

Initiation to geo-economics

Cours en ligne pour le Semestre 1 de 3^{ème} année

Course Title

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Type de cours : Cours en ligne

Langue du cours: Anglais

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Course description – Targets

This course initiates 3A students to a relatively recent discipline born at the crossroads of geography, economics, political sciences and strategy. It is based on an original approach coupling the direct interactive study of founding research texts with the mirrored analysis of major diplomatic public speeches in the last 30 years to put university research into context of ongoing International relations.

Objectives: Discovering the importance of cross-subjects analysis and contextualizing of geopolitical research, while sharpening student's analytical tools, that can be applied on international affairs, be they of diplomatic or economic nature.

Online teaching method

Zoom

Assessment

15' weekly press reviews of freely chosen relevant events, realised in working groups in alternation, requiring 2 hours of work for the group in charge. This will be coupled with contributions to founding articles studies (1 hour per course of preparation) and critical analysis of major geopolitical speeches in class. Hence a total of 11 hours of preparation work per student across the total length of the course.

Course Outline

- 1.The post cold war context of apparition of the geo-economics concept
- 2.The founding role of Edward Luttwak facing George Bush Sr's "world new order"

- 3.The irrepressible decline of borders and emergence of non-state actors
- 4.The Constructivist approach and the school of Copenhagen: political biases of the geoeconomic approach?
- 5.The “Geographist” approach: from emerging powers to the analysis of resource wars
- 6.9/11, the violent comeback of risk and of geoeconomic theme: the “Bush doctrine” and neocons in power
- 7.Hard, soft and smart powers: the Obama doctrine and its underlying geoeconomic roots
- 8.“War by other means”: the rediscovery of Luttwak’s teachings due to China’s rising power
- 9.Conclusion –tentative definition and relevance of the concept at the age of global interdependence

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