

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: GLOBAL POLITICS AFTER 9/11  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6504MEDCUL** (115083)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: St Helens College

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 12.00  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 31.50  
**Total Learning Hours:** 120  
**Private Study:** 88

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12.000
Seminar	15.000
Tutorial	3.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS1	Presentation (weeks 8-10) 20 minutes plus 1000 word paper	30.0	
Exam	AS2	One seen exam, end of semester (week 13)	70.0	1.50

### Aims

*To examine the impact on international relations, British politics and Anglo-US relations of the terrorist attacks that took place on 9/11, and developments since. To evaluate a range of responses to the significance of recent international events from a variety of ideological perspectives. To analyse the contemporary role of ideology within a global context and developments in US politics since 9/11, particularly in relation to the Iraq War and*

*the "War on Terror" and in the light of international relations theory and international law.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify major strands in international relations theory and use these to interpret recent developments in international politics.
- 2 Evaluate contemporary theories of cultural and civilisational conflict in the light of recent events.
- 3 Discuss US and Anglo-US policy in relation to the "War on Terror", Afghanistan and Iraq in the light of the tenets of international law.
- 4 Critically discuss responses to the events of 9/11 and subsequent developments from a number of ideological perspectives (e.g. Marxist, postmodernist, Islamist, neo-conservative, liberal internationalist)
- 5 Critically examine a text or texts relevant to the study of contemporary international politics.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Presentation of 20 mins	1	3	4
EXAM	2	5	

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Introduction to International Relations Theory: From Hobbes and Neo-Realism to postmodern approaches to international relations.*

*The Historical Context: From Cold War to the War on Terror.*

*The British Perspective: Anglo-US Relations & the "special relationship"; Britain as a "bridge" between America and Europe. America v. Europe.*

*US perspectives on global politics after 9/11: neo-conservatism & liberal internationalism. The Obama presidency.*

*S.P. Huntington and the "Clash of Civilisations" debate.*

*Edward Said, "Orientalism" and Islamism.*

*The Iraq War and its aftermath.*

*Human rights and civil liberties in the context of the global "War on Terror".*

*Climate Change and the limits of politics.*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures. Seminars involving student presentations where appropriate, and group discussion. Individual tutorials. Group work where appropriate. Individual student research, including use of the internet, and library research. Essay planning and writing.

## References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Baudrillard, J.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2002
<b>Title</b>	The Spirit of Terrorism
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Verso
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Burchill, S. et al
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2005
<b>Title</b>	Theories of International Relations
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Palgrave
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Gray, J.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2003
<b>Title</b>	Al Qaeda and What it Means to be Modern
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Faber & Faber
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Huntington, S.P.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2002
<b>Title</b>	The Clash of Civilisations
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Free Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Kagan, R.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2003
<b>Title</b>	Paradise & Power
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	

<b>Publisher</b>	Atlanta Books
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Said, E.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2003
<b>Title</b>	Orientalism
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Penguin
<b>ISBN</b>	

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### Notes

This module allows students to explore the changing place of Britain in the world, and to examine a range of major issues, theories and texts relating to international politics including: the "clash of civilizations" thesis and the concept of "orientalism"; the influence of US neoconservatism and the Iraq War; the unfolding Obama presidency and its impact on global politics; and ideological perspectives on political developments since 9/11.