COURSE DETAIL

BEYOND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
Exeter College, University of Oxford

Program(s)
Summer in Oxford, Exeter College

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science

UCEAP Course Number
104

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
BEYOND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

UCEAP Transcript Title
BEYOND INTL RELATNS

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Is politics possible beyond the nation-state? Will wars and conflicts ever become obsolete? This course introduces students to theories of International Relations (IR) and contemporary issues of Global Politics. It explores the historical and conceptual foundations of the field and investigates challenges currently shaping global politics. The course is divided into two main sections. Following a brief historical introduction to the discipline, students explore classical concepts and theories of IR, including power and anarchy (Realism), cooperation and human rights (Liberalism), norms and identity (Constructivism), followed by critical perspectives on global politics such as class and dependencies (Marxism), gender and the patriarchy (Feminism), and exploitation and orientalism (Postcolonialism). In the second section of the course, students investigate pressing global issues like terrorism, AI, and the climate crisis, which have fundamentally altered the conduct of international politics. The course concludes with a discussion of future (im)possibilities for global politics.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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https://www.exeter.ox.ac.uk/file/2024/06/Beyond-International-Relations-Theorie…

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed
2025-2026

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