**Geopolitics and Globalization**

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**Course Aims**

This course will present an analysis of interconnections between key themes in geopolitics and selected aspects of social change within Western societies. These societies are treated as post-industrial and multi-dimensional entities in the process of globalization, now undergoing unprecedented transformations as a result of declining objective differences between them and accelerating technological, demographic and cultural changes. The primary aims of the course are, broadly, twofold: for students to engage closely with, and enhance their understanding of a) a range of socio-political phenomena at the global scale, and be able to analyze and interpret the current policies and activities of actors such as, e.g., nations, cities, international organizations and diasporic communities, and b) a number of very current ‘live’ changes in social experience and everyday reality which affect us all.

Keywords: space, culture, politics, economics, mobility, diasporas, ideology, modernities, digitalization

**COURSE UNITS**

**1.Introduction**

**2. Political (and Economic) Geography**

Reading a): Jones et al., Chapter 1

**3.States and Nations**

b) Blacksell, Chapter 3

**4. Geopolitics – theories and concepts**

c) Dahlman, ‘Geopolitics’, in Gallaher et al., Chapter 7

**5. Globalization – theories and concepts**

d) Steger, Chapter 1

**6. Global Mobility, Diversity, Diasporization**

e) Cohen, Chapter 8

**7. Religion, Ideology and Multiple Modernities**

f) Berger, P. et al., Chapter 4

**8. Digitalisation of the Globe#1: Surveillance**

g) Goos K, Friedewald M, Webster CWR & Leleux C, ‘The co-evolution of surveillance technologies and surveillance practices’, IRISS, *EU Seventh Framework Programme*, pages 24-48

**9. Digitalization of the Globe#2**

h) Birkerts, S. ‘You are what you click’, *The American Interest*, September/October 2010

**10.Global Cities**

i) Abrahamson, Chapter 1

**11. The Globalization of the English Language**

Mufwene, S., ‘Globalization, Global English and World English(es): Myths and Facts’, in Coupland, Chapter 1

**12. Review**

**COURSE BOOKS**

Abrahamson, M., *Global Cities*

Berger, P. and Fokas, E., *Religious America, Secular Europe: A Theme and Variations*

Blacksell, M., *Political Geography*

Cohen, R., *Global Diasporas: An Introduction*

Coupland, N. (Ed) *The Blackwell Handbook of Language and Globalization*

Dodds, K., *Geopolitics: A Very Short Introduction*

Gallaher, C. etal. (Eds) *Key Concepts in Political Geography*

Jones, M. et al. (Eds) *An Introduction to Geopolitics: Space, Place and Politics*

Steger, *Globalization: A Very Short Introduction*