

Theories of Global Cooperation

Modular value: 20 credits

Teaching: two hour seminars

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The module provides advanced theoretical training in how to think about the challenges of building security in an uncertain world characterised by multi-level interactions and unprecedented levels of global interconnectedness.

The first part of the module introduces students to theoretical debates on the obstacles and possibilities for ameliorating intractable inter-state and intrastate conflicts, drawing on International Relations scholarship and work from fields such as Neuroscience, Socio-biology, Economics, Philosophy, and Anthropology.

The second section of the module applies these insights to an analysis of the possibilities for cooperation within multilateral security regimes at the global level, to assess the potential for meeting today's urgent global security challenges. A number of case studies are drawn upon including; the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), the evolution of the climate change regime, and the possibilities for developing new regimes in response to future challenges from the weaponisation of space and cyber threats.

Teaching and learning approach

The module will be delivered in 2 hour sessions using a range of teaching and learning methods, including interactive lectures, group discussions, case studies and breakout sessions.

Assessment

The assessment for the module will consist of:

- A 3,000 word essay worth 100% of the module marks

You may be interested in these modules:

- 20 credits - [Global Cooperation in Practice \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/global-cooperation-in-practice.aspx\)](#)
- 20 credits - [Transforming Conflict in Global Politics \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/trust-building-conflict-transformation.aspx\)](#)

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- [Global Cooperation and Security MSc \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/global-cooperation-security.aspx\)](#)
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