



UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

ADS660: SEMINAR IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Course Name (English)	SEMINAR IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS APPROVED
Course Code	ADS660
MQF Credit	3
Course Description	This course gives a critical and contextual understanding of the various current international issues. Amongst those covered include the dominant power play in the post-Cold War era, the effectiveness or otherwise of the United Nations as a world body, human rights questions, the impact of globalization, the possible and critical threats to the environment, and the rise of China as a powerful international actor.
Transferable Skills	a. Demonstrate ability to communicate clearly and confidently, and listen critically b. Demonstrate practical and contemporary knowledge of relevant professional, ethical and legal frameworks c. Demonstrate enthusiasm, leadership and the ability to positively influence others d. Demonstrate ability to analyse issues/problems from multiple angles and make suggestions
Teaching Methodologies	Lectures, Blended Learning, Tutorial, Presentation
CLO	CLO1 Analyse issues in global affairs by applying concepts, theories and perspectives of international politics CLO2 Demonstrate a knowledge in leadership skill in solving issues of global affairs CLO3 Demonstrate managerial skills in analyzing issues and challenges related to international actors of global affairs
Pre-Requisite Courses	No course recommendations
Topics	
1. Introduction 1.1) The political perspectives 1.2) The economic issues 1.3) The social and other factors	
2. The Historical Setting & Current Scenario 2.1) The Cold War & its legacy 2.2) The New World Order 2.3) The Power Locations: Military and Economic	
3. An analytical Framework 3.1) A unipolar system 3.2) A bipolar system 3.3) A multipolar system 3.4) Countervailing forces: The European Union as a possible case in point	
4. The United Nations 4.1) Historical background and current status 4.2) Challenges and prospects for reforms 4.3) Role and effectiveness cases: Bosnia Herzegovina and Iraq	
5. The “Re-emergence” of the Civil Society as an International Actor 5.1) Civil Society and human rights: Concepts and Practices 5.2) The commitments of governments: human rights vs. security considerations 5.3) The role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)	
6. The Myanmar Question 6.1) The issues involved 6.2) Human rights vs. national sovereignty 6.3) Constructive engagement vs. sanctions	

<p>7. Terrorism and Counter Terrorism? 7.1) Definitions and Debates 7.2) The September 11 episode and Islam phobia 7.3) Terrorism and counter-terrorism strategies</p>
<p>8. Security and Conflict Resolution 8.1) Definitions and concepts 8.2) Diplomacy: bilateral and multilateral 8.3) Other avenues: legal resource, third party initiative and compromises</p>
<p>9. Globalization 9.1) Definitions and practices 9.2) Historical precedents of trade liberalization 9.3) The impact on the less developed countries</p>
<p>10. Global movements of people 10.1) Refugees and immigrants 10.2) Illegal trade in people 10.3) The political and economic benefits and problems encountered</p>
<p>11. Environmental Protection 11.1) The main factors involved 11.2) The approaches of the developed countries and those of the others 11.3) The economic impact of environmental protections</p>
<p>12. The Rise of China 12.1) The economic and military potential of China 12.2) The impact of Chinese economic resurgence on ASEAN 12.3) The China as a world actor</p>

Assessment Breakdown		%	
Continuous Assessment		100.00%	

Details of Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Case Study	case study	10%	CLO1
	Presentation	presentation	20%	CLO3
	Test	Test	40%	CLO2
	Written Report	Report	30%	CLO1

Reading List	Recommended Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Baylis, Steve Smith, Patricia Owens 2014, <i>The Globalization of World Politics</i>, 2014 Ed., Oxford University Press Oxford [ISBN: 0198725841]
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Other References	This Course does not have any other resources