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Title: International Theories and the Non-western World
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 33
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 167

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Workshop	22

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	1500 word analysis of an original text about non-western thoughts	40	
Essay	AS2	3000 word question-based essay	60	

Aims

To critically examine the problem of eurocentrism in international relations and the rise of non-western thoughts as a response
To appraise original texts and classic writings of non-western international thoughts

To explore the historical and socio-political origins of non-western international thoughts

To critically assess the rigour and theoretical status of non-western international thoughts

To examine the influences of non-western thoughts on the real practice of international relations

To analyse the impacts of the non-western world on the western societies

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Has a deep and systemic understanding of the scope and historical status of non-western international thoughts
- 2 Demonstrates an understanding of scope of non-western international thoughts and its role in East-West relations
- 3 Undertakes analysis of the classic writings and key texts produced by non-western thinkers in historical contexts.
- 4 Evaluates the problems and limits in the Eurocentric aspects of the mainstream international theories

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

1500 word text analysis	1		
3000 word Essay	2	3	4

Outline Syllabus

Part I, Time

Eurocentrism in world politics: 'The theft of history' in theoretical, moral and historical terms

The Oriental vs. The Occidental: Self and Otherness

The Postcolonial Aura

Part II, Place

'Celestial realism': China All under Heaven

'Reversed orientalism': The looking glass of Japan

Political Islam and the Iranian Revolution

The Arabian Perspective

India and Subaltern studies

The Atlantic Vector and the Black

One Hundred Years of Solitude: Latin America

Learning Activities

Weekly lectures will provide background and contextual setting against which

students will consider a range of primary source material in workshops. The workshops will provide a structured framework where sources will be dissected by students and used to stimulate discussion and debate.

Notes

This module is designed with the understanding that our extant historical knowledge (which is implicitly Eurocentric) needs to be globalised. It means the non-western world should be better weighted and given due attention rather than seen as a passive receiver of western impacts. So it emphasises a lot on the historically situated forces in the making of non-western world of ideas and more importantly, their connections and complex relationships.