

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR JOURNALISTS
Status: Definitive
Code: **5019JOURN** (117646)
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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School
Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School

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Academic Level: FHEQ5 **Credit Value:** 24.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 47.00
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 193

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	20.000
Seminar	20.000
Tutorial	5.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS 1	2 Hour seen Exam	50.0	2.00
Portfolio	AS 2	Research Project - 3,000 words	50.0	

Aims

To provide students of International Journalism an opportunity to acquire the academic knowledge of International Relations that is relevant to the work of mainstream global news organisations.

To consider how news coverage of global conflict and terrorist events is shaped by a

variety of domestic and international factors with particular reference to 'September 11' and the 'war on terrorism'.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Discuss the nature and operation of the contemporary international system and the economic, political and military dimensions of international relations.
- 2 Assess the significance of international law and diplomacy in international relations.
- 3 Assess the growing importance of various types of non-state actors and global forces.
- 4 Apply relevant international relations theories to the examination of contemporary international events.
- 5 Explain the theories and processes of how news of international conflict, war and terrorism is 'framed'.
- 6 Demonstrate a critical awareness of the complexity of conflict and terrorism coverage within broader cultural , political and military contexts.
- 7 Critically examine news coverage of major events relating to the 'war on terrorism' in various parts of the world.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Exam 2 Hour seen	1	2	3	4
Exam				
Research Project - 3,000 words	5	6	7	

Outline Syllabus

The study of international relations and its relevance to international journalists; contending theories of International Relations: Realism, Liberalism and Constructivism; the nature and operation of the contemporary international system; international law;diplomacy;military conflict and security issues, trade and international economic relations; non-state, transnational and supranational actors; interdependence and forces of globalisation.

Theories of 'news framing'; culture, politics and the ' news frame'; terrorism, national security and censorship; governments, public diplomacy and the news media; changing relations between the military and the media; 'September 11' and the 'war on terrorism': media coverage in America, the Middle East, Asia and other regions.

Learning Activities

Lectures;seminars;tutorials to support coursework preparation.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Sutch, P. & Elias, J.
Publishing Year	2007
Title	International Relations:
Subtitle	The Basics
Edition	
Publisher	London: Routledge
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Shimko, K. L.
Publishing Year	2010
Title	International Relations:
Subtitle	Perspectives and Controversies
Edition	3rd Edition
Publisher	London: Wadsworth
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Kegley, Jr., C.W. & Blanton, S. L.
Publishing Year	2010
Title	World Politics:
Subtitle	Trend and Transformations
Edition	
Publisher	London: Wadsworth
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Pludowski, T. (ed)
Publishing Year	2007
Title	How the World's News Media Reacted to 9/11
Subtitle	Essays from around the Globe.
Edition	
Publisher	Marquette Books
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Moeller, S.D.
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Packaging Terrorism:
Subtitle	Co-opting the News for Politics and Profit
Edition	
Publisher	West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
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Author	Norris, P. et al (eds)
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Framing Terrorism:
Subtitle	The News Media, the Government and the Public.
Edition	
Publisher	London: Routledge
ISBN	

Notes

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