depending on the Covid-19 health emergency), including an attendance certificate.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral final examination. See notes. With reference to the ‘Dublin indicators’, the expected learning outcomes will take into account the difference between knowledge, understanding, ability to apply knowledge and understanding, and autonomy of judgment.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

In order to fully benefit from the course students should have basic knowledge of the History of International Relations from 1815, acquired preferably having taken the relative examination or in another way. Attending students will have the option of taking a part of the examination in advance, by presenting one of the texts from point 2) of the Reading List either orally during the lecture or as a written paper. Students attending the series of lectures on Papal Diplomacy may study books indicated by the tutor in place of those indicated in point 2) of the reading list. Those who have already presented one of the books from point 2) of the Reading List, either orally or in written form, and also attends the series of lectures on Papal Diplomacy may omit presenting the book from point 3) of the reading list. Students for whom the examination carries less than 9 ECTS should arrange a reduced study programme with the Professor. Students from faculties other than Political and Social Sciences are reminded that lectures follow the calendar for the latter.

In case the current Covid-19 health emergency does not allow frontal teaching, remote teaching and assessment will be carried out following procedures that will be promptly notified to students.

*Times and places of colloquia with students*

Prof. Massimo de Leonardis will talk with students after lessons and in his office in the Department of Political Sciences in the hours indicated on Blackboard. If sanitary conditions compel to colloquia at distance, they will take place through Skype, making a preliminary request by e mail. All announces will appear on Blackboard.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at <http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG>, or on the Faculty notice board.