

Description of Course Unit

according to the ECTS User's Guide 2015

Course unit title	Global Connectivity: Theoretical Perspective and Practical Issues
Course unit code	
Type of course unit (compulsory, optional)	Optional
Level of course unit (according to EQF: first cycle Bachelor, second cycle Master)	second cycle Master
Year of study when the course unit is delivered (if applicable)	2
Semester/trimester when the course unit is delivered	3
Number of ECTS credits allocated	6
Name of lecturer(s)	Duong Ngoc Dung. PhD.
Learning outcomes of the course unit	By the end of this course, students will be able to: 1. Critically analyze the theoretical frameworks underlying the concept of global connectivity. 2. Evaluate the practical implications and challenges of global connectivity across various domains, such as economics, politics, and society. 3. Develop an in-depth understanding of the multifaceted nature of global connectivity and its impact on international relations. 4. Engage in research and discussion on emerging trends and issues related to global connectivity. 5. Apply the knowledge gained to formulate informed and nuanced policies and strategies in the field of international relations
Mode of delivery (face-to-face, distance learning)	Face-to-face
Prerequisites and co- requisites (if applicable)	International Relations Theories, IR Research Methods

Course content	This course provides a comprehensive examination of the concept of global connectivity from both theoretical and practical perspectives. It explores the multifaceted nature of interconnectedness in the contemporary world, including economic, political, social, and cultural dimensions. Students will engage with a range of theories and frameworks that seek to explain the drivers, dynamics, and implications of global connectivity. Furthermore, the course delves into specific practical issues and case studies that highlight the challenges and opportunities associated with increased global integration. By the end of
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	the course, students will have a deep understanding of the complexities of global connectivity and the ability to critically analyze its impact on various spheres of human activity.
Recommended or required reading and other learning resources/tools	Assigned Readings 1. Baylis, J., & Smith, S. (Eds.). (2005). The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations. Oxford University Press. 2. Stiglitz, J. E. (2002). Globalization and Its Discontents. W. W. Norton & Company. 3. Kennedy, P. (1989). The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers. Vintage. 4. Rodrik, D. (1997). Globalization and Its Economic Consequences. Harvard University Press. 5. Rodrik, D. (2011). The Globalization Paradox. W. W. Norton & Company. 6. Rosenau, J. N. (2005). Global Governance. University of Toronto Press. 7. Nederveen Pieterse, J. (2009). Globalization and Culture. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. 8. Appiah, K. A. (2007). Cosmopolitanism. W. W. Norton & Company. 9. Sachs, J. D. (2015). The Age of Sustainable Development. Columbia University Press. 10. Fien, J., & Hicks, D. (2002). Globalization and Sustainable Development. Routledge. 11. Kaplan, R. D. (2012). The Revenge of Geography. Random House. 12. Moisi, D. (2009). The Geopolitics of Emotion. Anchor. Suggested Readings 13. Castells, M. (2010). The Rise of the Network Society. Wiley-Blackwell. 14. Held, D., & McGrew, A. (Eds.). (2003). The Global Transformations Reader. Polity. 15. Keohane, R. O., & Nye, J. S. (2000). Globalization: What's New? What's Not? (And So What?). Foreign Policy, (118), 104-119. 16. Sassen, S. (2007). A Sociology of Globalization. W. W. Norton & Company. 17. Friedman, T. L. (2005). The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 18. Gilpin, R. (2001). Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order. Princeton University Press. 19. Hardt, M., & Negri, A. (2000). Empire. Harvard University Press. 20. Ohmae, K. (1990). The Borderless World. HarperBusiness. 21. Wallerstein, I. (2004). World-Systems Analysis: An Introduction. Duke University Press.
Planned learning activities and teaching methods	This course is research-based model of learning. See Learning Activities Plan in the table below
Language of instruction	Vietnamese

Assessment methods and criteria	Formative assessment: Midterm: Essays (30%) Final: Assignment paper (70%)
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Learning activities Plan

Sessions	Specific Objectives/ learning outcomes	Contents	Teaching & Learning Activities		Assessment
			Face-to-face	Self-study or study via LMS	
1. Introduction to Global Connectivity	Understand the historical context and evolution of global connectivity. Recognize the key drivers and enablers of global connectivity. Introduce the theoretical frameworks and concepts underlying global connectivity	Defining global connectivity and its significance in the modern world. Examining the historical development of global interconnectedness. Identifying the technological, economic, and sociopolitical factors that have shaped global connectivity. Introducing the theoretical perspectives on global connectivity, such as globalization, interdependence, and network theory.	Class Activity: Group discussion on the personal experiences and perceptions of global connectivity. Presentation and analysis of case studies showcasing the impact of global connectivity. Interactive Activity: Brainstorming session on the opportunities and challenges presented by global connectivity.	Assigned reading: Chapters 1-2 from "The Globalization of World Politics" by John Baylis and Steve Smith.	Essay1: Write a reflective essay on the personal and societal implications of global connectivity
2. Theoretical Perspectives on Global Connectivity	Examine the key theoretical frameworks and models that explain global connectivity. Critically analyze the strengths and limitations of these theoretical approaches. Understand the interconnections between various theoretical perspectives on global connectivity	Globalization theory: economic, political, and cultural dimensions. Interdependence theory: the mutual dependence and vulnerability of nations. Network theory: the structure and dynamics of global networks.	Class Activity: Group presentations on the key tenets and applications of different theoretical frameworks. Debate on the merits and drawbacks of various theoretical perspectives.	Assigned Readings: Selected chapters from "Globalization and Its Discontents" by Joseph E. Stiglitz and "The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers" by Paul Kennedy.	N/a

		World-systems theory: the core-periphery dynamics of the global system. Complexity theory: the nonlinear and emergent nature of global connectivity	Interactive Activity: Case study analysis: Applying different theoretical lenses to understand a global issue or event		
3. The Economic Dimensions of Global Connectivity	Analyze the economic aspects of global connectivity, such as trade, investment, and financial integration. Understand the role of multinational corporations and global value chains in shaping economic connectivity. Evaluate the benefits and challenges of economic globalization for developed and developing countries	Patterns and trends in international trade and investment. The rise of multinational corporations and their impact on global economic integration. Global value chains and their implications for the distribution of economic power and wealth. The role of international organizations and agreements in governing economic globalization. The debate on the costs and benefits of economic globalization	Class Activity: Case study presentations on the economic consequences of global connectivity in specific regions or industries. Group discussion on the winners and losers of economic globalization. Interactive Activity: Simulation exercise: Negotiating an international trade agreement or investment deal.	Assigned reading: Chapters from "Globalization and Its Economic Consequences" by Dani Rodrik and "The Globalization Paradox" by Dani Rodrik.	Essay2: Comparative essay on the explanatory power of two contrasting theoretical approaches to global connectivity
4. The Political Dimensions of Global Connectivity	Examine the impact of global connectivity on the sovereignty and decision-making of nation-states. Understand the role of international organizations and transnational actors in shaping global politics. Analyze the challenges and opportunities presented by global connectivity for the global governance system	The erosion of state sovereignty and the rise of supranational governance. The influence of international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and multinational corporations on global politics. The emergence of new forms of political mobilization and	Class Activity: Debate on the merits and drawbacks of national sovereignty in an increasingly interconnected world. Simulation exercise: Negotiating a multilateral agreement on a global issue.	Assigned reading: Selections from "Global Governance" by James N. Rosenau and "The Globalization of World Politics" by John Baylis and Steve Smith.	N/a

		activism in the age of global connectivity. The debate on global governance and the need for more effective international cooperation.	Interactive Activity: Panel discussion with experts on the political implications of global connectivity.		
5. The Social and Cultural Dimensions of Global Connectivity	Understand the impact of global connectivity on social and cultural dynamics. Analyze the opportunities and challenges presented by the exchange of ideas, values, and beliefs across borders. Explore the implications of global connectivity for issues such as migration, identity, and social movements.	The diffusion of cultural norms, values, and practices in the age of global connectivity. The impact of global connectivity on social and cultural identities. The role of new media and digital technologies in facilitating cross-cultural exchange and social mobilization. The debate on cultural homogenization versus cultural diversity in the context of global connectivity	Class Activity: Panel discussion on the impact of global connectivity on local cultures and traditions. Group presentations on case studies of transnational social movements and their influence. Interactive Activity: Intercultural dialogue and exchange on the personal experiences of global connectivity.	Assigned reading: Chapters from "Globalization and Culture" by Jan Nederveen Pieterse and "Cosmopolitanism" by Kwame Anthony Appiah.	Essay3: Reflective essay on the personal and societal impact of global connectivity on one's own cultural identity and worldview.
6. Global Connectivity and Sustainable Development Detailed Learning Objectives	Examine the linkages between global connectivity and sustainable development goals. Understand the opportunities and challenges presented by global connectivity for addressing global environmental and social issues. Explore the role of various stakeholders, including governments, businesses, and civil society, in promoting sustainable global connectivity.	The impact of global connectivity on environmental sustainability, climate change, and resource management. The role of global value chains and transnational corporations in shaping sustainable development. The potential of global connectivity for facilitating the transfer of technology and	Class Activity: Case study presentations on the contributions and limitations of global connectivity in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Group discussion on the trade-offs and synergies between economic growth, social equity, and environmental	Development" by Jeffrey Sachs and "Globalization and Sustainable Development" by John Fien and David Hicks. Homework: Policy proposal on how to leverage global connectivity to advance sustainable development objectives.	N/a

		knowledge to address global challenges. The need for multilateral cooperation and governance frameworks to promote sustainable global connectivity.	protection in the context of global connectivity. Interactive Activity: Stakeholder dialogue: Engaging representatives from government, industry, and civil society to discuss strategies for sustainable global connectivity.		
7. Global Connectivity and Geopolitical Tensions	Analyze the impact of global connectivity on the dynamics of global power and geopolitical competition. Understand the role of global connectivity in shaping regional and international conflicts. Explore the strategies and policies adopted by states to manage the challenges and opportunities presented by global connectivity.	The impact of global connectivity on the distribution of power and influence among states. The emergence of new geopolitical fault lines and regional rivalries in the context of global connectivity. The role of global connectivity in facilitating the diffusion of technology, information, and ideologies that can fuel geopolitical tensions. The national security implications of global connectivity and the strategies adopted by states to manage these challenges.	Class Activity: Case study analysis on the geopolitical consequences of global connectivity in specific regions or issue areas. Debate on the merits and drawbacks of different national approaches to managing the geopolitical challenges of global connectivity. Interactive Activity: Simulation exercise: Negotiating a multilateral agreement to address a geopolitical issue arising from global connectivity.	Assigned reading: Chapters from "The Revenge of Geography" by Robert D. Kaplan and "The Geopolitics of Emotion" by Dominique Moisi.	

8. Emerging Trends and Future Trajectories of Global Connectivity Detailed Learning Objectives	Identify and analyze emerging trends and developments in global connectivity. Understand the potential future trajectories and scenarios for the evolution of global connectivity. Explore the implications of these trends and trajectories for international relations and global governance.	Emerging technologies and their impact on global connectivity, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and the Internet of Things. The rise of new centers of economic and political power and their influence on global connectivity. The challenges posed by global health crises, climate change, and other transnational issues to the existing global connectivity landscape. The potential for new forms of global governance and cooperation to address the challenges of global connectivity.	Class Activity: Presentations and discussions on the potential impact of emerging trends on global connectivity. Scenario-building exercise: Envisioning different future trajectories of global connectivity and their implications. Interactive Activity: Panel discussion with experts on the future of global connectivity and its impact on international relations.	Assigned reading: Selected articles and reports on emerging trends and future scenarios related to global connectivity. Homework: Final research paper or project proposal on a specific aspect of the future of global connectivity.	N/a
9. Course Wrap-up and Final Presentations		Student presentations of their final research papers or project proposals. Comprehensive review and discussion of the key concepts, theories, and practical issues covered throughout the course. Reflections on the broader implications of global connectivity for the field of	Class Activity: Student presentations of their final research papers or project proposals. Facilitated discussion and feedback on the presentations. Interactive Activity:		Research paper on the geopolitical implications of global connectivity in a specific region or issue area.

		international relations and beyond.	Open forum for students to engage in a final discussion and ask questions about the course content and future directions of global connectivity.		

