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Course Unit Program
International Relations Theories

Academic Year 2024/2025

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

International Relations Theories (07413)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

2nd

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

1st Semester

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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:	
Practical classes:	
Theoretical-Practical Classes	30,00
Tutorial Guidance:	20,00

9. ECTS Credits

6,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutor VITOR MANUEL RAMON FERNANDES

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

The general objectives of this course unit are to contribute to the development of the students's analytical capabilities providing them with in-depth knowledge of the different theories of international relations in order for them to better understand and analyse matters related to international affairs.

15. Specific Objectives

The main objectives of this course unit are to stimulate students to scientific analysis providing them with the ontological and epistemological background in order to better interpret matters occurring within the international system.

16. Skills to be acquired

Students are expected to acquire the competences in terms of content kowledge and analytical skills for the study of internacional relations.

17. Teaching Methodology

To center the teaching and learning process according to the integrated participation of the students and an interaction between the lecture and the students according to the paradigm underlined within the Bologna Process.

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1. Introduction.
2. Utopia and reality
3. Meta-theoretical questions.
4. What is a theory of international relations?
5. Explanatory and constitutive theory.
6. Holism and individualism.
7. Agency and structure.
8. Methodology: Explaning and understanding in international relations.
9. Ontology and epistemology in international relations.
10. Foundacionalism versus antifoundacionalism.
11. Positivism and post-positivism.
12. The Great Debates in international relations.
13. Sources of conflict and cooperation.
14. The security dilemma.
15. Classical Realism.
16. Structural Realism.
17. Hegemony in international relations and the Theory of Hegemonic Stability.
18. Neoclassical Realism.
20. Classical Liberalism.
21. Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The "neo-neo" synthesis.
22. The English School of International Relations.
23. Construtivisms.
24. Marxist and Neo-marxists schools.
25. Critical Theory.
26. Alternative Critical Perspectives.
27. Progress in international relations and in the Theory of International Relations.

19. Assessment Methods

According to the University regulations.

20. Didactic Resources

Recommended bibliography.
Digital resources.
Analysis of academic articles and other sources considered relevant.

21. Sustainability Objectives

This course unit wishes to contribute to sustainability in the following manner:
1. Ensure equality on what concerns access to a good quality technical education.
2. Guarantee equal level of opportunity in high level education.
3. To promote dematerialisation regarding the process of learning and teaching in a gradual way.

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22. Keywords

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, Steve Smith (Eds.)		
Title:	International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity		
Edition:	5ª	Year:	2021
Local:	London		
Publisher:	Oxford University Press		

Author(s):	Andrew Linklater, Scott Burchill, et al (Eds.)		
Title:	Theories of International Relations		
Edition:	6ª	Year:	2022
Local:	Oxford		
Publisher:	Red Globe Press		

Author(s):	John Baylis, Steve Smith, Patricia Owens (Eds.)		
Title:	The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations		
Edition:	9ª	Year:	2022
Local:	Oxford		
Publisher:	Oxford University Press		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Vítor Ramon Fernandes		
Title:	Paz e Guerra em Raymond Aron - Ontologia e Epistemologia da Ordem Internacional		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2016
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Edições Instituto da Defesa Nacional		

Author(s):	Martin Griffiths (Ed.)		
Title:	International relations theory for the twenty-first century: an introduction		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2007
Local:	New York, New York		
Publisher:	Routledge		

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