

Lecturer

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Introduction to International Relations

Class Description

The objective of the class is to give the students a first idea of geopolitics and international relations. After introducing the notion of geopolitics and its interest, we will question the role of geography, physical constraints, and natural resources in the equilibrium of power at the international level. In a second part, we will analyse the long run evolution of the geopolitical organization of the world.

Syllabus

First class : Introduction to Geopolitics

Program :

1. The different schools of geopolitical thought
2. The role of geography : constraints and resources, roads and obstacles
3. The role of history : long run and soft power
4. The role of international policy

Maps :

1. The great axes of communications in the world
2. Cultural centers and peripheries in the world
3. The great logics of classic geopolitics
4. Is Huntington right ?
5. Indochina war and Vietnam war.

Subjects of presentations :

1. German geopolitics
2. Anglo-saxon geopolitics
3. French geopolitics
4. Les Annales
5. Susan Strange
6. Kissinger and diplomatic realism
7. Realpolitik and the emergence of international law
8. History and stakes of cartography

Presentation of papers :

1. Basin, Mark, "Imperialism and the nation-state in Friedrich Ratzel's political geography", *Progress in Human Geography*, 1987, 11/4.
2. Heske, Henning, "Karl Haushofer : his role in German geopolitics and in Nazi politics", *Political Geography Quarterly*, vol. 6, n. 2, 1987.
3. Landry, Guillaume, "L'évolution conceptuelle de la géopolitique", *Glendon Journal of International Studies*
4. Lacoste, Yves, *La géographie, ça sert, d'abord, à faire la guerre*
5. Gazan, Anil, "La *Realpolitik*, élément incontournable des relations internationales", *La Revue internationale et stratégique*, 2007/3
6. Anderson, Sheldong, "Metternich, Bismarck, and the Myth of the "Long Peace"", *Peace and Change*, vol. 32, 2007
7. Braudel, Fernand, *La Méditerranée et le monde méditerranéen à l'époque de Philippe II*, 1949
8. Krueger, Anne, "The Political Economy of the Rent Seeking Society", *The American Economic Review*, 1974
9. Strange, Susan, "The Defective State", *Daedalus*, MIT Press, vol. 124, n. 2, 1995

Readings :

1. Braudel, Fernand, *La Méditerranée et le monde méditerranéen à l'époque de Philippe II*, 1949
2. Schmidt, Rainer, *Otto von Bismarck (1815-1898) : Realpolitik und Revolution*, Stuttgart, 2004
3. Kissinger, *Diplomacy*, 1994
4. Strange, Susan, *The Retreat of the State : the diffusion of Power in the world economy*, 1996
5. Badie, Bertrand, *L'Etat importé : l'occidentalisation de l'ordre politique*, 1992
6. Smouts Marie-Claude, Battistella, Dario, et Vennesson, Pascal, *Dictionnaire des relations internationales*, Dalloz, Paris, 2003
7. Chauprade, Aymeric et Thual, François (1999): « Dictionnaire de géopolitique : États, concepts, auteurs », Ellipses, Paris
8. Lacoste, Yves, *La géographie, ça sert d'abord à faire la guerre*

Second Class : Resources and Power

Program :

1. Energy, at the center of international stakes
2. Rare water, rare land
3. The new resources
4. Resources, control and power

Maps :

1. The world stakes of oil
2. Natural resources in the world
3. Geopolitics of drugs in the world
4. Energy in the European Union

Presentations :

1. Rare metals
2. Water conflicts
3. Shale oil
4. Nuclear power today, between economics and politics
5. Drugs and conflicts in the world today

Paper presentations :

1. Maffei, Benoît, et Greggio, Christophe, Le pétrole. Le troisième choc et la malédiction pétrolière, Economica, 2014 : Chapitre "Les modalités de la malédiction pétrolière".
2. Brault, Julien, "Technip de 1958 à 2008. L'émergence d'un champion national de l'ingénierie pétrolière", Entreprise et histoire, 2013/2
3. Goldman Sachs, "The BRICs and Global markets : Crude, Cars and Capital", Global Economics Papers, 118, 2004
4. Patey, Luke, "State rules : Oil companies and armed conflict in Sudan", *Third World Quarterly*, 28/5, 2007
5. Rosegrant, Susan, "Banana Wars : Challenges to the European Union's Banana Regime", case program C14-99-1534.0, Kennedy School of Government.
6. *Questions internationales* n° 14, « Mers et océans », La documentation française juillet – août 2005.
7. Dupré, Mathilde et Shi, Weijing, "La présence chinoise en Afrique de l'Ouest : le cas du Mali et du Bénin", document de travail, Agence française de développement, 2008
8. Luciani, Giacomo, "The oil rent, the fiscal crisis of the state and democratization", in Salame, Ghassan, *Democracy without democrats ? The renewal of politics in the muslim world*, 1994.
9. Huntington, *The Clash of Civilization*
10. O'Neil, "The real war in Mexico. How democracy can defeat the drug cartels", *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 88, n. 4, 2009
11. Listhaug, "Oil wealth dissatisfaction and political trust in Norway : a resource curse ?", *West European Politics*, vol. 24, n. 4, 2005
12. Pham, Peter, "Iran's threat to the strait of Hormuz : a realist assessment", *American Foreign Policy Interest*, vol. 32, n. 2, 2010
13. Grégoire, Emmanuel, "Niger, un Etat à forte teneur en uranium", *Hérodote*, 2011/3

Lectures :

1. Lucchini, Laurent et Voelckel, Michel, *Droit de la mer*, éditions A. Pedone, Paris, 1996
2. Vigarie, André, *La mer et la géostratégie des nations*, Economica, Paris, 1995
3. *Questions internationales* n° 14, « Mers et océans », La documentation française juillet – août 2005
4. Koutouzis, Michel, *Atlas mondial des drogues*

Third Class : Geopolitical History

Program :

1. A brief history of the international political order
 - a. Classical diplomacy
 - b. The League of nations
 - c. The world after 1945
2. The great geopolitical crises of the 20th century and their consequences
 - a. The Balkanic crises
 - b. The Great Depression
 - c. Munich
 - d. The oil shocks
 - e. The fall of the Berlin wall
 - f. September 11th

Maps :

1. The system of alliances of the Congress of Vienna
2. Alsace-Lorraine and French-German relations (1870-1945)
3. Africa from the first discoveries to the Berlin Congress
4. WW2 in Europe

5. WW2 in Asia
6. The great logics of the Cold War
7. The effects of September 11th in the world
8. The centres of power in the world today

Subjects of presentations :

1. The Congress of Vienna
2. The Bismarkian system
3. The philosophical and geopolitical construction of international law in the 18th and 19th century
4. The place of China in the world (1789-1971)
5. The causes of WW1
6. The League of Nations
7. Bretton Woods
8. Marxisms and liberalisms
9. The great phases of the Cold War
10. The war of Yugoslavia
11. Islamist jihadism
12. The evolution of American geopolitical strategy since 1989
13. The evolution of Chinese geopolitics since 1989
14. Tian an Men

Papers :

1. Haggard, Stephan, *The Political Economy of the Asian Financial Crisis*, 2000 : Introduction and first chapters
2. Arcidiacono, Bruno, "Les projets de réorganisation du système international au XIX^e siècle (1871-1914)", *Relations Internationales*, 2005/3
3. Flandreau, Marc et Bignon, Vincent, "The price of media capture and the looting of newspapers in interwar France", *CEPR Discussions Papers*, 2012

Readings :

1. Charle, Christophe, *La crise des sociétés impériales: Allemagne, France, Grande-Bretagne (1900-1940)*, Seuil
2. Guillen, Pierre, *La question allemande de 1945 à nos jours*, Paris, 1996

Fourth Class : The New Risks

Program :

1. Asymmetric threats and non-conventional wars
2. The central role of the Middle-East

Maps :

1. Non-conventionnal threats in the world today
2. Geopolitical trends in the Middle-East
3. The Somalian War
4. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict today
5. The war in Syria
6. The Iranian strategy

Subjects of presentations :

1. Terrorism
2. Asymmetric wars
3. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict since 1914
4. The war in Afghanistan
5. The war in Syria
6. The Uigurs

Movie (may be chosen as a subject of presentation) :

1. Scott, Ridley, *Black Hawk Down*, 2001

Papers :

1. Ogunmola, Dele et Alani Badmus, Isiaka, « Le chemin de l'autodestruction : origine et dynamique de la guerre civile en Côte d'Ivoire », dans *Africa Development*, 2005, vol.30, n.1 et 2.
2. Sarkar, Jayita, "A bullock cart on nuclear-powered wheels : nuclear science, indigeneity and the national development narrative in India", *The Global Politics of Science and Technology*, 2014
3. Jabari, Rafe, "Les jeunes palestiniens : quel avenir ?", *Confluences Méditerranée*, 2005/4
4. Blumenau, Bernhard, "The United Nations and West Germany's efforts against international terrorism in the 1970's", in Hanhimäki, Jussi and Blumenau, Bernhard, *An International History of Terrorism*, Routledge, 2013
5. Greenwald, Glenn, MacAskill Ewen and Poitras, Laura, "Edward Snowden : the whistleblower behind the NSA surveillance revelations", *The Guardian*, 2013
6. Taremi, Kamran, "Beyond the axis of evil : ballistic missiles in Iran's military thinking", *Security Dialogue*, vol. 36, 2005
7. Billaut, Jean-Charles, Bouyssou, Denis, et Vincke, Philippe, "Should you believe in the Shanghai ranking ?", *Scientometrics* 84/1, 2010
8. "The role of elections in the peace-building and reconstruction of Afghanistan", *Asia-Pacific Review*. Mai 2005, vol. 12, p. 1-16.
9. Pakzad, Karim, "Afghanistan: l'incertaine transition vers la démocratie", *Revue internationale et stratégique*. 2005, nr. 57, p. 20-28.
10. Roy, Olivier, "Afghanistan : le lent retour du pouvoir central", *Politique internationale*. 2004. nr. 105, p. 281-293
11. Karzaï, Hamid, "Afghanistan : Renaissance d'une nation", *Entretien conduit par Isabelle Dillmann, Politique internationale*. 2005. nr. 109, p. 117-130

Readings :

1. Lawrence, T. E., *Les sept piliers de la sagesse*, 1922
2. Lesch, David, *The New Lion of Damascus : Bashar al-Assad and Modern Syria*, Yale University Press, 2005
3. Hanhimäki, Jussi and Blumenau, Bernhard, *An International History of Terrorism*, Routledge, 2013
4. Lust, Elen, *The Middle-East*
5. Guidère, Mathieu, *Atlas des révolutions arabes*
6. Corm, George, *Le Proche-Orient éclaté 1956-2003*, Folio Histoire, 2003
7. Fawcett, Louise, *International Relations of the Middle East*, Oxford University Press, 2005
8. Gresh, Alain et Vidal, Dominique, *Les 100 clés du Proche-Orient*, Hachette Littératures, 2003
9. Laurens et Cloarec, *Le Moyen-Orient au XXe siècle*, A. Colin, Coll. U, 2000.
10. Laurens, Henri, *Le Grand Jeu, Orient arabe et rivalités internationales depuis 1945*, 1991.
11. Laurens, Henri, *Paix et guerre au Moyen-Orient. L'Orient arabe de 1945 à nos jours*, Armand Colin, 2005
12. Zorgbibe, *Terres trop promises*, 1991
13. Corm, George, *Le Proche-Orient éclaté 1956-2003*
14. Morris, Benny, *Victimes. Histoire revisitée du conflit arabo-sioniste*, ed. Complexe, IHTP-CNRS, 2003