The Department of International Relations seeks to bring world historical developments in conversation with theories of international relations. While conscious of advances in the Anglo-American mainstream, the Department is inclined to pursue more wide-ranging empirical and theoretically anchored accounts of international politics across diverse issue areas – development, security and the environment. Twenty-first century Asia qualifies as a special theatre of attention in this regard from our vantage point.

A dimension germane to the research and teaching sensibilities of the Department is a comprehensive normative engagement with questions relating to epistemic and economic imbalances between the global North and the South, facets relating to war and peace, accounts of global cooperation, utopias and dystopias in world politics and the evolving content of global justice. As the vast menu of issues suggest, research and teaching in international relations has never been more enticing and challenging simultaneously.