



## STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

## YEAR

2021-2022

## COURSE TITLE

**Geopolitics of Vaccination**

## ACADEMIC ASSISTANT

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## COURSE TYPE

Compact Seminar

## MAJOR(S)

EUW

## ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

## SEMESTER

2

## TEACHING HOURS

8

## INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

## TUTORIAL(S)

## COEFFICIENT

not applicable

## LANGUAGE(S)

EN

## COURSE OBJECTIVE

The course will examine the geopolitics of vaccination at a variety of scales, from the global to the domestic, and focus on a range of sites of geopolitical contestation: from the 'vaccine diplomacy' of competing global actors, to the implementation of mobility restrictions through 'vaccine passports', to the weaponization of disinformation to foster mistrust in vaccines and other pandemic governance measures.

## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course will provide students with a better appreciation of how vaccines (and public health measures more broadly) have become a focus of political and geopolitical contestation, at the global, European, national and even local scales. It will introduce students to the emerging literature on this topic from political geography, science and technology and data studies, and public health governance.

## RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

It would be beneficial, though not essential, for students to have followed the 'Introduction to Geopolitics' course.

## TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lectures combined with seminar-style discussions.

## ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

The compact seminar will be assessed on a 'pass/fail' basis through:

- an online multiple-choice test (80% of the mark) after the final course session - 15 minutes to answer 7 questions, and

- overall attendance (20% of the mark).

The weighted average of both assessment elements needs to be equal or greater than 50% for a student to pass the compact seminar.

Each student is entitled to re-taking the test once. The re-take test would account for 80% of the mark whilst overall attendance would account for the remaining 20%.

Since compact seminars carry no ECTS credits, the final result will be present on the transcript, but will have no impact on students' final average, nor on overall grade, nor on attaining the diploma.

## COURSE CONTENTS

The course will be divided into 3 broad topic areas: I. Vaccine Diplomacy and Health Geopolitics; II. Passportizing Immunity: Covid Passports; III. The Covid 'Infodemic': Weaponizing Mistrust in Vaccines

## COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Given the evolving nature of the topic, the readings will comprise both recent academic journal articles and current pieces from the popular press. All readings will be provided in electronic format before the start of the course.

