



College of Europe  
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Natolin

## ECTS CARD

### STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

### YEAR

2023-2024

### COURSE TITLE

**Before the West: The Rise and Fall of Eastern World Orders**

### SEMESTER

2

### COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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### COURSE TYPE

Core Course

### MAJOR(S)

EPAP, EUW, EUN, EHC

### ECTS CREDITS

4

### TEACHING HOURS

20

### INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

80

### TUTORIAL(S)

### COEFFICIENT

1

### LANGUAGE(S)

EN

### COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course aims to help students deepen their understanding of the concepts of 'international order' and 'sovereignty' and to become familiar with the history of international order making, including outside of Europe. We will cover the traditional account starting with Westphalia but broaden our horizons to other orders as well.

### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students will get an increased familiarity with the history of international orders, especially outside of Europe.
- Students will be able to better theorise foundational concepts of international relations.
- Students will deepen their understanding of IR theory.

### RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

The course will require some familiarity with basic IR concepts and theories. It is recommended that students refresh their basic IR knowledge before they start.

### TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lecture, seminar, group discussions.

## ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

The assessment of the course will be based on two elements:

1. Group presentation on a topic related to the content of the course lasting 20-30 minutes: 50%
2. A closed-book digital in-class two-hour final exam with no page limit. Students will be asked to answer one question out of four: 50%

The College of Europe reserves the right to change the delivery and assessment of the course in case of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the College (force majeure). Any communication from the campus administration in this regard takes precedence over information provided in the ECTS card.

Retake examinations, i.e. exams passed in the second examination session, will have the same format as those taken during the first exam session. The only exception concerns oral exams, which are replaced in the second exam session by written exams. When a student takes an examination during the second session, the final mark for the course is based solely on the result of the retake examination. No other element of evaluation which would have been taken into consideration in the calculation of the final mark during the first examination session will be considered in the second session.

## COURSE CONTENTS

1. Introduction – What is Order?
2. Order and sovereignty
3. History of International Orders – The Traditional Westphalian Account
4. Before the West: The Rise and Fall of Eastern World Orders
5. Order and sovereignty in the 21st century

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

Readings (see Course Outline).