Boston University Study Abroad London

Issues in Contemporary Politics
CAS PO 223 (Elective B)
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Instructor Information

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Course Objectives

This course aims to examine some of the most important and controversial issues in contemporary politics and ethics. 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 controversies.

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 and ethics 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.
**Topics Covered**

All classes begin at 1.15 p.m. on Mondays.

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<td>Northern Ireland: Terrorism to Almost Peace (Paul Cousins).</td>
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<td>April 4th</td>
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*Contingency Class Date: Wednesday 20th April.* Students are obligated to keep these dates free to attend class should any class dates need to be rescheduled.

**Attendance Policy**

**Classes**

All Boston University London Programme students are expected to attend each and every class session, seminar, 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. This may result in the student having to take a medical leave of absence from the programme or withdraw from 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 more than one day. In this situation 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 (first day of sickness):** If a student is too ill to attend class, the student must phone the BU London Student Affairs Office (who will in turn contact the student’s lecturer).
- **Illness (multiple days):** If a student is missing more than one class day due to illness, the student must call into the BU London Student Affairs Office each day the student is ill. Students must also provide the Student Affairs office with a completed Authorised Absence Approval Form and sick note from a local doctor excusing their absence from class.
• 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 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 be required to meet with the Assistant Director of Academic Affairs and if the lateness continues, may have his/her final grade penalised.

Grading
Please refer to the Academic Handbook for detailed grading criteria and policies on plagiarism: http://www.bu.edu/london/current-semester
* Final Grades are subject to deductions by the Academic Affairs Office due to unauthorised absences.

Additional reading may be found on Blackboard: http://learn.bu.edu

Assessment
1. A 1500-2000-word paper counting 50% of the final grade. The paper can be handed in at the final examination (April 21st) 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 well in advance.

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. Time and place of exam to be announced in due course.

Methodology
There will be lectures as well as specialist talks by expert guest lecturers and short films. 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.
Grading & Attendance
Please refer to the Academic Handbook for detailed grading criteria, attendance requirements and policies on plagiarism: http://www.bu.edu/london/current-semester

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 B.U. 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.

Bibliography

Excellent General References (covering many topics on the course)

M. Beeson et al (eds)   Issues in 21st Century Politics
K. Smits           Applying Political Theory
C. McKinnon (ed)     Issues in Applied Political Theory.
A. Heywood          Global Politics
S. Burchill et al   Theories of International Relations
J. Meek            Private Island: Why Britain Now Belongs to Someone Else.

Immigration and Multiculturalism in Britain

B. Parekh         A New Politics of Identity
A. Cohen and G. Wellman (eds) Applied Ethics (Two essays on Immigration by Miller and Kukathis)
D. Goodhart       The British Dream: Success and Failures of Postwar Immigration
P. Collier        Exodus: Immigration and Multiculturalism in the 21st Century
P. Legrain       Immigrants: Your Country Needs You
C. Moorhead       Human Cargo
M. J. Gibney      The Ethics and Politics of Asylum
S. Cohen          No One is Illegal
T. Hayter
Open Borders
J. Harding
The Uninvited: Refugees at the Rich Man’s Gate
(Profile, 2000)
S. Castles &
M. Miller
The Age of Migration
B. White,(ed)
Issues in World Politics (chapter 10)
M. Naussbaum
The New Religious Intolerance
B. Joly
Haven or Hell: Asylum Policies and Refugees in Europe
B. Barry &
R. Goodwin
Free Movement: Ethical Issues in Trans-National Migration
J. Seabrook
The Refuge and the Fortress
A. Dummett
Subjects, Citizens, Aliens and Others
T. Kushner
Refugees in an Age of Genocide
L. Schuster &
L. Schuster and J. Solomos
Asylum, Refuge and Public Policy: Current Trends and Future
Dilemmas in the UK (offprint)
L. Schuster
The Use and Abuse of Political Asylum in Britain and Germany
UNHCR
The State of the World’s Refugees
H. Lafollette (ed)
Ethics in Practice (pp 571-633)
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The New British Politics (4th edition, chapter 26)

Precise References on Muslim Britain

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

Devolution, Federalism or What?

V. Bogdanor
The New British Constitution
V. Bogdanor
Devolution in the UK
D. Birral
Comparative Devolved Governance

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Lethal Allies

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The Green Flag: A History of Irish Nationalism.

E. Kauffman  
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Ireland Since 1939.

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The History of the Ulster Unionist Party.

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The Transformation of Ireland

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Power Sharing in Northern Ireland (In Heffernan, ed Developments in British Politics 9).

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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 (3rd edition, chapter 10)

A. Wilson, (ed)  
Irish America and the Ulster Conflict

B. Jones  
Politics UK (Chapter 30)

B. Coxall & L. Robins  
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P. Dunleavy (ed)  
Developments in British Politics, No 6 (chapter 7)

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Conflict and Crises of Authority (in Beeson et al op cit)
T. Rockmore
The Philosophical Challenge of September 11th

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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.).

P. Spencer
Genocide Since 1945

J. McMahon
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)
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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

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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

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The 9/11 wars

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The New Threat from Islamic Militancy.

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Al Qaeda and What it Means to be Modern

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Isis: Inside the Army of Terror

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Terrorism: A Critical Introduction.

J. K. Frey (ed)
Violence, Terrorism and Justice

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E. Stepanova  Terrorism in Asymmetrical Conflict.
A. P. Schmid  Western Responses to Terrorism
T. Bjorgo  Terror from the Extreme Right
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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

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Morality Matters

B. Appleyard
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M. Ridley
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W. Hutton
How Good We Can Be

L. Elliott & D. Atkinson
The Gods that Failed: How Blind Faith in Markets has Cost us Our Future

A. Offer
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A. Glyn
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R. Freeman
America Works

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How Markets Fail: The Logic of Economic Calamities.

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