Globalisation and Governance

Modular Value: 40 credits
Duration: All Year
Teaching: Two-hour seminars weekly

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In recent years globalisation has attracted the attention of policy-makers and academics alike. In this course, participants will critically review and evaluate these developments. Students will unpack this substantial literature to assess:

- the extent (if any) of the qualitative break that 'globalisation' marks with the past;
- the distinct and often contradictory processes that interact to produce the effects referred to as 'globalisation';
- the degree to which the parameters of the politically and economically possible have been reconfigured by such processes; and
- the possibilities for local, national, regional and global governance in this context

The course begins with a general introduction to our understandings of globalisation, reviewing the literature on and evidence for economic, political and cultural globalisation. In the second section of the course, the impact of globalisation on the autonomy and sovereignty of the nation-state, the relationship between globalisation and regionalisation and policy implications of globalisation are the focus of attention. The extent to which globalisation can be held accountable democratically is a consistent theme of the course.

Assessment

- Term one 1 x 4000 word essay 40%
- Term two Presentation 10%
- Term three 3 hour examination 50%

You may be interested in these degrees:

- **International Relations (with specialist pathways)**
- **Political Science (with specialist pathways)**
- **Political Science (British Politics and the State)**
- **International Relations (Diplomacy)**
- **International Relations (International Political Economy)**

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