**Interdisciplinary Seminar**

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

*Objectives*

The seminar aims to develop the intrinsic potential of the Faculty and Degree Programme for cross-curricular study, involving lecturers from different fields, engaging students in an educational process (individually and in groups) and using innovative teaching methods (co-teaching, group work, public presentations and individual reflection).

*Knowledge and understanding*

The course aims to reinforce students’ capacity for critical thought and interdisciplinary synthesis.

*Ability to apply knowledge and understanding*

By the end of the course, students will be able to use analytical tools to get to grips, including in terms of their future career, with the current developments in European and international political contexts. Seminar participants will be able to test their communication skills and aptitude for research by means of the final presentation of their work (slide contest).

***COURSE CONTENT***

For the academic year 2023/2024, the seminar will address some of the main European and international political topics at the heart of today’s global challenges. In particular, Lectures will cover the following topics:

* Europe in the global (dis-)order
* The European Union and the problem of the spread of democracy: between international security and internal security
* The European Union and the People’s Republic of China: systemic possibilities and challenges
* The role of diplomacy in the projections of European foreign policy
* Between slowbalization, euroscepticism and (dis-)integration.

***READING LIST***

Texts and materials will be indicated depending on the topics covered in the seminar.

***TEACHING METHOD***

The interdisciplinary seminar will be organised in three stages:

I. Frontal lectures with lecturers from different subject areas, who will explore the main subjects of the seminar in detail;

II. Interactive meetings with students to identify areas of interest, create work groups and assign research topics to each single group with guidance from the lecturer and tutors;

III. Final meeting with an external guest for a discussion on the topics addressed in the seminar.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

 *Exam procedure*

The final assessment takes the form of an oral presentation with slides of a group study on the issues addressed during the course.

*Assessment criteria*

The final evaluation will be based both on the mark obtained in the *slide contest* (group work) and, on the evaluation of each individual student’s participation in the seminar.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Owing to its nature, the interdisciplinary seminar will take an interactive approach to teaching in order to enhance students’ critical thinking and communication skills. Regular attendance is therefore essential. Given its particular didactic structure, the course can only accommodate a limited number of students.

 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.