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Bsc Course IR 342

SOUTHERN EUROPE IN WORLD POLITICS

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SCOPE: This course is intended to provide an examination, on a **historical and comparative** basis, of the relationship between the dynamics of the international system and economic and political development, and foreign policy in Southern Europe, with particular reference to Greece and Spain (and occasionally to Turkey). It is designed for **third** and **fourth** year students who need to extend their knowledge on political economy and foreign policies of Greece, Spain and Turkey, and/or regional politics.

SYLLABUS: *Understanding Southern Europe* (including theoretical and conceptual approaches); **Case Studies:** *GREECE and SPAIN*. **Economic Environment:** economic development patterns; characteristics of the economic elites; state as an actor in the economy; the role of foreign economic aid and foreign investment. **Political Environment:** the nature of the political establishment; authoritarianism; democratisation; the role of individual leaders. **External Environment:** supportive and reactionary responses in the international system (intervention, solidarity, etc.); foreign policy behaviour; the role of the USA, EEC/EC/EU and the USSR/Russia

TEACHING ARRANGEMENTS: Attendance is compulsory and taken into account in final grading. Students will either take a mid-term examination (**40%**) or deliver a paper (**40%**) on topics to be arranged individually with the lecturer at the beginning of the fourth/fifth week. There will be a final examination (**60%**).

MAKE UP EXAMS: Students can **ONLY** demand and be granted make up examination under sudden, unexpected or extraordinary conditions (relevant supportive documents needed) or in case of an illness/sickness that is supported by a medical report taken from a **public hospital/clinic**. Medical reports from private hospitals, clinics or doctors **WILL NOT** be accepted. Normally, all reports and supportive documents must be provided and submitted before or on the day of the examination.

TEXT BOOK

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