

## SYLLABUS

<b>Academic Term</b>	2020-2021 Spring
<b>Course Name / Code</b>	GEOPOLITICS – CIR 312
<b>Instructor</b>	Asst. Prof. Övgü Kalkan Küçüksolak, PhD
<b>Course Hours</b>	Wednesday, 09.00-12.00

### Aim of the Course

This course is designed to address the key concepts, main issues and competing visions of geopolitics. In the first part of the course, the focus will be on the imperialist origins of geopolitical thought, where as in the second part Cold War geopolitics will be analyzed through its practices and consequences. In the third part of the course, the geopolitical frame of the post Cold-War period will be discussed through the "new world order" debates and the last part of the course will introduce anti-geopolitical discourses on the key issues of power, gender and political economy with the aim of offering multidimensional 'new geopolitics' of the late twentieth century.

### Learning Outputs

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- be familiar with the key geopolitical themes and concepts
- be able to analyze geopolitical issues from a critical perspective
- be able to discuss causes, consequences and discourse of contemporary geopolitics

### Weekly Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Material
1	<u>Introduction to Geopolitics:</u> Main themes & key concepts	Flint, chp.1  Tuathail, Dalby, Routledge, chp.1
2	<u>PART I</u>  <u>Imperialist Geopolitics I</u>  Alfred Mahan  Halford J. Mackinder	Tuathail, Dalby, Routledge: pp.15-31.  Jon Sumida. "Alfred Thayer Mahan, Geopolitician", Journal of Strategic Studies, 22:2-3 (1999), pp.39-62.  Francis P. Sempa. "Mackinder's World", American Diplomacy 5:1 (Winter 2000).  Also available at: <a href="http://www.unc.edu/depts/diplomat/AD_Issues/amdipl_14/sempa_mac1.html">http://www.unc.edu/depts/diplomat/AD_Issues/amdipl_14/sempa_mac1.html</a>

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3	<u>Imperialist Geopolitics II</u>  Haushofer & Hitler	Tuathail, Dalby, Routledge: pp.15-25, pp.32-43.  Holger H. Hervig. "Geopolitik: Haushofer, Hitler and Lebensraum", Journal of Strategic Studies 22:2-3 (1999), pp. 218-241.
4	<u>PART II</u>  <u>Cold War Geopolitics I</u>  Truman Doctrine, Sources of Soviet Conduct, Soviet Policy and World Politics	Tuathail, Dalby, Routledge: pp.47-68.  Joseph C. Satterthwaite, "Truman Doctrine: Turkey", The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science 401: 74 (1972 ), pp.74-84.  Walter A. McDougall, "Kennan's "X" Plus Fifty", Foreign Policy Research Institute, Available at: <a href="http://www.fpri.org/fpriwire/0509.199709.mcdougall.kennansxarticle.html">http://www.fpri.org/fpriwire/0509.199709.mcdougall.kennansxarticle.html</a>  "Kennan and Containment, 1947", Office of the Historian, Available at: <a href="http://history.state.gov/milestones/1945-1952/kennan">http://history.state.gov/milestones/1945-1952/kennan</a>
5	<u>Cold War Geopolitics II</u>  Antidomino, The Brezhnev Doctrine, Geopolitics and Discourse	Tuathail, Dalby, Routledge: pp.47-57, pp.69-91.  Sam Tanenhaus, "The World: From Vietnam to Iraq: The Rise and Fall of the Domino Theory", The New York Times, 2003, Available at: <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/23/weekinreview/the-world-from-vietnam-to-iraq-the-rise-and-fall-">http://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/23/weekinreview/the-world-from-vietnam-to-iraq-the-rise-and-fall-</a>
6	<u>Cold War Geopolitics III</u>  Common Sense and the Common Danger, Appeal for European Nuclear Disarmament, New Political Thinking	Tuathail, Dalby, Routledge: pp.47-57, pp.92-102.  "Committee on the Present Danger", The Right Web, 2 articles 1- available at: <a href="http://rightweb.irc-online.org/profile/Committee_on_the_Present_Danger#_edn5">http://rightweb.irc-online.org/profile/Committee_on_the_Present_Danger#_edn5</a> 2- available at: <a href="http://www.rightweb.irc-online.org/articles/display/Committee_on_the_Present_Danger">http://www.rightweb.irc-online.org/articles/display/Committee_on_the_Present_Danger</a>  David Holloway, "Gorbachev's New Thinking", Foreign Affairs 68:1 (1989), p. 66-81.
7	<u>PART III</u>  <u>Post-Cold War Geopolitics I</u>  The End of History, Toward a New World Order, The Hard Work of Freedom	Tuathail, Dalby, Routledge: pp.103-113, pp.114-124, pp.131-38.  Selcen Öner, "A Brief Analysis of Fukuyama's Thesis 'The End of History'", Available at: <a href="http://www.journals.istanbul.edu.tr/iusoskon/article/view/1023005867/1023005391">http://www.journals.istanbul.edu.tr/iusoskon/article/view/1023005867/1023005391</a>
8	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>	

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9	<u>Post-Cold War Geopolitics II</u>  The New 'Rogue-State' Doctrine, The Clash of Civilizations? Samuel Huntington and the 'Civilizing' of Global Space	Tuathail, Dalby, Routledge: pp.103-113, pp.155-176.  "Post-Cold War Policy - Isolating and Punishing Rogue States", Encyclopedia of the New American Nation, Available at: <a href="http://www.americanforeignrelations.com/O-W/Post-cold-War-Policy-Isolating-and-punishing-rogue-states.html#ixzz1km2m5X7A">http://www.americanforeignrelations.com/O-W/Post-cold-War-Policy-Isolating-and-punishing-rogue-states.html#ixzz1km2m5X7A</a>
10	<u>Post-Cold War Geopolitics III</u>  Imperialism, Domination and Culture, From Geopolitics to Geo-Economics: Logic of Conflict, Grammar of Commerce, The Pentagon's New Map, The Obama Doctrine and Military Intervention	Simon Dalby, "Imperialism, Domination and Culture: the Continued Relevance of Critical Geopolitics", Geopolitics 13:3 (2008), pp. 413-436.  Edward N. Luttwak, "From Geopolitics to Geo-Economics: Logic of Conflict, Grammar of Commerce", The National Interest No:20 (1990), pp.17-23.  Thomas P.M. Barnett, "The Pentagon's New Map", Esquire 139:3 (2003), p.174.  Georg Löffman, "The Obama Doctrine and Military Intervention", Perceptions (2019), pp.59-82.
11	<u>PART IV</u>  <u>Anti-Geopolitics I</u>  Orientalism Reconsidered, Concerning Violence, The Power of the Powerless, America and the War Movement	Tuathail, Dalby, Routledge: pp.245-255, pp.256-265, pp.272-282  Edward W. Said, "Orientalism Reconsidered", Cultural Critique No. 1 (1985), pp. 89-107.  Vaclav Havel and Paul Wilson, "The Power of the Powerless", International Journal of Politics 15: 3/4 (1985-86), pp. 23-96.
12	<u>Anti-Geopolitics II</u>  Antipolitics: A Moral Force, Did you Measure Up? The Role of Race and Sexuality in the Gulf War, Reversing the Race to the Bottom	Tuathail, Dalby, Routledge: pp.245-255, pp.283-293, pp.299-304
13	<u>Representations of Geopolitical Codes</u>	Flint, chp.3 (pp.55-58)  Flint, chp.4
14	<u>Embedding Geopolitics with National Identity</u>	Flint, chp.5

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### **Evaluation Methods and Tools**

Examinations will cover materials presented in the class such as classroom discussions, assignments, group projects, case studies, lectures, Power Point presentations, student experiences/ responses. Additional information provided and mentioned by the instructor during the courses can also be asked in examinations. Online class attendance and participations during the lecture will be considered positively in the overall evaluation.

### **Course Materials**

- Teaching procedures for this course will basically include Power Point presentations, exercises, case studies, class discussions, reading assignments and examinations.

**Textbooks:**

- As listed in the course content, chapters from these books and articles from academic journals will be discussed.

Flint, Colin (2006). Introduction to Geopolitics. New York: Routledge.

Ó Tuathail, Gearóid; Dalby, Simon and Routledge, Paul (eds)(2003). The Geopolitics Reader. New York: Routledge.

Griffiths, Martin; O'Callaghan Martin (2002). International Relations: the Key Concepts. New York: Routledge.

### **Method**

The instructor may use studies, lectures, presentations, questions, discussions and exercises from variety of sources such as the textbook, articles, web sources and etc. The course is taught in English.

### **Attendance Procedures**

- According to regulations, course attendance is obligatory.
- Attendance is a significant and serious indicator of success in the course. Students are responsible for attending class on time, following the flow of courses carefully and remaining in the class until the end of session.
- Course contents are tightly related and sessions continue progressively. Thus, missing courses will negatively affect the overall achievement of students.

**Note:** In case you miss a class, please contact your instructor via e-mail and learn the contents mentioned in class. Also check if you have any assignments due for the Geopolitics course. Even if you miss a class because of unexpected and involuntary reasons, make sure to cover the topics and catch up with your classmates. At the end of the term, instructor will check the attendance of all students in class.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

Plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstance and no excuse will be accepted. If you ever use a source, cite it properly as seen above. Those quotation marks make a huge difference. Cheating (in Turkish “aldatmak”, “sahtekarlık”, “hile”) known as “kopya” is a serious and punishable act. We strongly recommend that you keep your benign reputation as IR student.

### **Course Adjustments and Changes**

The course syllabus is an overall guide for the Geopolitics class. Instructor reserves the right to make periodic and specific changes-adjustments to the syllabus, which can cover topics, reading materials, assignments, group projects, case studies, schedule, examinations, etc. in order to accommodate the needs of the class as a whole and fulfill the goals of the course.