## Online Course Title

**International Political Economy**

## Technical Requirements

- Fully functional device (laptop, tablet, PC or smart phone)
- Stable internet connection
- Software: Zoom (video/audio)

Recommended hardware: external headset for better sound quality

## Course Level & Target Group

Undergraduate students, second stage of study

The participation requires a higher intermediate or advanced level of English (minimum B1, preferably B2, up to C2) according to the Common European Reference Framework for Languages.

## Course Language

This class is being taught in English only.

## ECTS

5 ECTS

## Instructor

Prof. Dr. Masimo della Justina

## Course Description

**International Political Economy**

1. **The Management of International Economic Relations**
   - International institutions and international economics
   - Trade policy and negotiation
   - Economic and geopolitical changes: an emerging Asia and the reshaping of EU, UK, US

2. **The Economic Ambitions of States**
   - Relationship between national politics, international relations and trade
   - New statism and international trade
   - Geopolitics and the international economy
3. **International Cooperation**  Aid for trade and development  
Countries’ aid agencies  
The social agenda: tackling education, environment, health, poverty and income opportunities  
Rodrik’s trilemma as a framework to discuss the trade-offs of globalization,  

4. **Failure of Cooperation and Fragile Countries**  
Disturbances of good trade relations in a context of civil war, dictatorship, trafficking and mass migration  
Tax competition, tax avoidance and money laundering  
Stabilisation policy and the analysis of disturbances  

5. **International Trade and Economic Geography**  
The challenges for landlocked countries  
Maritime economics  
International seas’ security for shipping  

Zoom will serve as a meeting platform for plenary discussion sessions and for working in groups (synchronous sessions).

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**Textbooks**

**Basic theoretical reading**  

**Interesting reading**  
FRIEDMAN, Brandon & WEITZMANN, Bruce Maddy. *Inglorious revolutions: state cohesion in the Middle East after the Arab Spring*. Tel Aviv, The Moshi Dayan Center, 2014.  

**Materials**  
Power point presentations and handouts during classes

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**Assessment**

Class participation: individual interest (1/10) and group analysis (3/10)

Final individual written dissertation on a chosen topic from a suggested list (6/10)