



Boston University Study Abroad London

Boston University Study Abroad London Issues in Contemporary Politics CAS PO 358 (*Elective B*) Spring 2013

Instructor Information

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Course Objectives

This course aims to examine some of the most important and controversial issues in contemporary politics. It will focus on the origins of these issues and will analyse the diverse methodological and theoretical positions taken in explaining and understanding them. It will also draw on empirical illustration of the various issues from the international terrain. Furthermore, it will inform you of the main agents and actors involved in contemporary events and we will discuss the range of possible futures.

The choice of topics is somewhat eclectic but it is designed to discuss issues of contemporary importance. Despite the diversity of topics, the course is designed to enable you to achieve a critical understanding of different approaches to the study of politics together with knowledge of, and sensitivity to, the complexity and diversity of politics in different societies. In some cases there will be talks by specialist guest lecturers.

On successful completion of the course you should be able to demonstrate a good knowledge and understanding of some of the vocabulary of politics and the languages of political debate and confrontation. You should be able to analyse critically a range of theories, concepts, and methods employed in the discipline and evidence judged by these perspectives. You should, in addition, be able to engage in an informed assessment and criticism of these positions. Above all, you should be able to adopt an independent, critical and reflective approach to some important political issues confronting contemporary societies.

Methodology

There will be lectures as well as specialist talks by expert guest lecturers and a theatre trip. You will be encouraged to participate in interactive discussions during lectures. In most lectures detailed handouts will be distributed so that more time can be devoted to listening and discussing and less to writing.

Topics Covered

All classes begin at 1.15 pm. There may be an evening theatre trip – TBC. Students must check their email and the weekly Student Newsletter for field trip updates and reminders.

February 25th	Just and Unjust War: Judging Current Conflicts.
March 4th	Terrorism: Nature, Types and Responses
March 11th	Northern Ireland: From Terrorism to Peace (Paul Cousins)
March 18th	Fascism and the Contemporary Extreme Right.
March 25th	Immigration and Multiculturalism.
April 1st	No Class (Easter Monday)
April 8th	Secrecy and Security in the UK (Paul Cousins).
April 15th	Ecologism and the Environmental Crisis (Guest Speaker)
April 16th (Tuesday)	The Politics of Ethical Controversies: Freedom, Drugs and Sex
April 22nd	The Politics of Ethical Controversies: Assisted Dying, Genetics etc.
April 25th	Final Examination: Two Hours (Time and place to be announced).

Assessment

1. A 1500-2000-word paper counting 50% of the final grade. The paper can be handed in at the final examination (Thursday April 25th) or earlier if you so choose. The paper needs to be firmly based in the extensive academic literature available in the BU London library and credit will be given for illustration, where relevant, from contemporary events as illustrated in media coverage during your study in London. Please reference all sources and run the title of your paper by me.
2. A two hour final examination counting 50% of the final grade. You are required to answer two questions from a wide choice of topics. Please do not answer a question on the same topic as for your paper.

Grading

Please refer to the Academic Handbook for detailed grading criteria, attendance requirements and policies on plagiarism: <http://www.bu.edu/london/current-semester>

Attendance Policy

Classes

All Boston University London Programme students are expected to attend each and every class session, tutorial, and field trip in order to fulfill the required course contact hours and receive course credit. Any student that has been absent from two class sessions (whether authorised or unauthorised) will need to meet with the Directors to discuss their continued participation on the programme.

Authorised Absence:

Students who expect to be absent from any class should notify a member of Academic Affairs and complete an Authorized Absence Approval Form 10 working days in advance of the class date (except in the case of absence due to illness, for which students should submit the Authorised

Absence Approval Form with the required doctor's note as soon as possible). **Please note: Submitting an Authorised Absence Approval Form does not guarantee an authorised absence**

Students may apply for an authorised absence only under the following circumstances:

- Illness, supported by a local London doctor's note (submitted with Authorised Absence Approval Form).
- Important placement event that clashes with a class (verified by internship supervisor)
- Special circumstances which have been approved by the Directors (see note below).

The Directors will only in the most extreme cases (for example, death in close family) allow students to leave the programme early or for a significant break.

Unauthorised Absence:

Any student to miss a class due to an unauthorised absence will receive a **4% grade penalty** to their final grade for the course whose class was missed. This grade penalty will be applied by the Academic Affairs office to the final grade at the end of the course. As stated above, any student that has missed two classes will need to meet with the Directors to discuss their participation on the programme as excessive absences may result in a 'Fail' in the class and therefore expulsion from the programme.

Lateness

Students arriving more than 15 minutes after the posted class start time will be marked as late. Any student with irregular class attendance (more than two late arrivals to class) will require a meeting with the Assistant Director of Academic Affairs and if the lateness continues, may have his/her final grade penalised.

Required Reading

Given the eclectic nature of the course there is no prescribed text. However, you are required to read in some depth from the recommended reading list. The BU library carries copies, and in some cases multiple copies, of all texts listed. In addition, you are encouraged to seek out and purchase new and up-to-date works that you may come across, following guidance from your lecturers. You are all expected to be on top of current events and you really must purchase and read a “**serious**” **British newspaper and/or weekly magazine** from which you should keep a folder of cuttings, where relevant, on all the topics covered in the course. Please bear in mind that web-sites, whilst informative, are no substitute for sustained arguments found in academic books. It may be that you have covered some of this material previously and students have been known to submit old papers. This is called auto-plagiarism. You are expected **not** to do this. One measure of you working appropriately will be the references you use.

Additional reading may be found on Blackboard: <https://lms.bu.edu>

Bibliography

Excellent General References (covering many topics on the course)

M. Beeson et al (eds.)	Issues in 21 st Century Politics
K. Smits	Applying Political Theory
C. McKinnon (ed)	Issues in Applied Political Theory.
H. Lafollette (ed)	Ethics in Practice (3 rd edition).
A. Heywood	Global Politics
S. Burchill et al	Theories of International Relations

The Nature of Terrorism and the Study of War

M. Killingsworth and others	Conflict and Crises of Authority (in Beeson et al op cit)
T. Rockmore	The Philosophical Challenge of September 11 th
J. Sterba (ed)	Terrorism and International Justice
M. Reichberg (ed)	The Ethics of War
J. Seybolt	Humanitarian Military Intervention
K. Smits	Can Military Intervention in Other Countries be Justified on Humanitarian Grounds (Ch.11 of Smits op cit.)
C. A. Toady	War and Intervention (ch3 of McKinnon op cit.).
J. McMahan	Killing in War
T. Garton-Ash	Free World.
J. Schell	The Unconquerable World
F.Halliday	The World at 2000
B.White, et al (eds)	Issues in World Politics (chapters 6,7,8, 9)
I. Stewart	War, Culture and the Media
R.Gilpin	War and Change in World Politics
J.Cooley	Unholy Wars

P. L. Bergen	Holy War
G. Kepel	The War for Muslim Minds: Islam and the West
C. McInnes & G.D. Sheffield	Warfare in the Twentieth century
H. Strachan	European Armies and the Conduct of War
R. Connaughton	The Nature of Future Conflict
G. Vidal	Dreaming War
P. Singer (ed)	A Companion to Ethics
J.P. Sterba (ed)	Morality in Practice
J.P. Sterba	Ethics: The Big Questions
B. Magas	The Destruction Of Yugoslavia
E. D. Weitz	A Century of Genocide
A.L. Hinton (ed)	Genocide
G. Martin	Understanding Terrorism
J. K. Feldman	Cutting the Fuse: The Global Explosion of Suicide Terrorism and How to Stop it.
S. Talbot	The Age of Terror
J. F. Hoge & G. Rose	How Did it Happen?
F. Halliday	Two Hours that Shook the World
L. Mylroie	The War Against America
P. Bergen	The Longest War: The Enduring Conflict Between America and Al Qaida
J. Burke	Al Qaeda: Casting a Shadow of Terror
J. Burke	The 9/11 wars
J. Gray	Al Qaeda and What it Means to be Modern
R. Jackson et al	Terrorism: A Critical Introduction.
J. K. Frey (ed)	Violence, Terrorism and Justice
K. Smits	Should Civil Liberties be Restricted in Responding to the Threat of Terrorism? (Ch 9 of Smits op cit.).
P. Wilkinson	Terrorism and the Liberal State
V. Held	How Terrorism is Wrong
E. Stepanova	Terrorism in Asymmetrical Conflict.
A. P. Schmid	Western Responses to Terrorism
T. Bjorgo	Terror from the Extreme Right
N. Chomsky	Power and Terror
C. Harmon	Terrorism Today
B. Hoffman	Inside Terrorism
Jimmy Carter	Our Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis
F. Fukuyama	After the Neo-Cons: America at the Crossroads
J. Gray	Black Mass: Apocalyptic Religion and the Death of Utopia
H. LaFollette (ed)	Ethics in Practice 3rd edition contains the following excellent articles:
Joseph Boyle	Just War Doctrine and the Response to Military Terrorism
Douglas Lackey	Nipping Evil in the Bud: The Questionable Ethics of Preventive Force
Charles R. Beitz	The Justifiability of Humanitarian Intervention
William J. Hawk	Pacifism: Reclaiming the Moral Presumption
A. Kavanagh & J Oberdiek (eds)	Arguing about Law. Section VII Rights, Terrorism and

Torture contains the following articles:

J. Waldron	Security and Liberty: The Image of Balance
J. Shue	Torture in Dreamland: Disposing of the Ticking Time Bomb
J. McMahan	Torture, Morality and the Law

Northern Ireland

P. Dixon	Northern Ireland (2 nd edition October 2008)
C. Gormley-Heenan	Power Sharing in Northern Ireland (In Heffernan, ed Developments in British Politics 9).
J. McGarry & B. O'Leary	Explaining Northern Ireland
P. Bew	Northern Ireland 1921-1994
P. Barton	A Pocket History of Ulster
T. W. Moody	The Course of Irish History
R. J. Lawrence	The Government of Northern Ireland
N. Mansergh	The Government of Northern Ireland
S. Wichert	Northern Ireland since 1945
T. Wilson	Ulster: Conflict and Consent
D. G. Boyce	The Irish Question and British Politics
S. Bruce	The Edge of the Union
D. Birrell	Policy and Government in Northern Ireland
T. Pat-Coogan	The Troubles
M. Dillon	The Enemy Within
M. Dillon	The Shankill Butchers
M. Dillon	The Dirty War
K. Boyle	Northern Ireland: The Choice
S. Dunn	Facets of the Conflict in Northern Ireland
M. Farrell (ed)	Twenty Years On
P. Foot	Ireland: Why Britain Must Go
S. Gillespie	N. Ireland and its Neighbours Since 1920
B. Hadfield (ed)	Northern Ireland
D. Keogh	Northern Ireland
G. Adams	Before the Dawn: An Autobiography
M. O'Neill	Devolution and British Politics (chapters 6,7)
I. Budge et al	The New British Politics (3 rd edition, chapter 10)
A. Wilson, (ed)	Irish America and the Ulster Conflict
B. Jones	Politics UK (Chapter 30)
B. Coxall & L. Robins	Contemporary British Politics (pp 291-7)
P. Dunleavy (ed)	Developments in British Politics, No 6 (chapter 7)
	Developments in British Politics, No 6 (chapter 10)
J. Fisher (ed)	Central Debates in British Politics (chapter 4).

Fascism and the Extreme Right Today

D. Trilling	Bloody Nasty People: The Rise of Britain's Far Right.
B. Klandermans	Extreme Right Parties in Europe
H. Nedelcu	Radical Right Parties in Eastern Europe.
C. Mudde	The Radical Right in Central and Eastern Europe

R. O. Paxton	The Anatomy of Fascism
R.J.Evans	Fascism: A Very Short Introduction
B.White	Issues in World Politics (chapter 8)
J.Kellas	The Politics of Nationalism and Ethnicity
E.Kedourie	Nationalism
E.Gellner	Nations and Nationalism
S.Hood	Fascism for Beginners
A.E.Ansell	New Right, New Fascism
R.Griffin	The Nature of Fascism.
R. Griffin	A Fascist Century (August 2008)
N. Copsey	Contemporary British Fascism (May 2008)
P. Ignazi	Extreme Right parties in Western Europe
N. Golshan (ed)	Fascism's Return
T. Jones	The Dark Heart of Italy
T. Jones	Utopian Dreams
K.von Beyme	Right Wing Extremism in Contemporary Europe
G.Harris	The Dark Side of Europe
P.Hainsworth (ed)	The Extreme Right in Europe and America
M.Schmidt	The New Reich: Penetrating the Secrets of Today's Neo-Nazi Networks
Evans Foundation	Europe's New Racism
N.Goodrick-Clarke	Black Sun: Aryan Cults, Esoteric Nazism and the Politics of Identity
G.Frazer	Zhirinovskiy: The Little Black Book
T.Bjorgo	Racist Violence in Europe
T.Bjorgo	Terror from the Extreme Right
G.Ford	Fascist Europe
P.Merkl	Encounters With the New Radical Right
P.Merkl	The Revival of Right Wing Extremism in the 1990's
J.Marcus	The National Front and French Politics
C.Fisher	The Rise of the Nazis
P.Morgan	Italian Fascism
J.Solomos	Race and Racism in Contemporary Britain
S.Sagger	Race and Politics in Britain
H.Goulbourne	Race relations in Britain Since 1945
B.Coxall and	
L.Robins	Contemporary British Politics (pp 65-8)
I.W.Hannaforde	Race: The History of an Idea in the West
K.Malik	The Meaning of Race
T.Grundy	Memoir of a Fascist Childhood
R.Pearce	Fascism and Nazism.
A.J.Grand	Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany
H-G.Betz &	
S.Immerfall	The New Politics of the Right
P.Hainsworth	The Politics of the Extreme Right
M.Durham	Women and Fascism
P.Brooker	Non-Democratic Regimes
H.G.Betz et al	The New Politics of the Right
M.Hughey	The New Tribalisms: The Resurgence of Race

Immigration and Multiculturalism in Britain.

- B. Parekh
M. Naussbaum
L. Schuster
A. Cohen and G. Wellman (eds)
P. Legrain
C. Moorhead
M. J. Gibney
S. Cohen
T. Hayter
J. Harding
S. Castles &
M. Miller
B. White, (ed)
B. Joly
B. Barry &
R. Goodwin
J. Seabrook
A. Dummett
T. Kushner
L. Schuster &
L. Schuster and J. Solomos
A. Bloch and L. Schuster
UNHCR
H. Lafollette (ed)
I. Budge et al
- A New Politics of Identity
The New Religious Intolerance
The Use and Abuse of Political Asylum in Britain and Germany
Applied Ethics (Two essays on Immigration by Miller and Kukathis)
Immigrants: Your Country Needs You
Human Cargo
The Ethics and Politics of Asylum
No One is Illegal
Open Borders
The Uninvited: Refugees at the Rich Man's Gate (Profile, 2000)
The Age of Migration
Issues in World Politics (chapter 10)
Haven or Hell: Asylum Policies and Refugees in Europe
Free Movement: Ethical Issues in Trans-National Migration
The Refuge and the Fortress
Subjects, Citizens, Aliens and Others
Refugees in an Age of Genocide
Asylum, Refuge and Public Policy: Current Trends and Future Dilemmas in the UK (offprint)
Asylum and Welfare: Contemporary Debates (offprint)
The State of the World's Refugees
Ethics in Practice (pp 571-633)
The New British Politics (4th edition, chapter 26)

Precise References on Muslim Britain

- J. Gest
T. Abbas
T. Abbas
H. Ansari
G. Dench, K. Gavron &
M. Young
D. Held and H. Moore
J. Esposito
- Apart: Alienated and Engaged Muslims in the West.
Muslim Britain: Communities Under Pressure
Islamic Political Radicalism: A European Perspective
The Infidel Within: Muslims in Britain since 1800
The New East End
Cultural Politics in a Globalised World
The Future of Islam.

Secrecy and Security in Britain

- C. Andrew
P. Todd & G. Bloch
P. Hennessy
P. Wright
- Defend the Realm
Global Intelligence: The World's Secret Services
The Secret State (2nd ed 2010)
Spy Catcher

M. Hollingsworth	Defending the Realm
A. Rogers	Secrecy and Power in the British State
A. Cavendish	Inside Intelligence
J. Adam	The New Spies
P. Sands	Lawless World: America and the Making and Breaking of Global Rules
R. Aldrich and A. Field	Security and Surveillance in Britain (in Heffernan, ed. Developments in British Politics, 9).
H. Brooke	The Silent State: Secrets, Surveillance and the Myth of British Democracy.
P. Sands	Lawless World: America and the Making and Breaking of Global Rules.

Environmentalism and Ecologiism.

H. Lafollette(ed)	Ethics in Practice (Chapters 60 to 63).
I. D. Jamieson	Environment (In McKinnon op cit)
J. N. Carter	Climate Change (in Beeson and Bisley op cit).
J. Benson	Environments, Ethics and Human Concern.
A. Dessler	The Science and Politics of Global Climate Change
K. Dow	The Atlas of Climate Change
L. Elliot	The Global Politics of the Environment
R. Garner	Environmental Politics.
A. Giddens	The Politics of Climate Change
A. Gore	An Inconvenient Truth
R. Henson	A Rough Guide to Climate Change
M. Hulme	Why we Disagree about Climate Change
G. Schmidt	Climate Change
P. Singer	Environment (Chapter 10, Practical Ethics)
D. Slingsby	Practical Ecology.
D. Worster	Nature's Economy.
J. Griffiths	Wild: An Elemental Journey.

The Politics of Ethical Controversies.

H.Lafollette (ed)	Ethics in Practice (Excellent collection of articles)
M. Cohen	101 Ethical Dilemmas
J. Evans	Moral Philosophy and Contemporary Problems
J. Glover	Causing Death and Saving Lives
J. Glover	Choosing Children
A Cohen and C. Wellman (eds)	Applied Ethics
M. Warnock	An Intelligent Person's Guide to Ethics
P. Sterba	Morality in Practice
P. Sterba	Ethics: The Big Questions
N. White	A Brief History of Happiness
M. Timmons	Conduct and Character
J.E. Gracia (ed)	Classics of Western Philosophy
R. L. Arrington	Western Ethics: A Historical Introduction

G. Graham	Eight Theories of Ethics
A. MacIntyre	A Short History of Ethics
P. Kitcher	Lives to Come: The Genetic Revolution and Human Possibilities
B. Rollin	The Frankenstein Syndrome
P. Singer &	
H. Kuhse	Embryo Experimentation
P. Singer	The Life You Can Save (2009)
P. Singer	Unsanctifying Human Life
P. Singer	Practical Ethics
P. Singer (ed)	A Companion to Ethics (excellent section on religion and ethics)
P. Singer (ed)	Applied Ethics
J. Nuttall	Moral Questions
R. Billington	Living Philosophy
E. Bond	Ethics and Human Well Being
J. L. Mackie	Ethics
B. Williams	Morality
R. Trigg	Morality Matters
B. Appleyard	Brave New Worlds: Genetics and the Human Experience
M. Ridley	Genome: The Autobiography of a Species
D. Koehn	Rethinking Feminist Ethics
K. Smits	Applying Political Theory (Chs.5 to 8).
J. Buxton	The Political Economy of Narcotics.

Ethics and the Crisis of Capitalism

J.K. Galbraith	The Great Crash
L. Elliot & D. Atkinson	The Gods that Failed: How Blind Faith in Markets has Cost us Our Future
A. Offer	The Challenge of Affluence
A. Glyn	Capitalism Unleashed
R. Freeman	America Works
J. Cassidy	How Markets Fail: The Logic of Economic Calamities.
A. R. Sorkin	Too Big to Fail: Inside the Battle to Save Wall Street.
G. Tett	Fool's Gold: How Unrestrained Greed Corrupted a Dream, Shattered Global Markets and Unleashed Catastrophe.
C. Hay	Britain and the Global Financial Crisis: The Return of Boom and Bust (In Heffernan, Developments in British Politics 9, N

Good luck, TJS. February 2013