

Summary Information

Module Code	4505BCIRDL
Formal Module Title	International History and State Formation
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 4
Grading Schema	40

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Peter O'Reilly	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Beaconhouse IC Distance Learning

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	46

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
JAN-PAR	PAR	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To study the historical origins of the modern international system.2. To critically evaluate the dynamics of social development, such as Reformation, Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution and their impacts on states and nations.3. To understand the historical evolution of modern international order.4. To analyse the benchmarking events, such as the Great Wars, of international history and their legacies.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Demonstrate awareness of the historical dimension of IR as a discipline.
MLO2	Recognise and explain the emergence of the modern state system at the local, regional and global levels.
MLO3	Identify and explain how the Western international system spread across the world.
MLO4	Identify benchmark events of modern international history.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus

Module topics will likely include the following:

- The importance of the State in international relations
- What was the Thirty Years War and why was it important?
- Westphalia 1648 and its aftermath
- What did Napoleon ever do for us? The Concert of Europe and managing the state system
- Turning the European state system into a universal project: the case of imperialism
- WWI and its aftermath
- WWII and its aftermath
- Constructing and managing the international system after WWII
- The state, international system and the Cold War
- How do weak states cause problems?
- Upturning Westphalia: R2P and its revision of what a state can and cannot do

Module Overview

The state in international affairs is an essential component to the study of International Relations. This module will guide you through its development in Europe from the 17th Century to the present day. We will explore how the state operated during this period, and question why it has been so resilient an entity for human organisation. We will also examine the impact of the end of the Cold War along with subsequent thinking have led to significant changes in how the state and its power are understood by the international community. A skills specific session will be incorporated in this module.

Additional Information

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	2,000 word essay	50	0	MLO3, MLO4
Portfolio	Portfolio	50	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4