

<b>Title of the course:</b>	<b>Current Affairs in International Politics</b>		
<b>Course ID:</b>	<b>VE-NPT029</b>		
<b>Level of education:</b>	<b>BA, MA</b>	<b>Academic semester:</b>	<b>Optional</b>
<b>Professor's name:</b>	<b>Eszter Petronella SOÓS</b>	<b>Academic title: senior lecturer</b>	
<b>Hours per semester:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Credits:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Exam:</b>	<b>Continuous assessment</b>	<b>Pre-requisites:</b>	<b>English proficiency</b>

### Aims of the course

The aim of the course is to follow and discuss international developments, events and crises in a structured manner.

By the end of the semester, students will not only be well-informed, but also be able to understand the interconnections and interrelationships of international events and processes.

Students will regularly follow current affairs and digest the occasional academic readings for context (as the situation requires).

Events will be discussed and debated in class, while the teacher will act as a moderator, who will strive give context to the discussions.

### Course outline

All classes will discuss the current affairs of the previous week and explore the trends, issues and developments behind those events. The teacher will moderate these discussions and give context to them.

We will pay particular attention to

- US foreign policy and politics (including the 2024 presidential election),
- EU developments after the 2024 European election,
- China's foreign policy and its domestic issues,
- relationships between the US and China,
- Russia's foreign policy and its domestic issues,
- the war in Ukraine,
- the war in Gaza,
- all other relevant issues that may arise.

### Practical works

Class discussion.

### Requirements and assessment

- Presence in class is needed due to the continuous assessment regime
- Preparation for classes (current affairs, readings)
- Activity and participation in class debates

### Grades:

Continuous assessment based on regular reading, preparedness and class activity.

### Readings

- Academic readings with regards to context will be distributed as the situation requires.