

# Master Programme International Relations

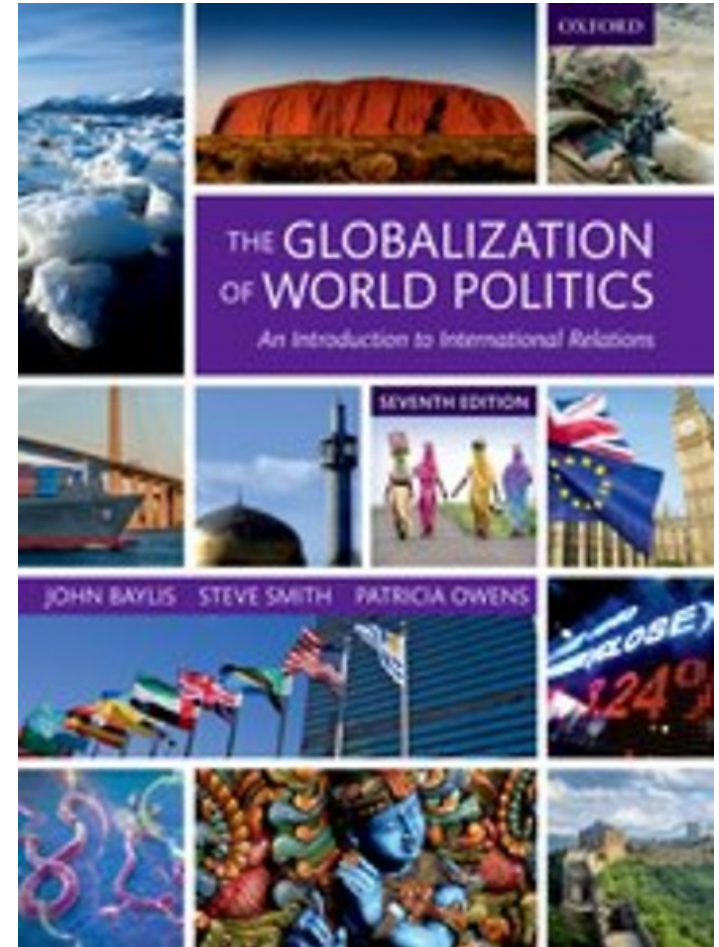
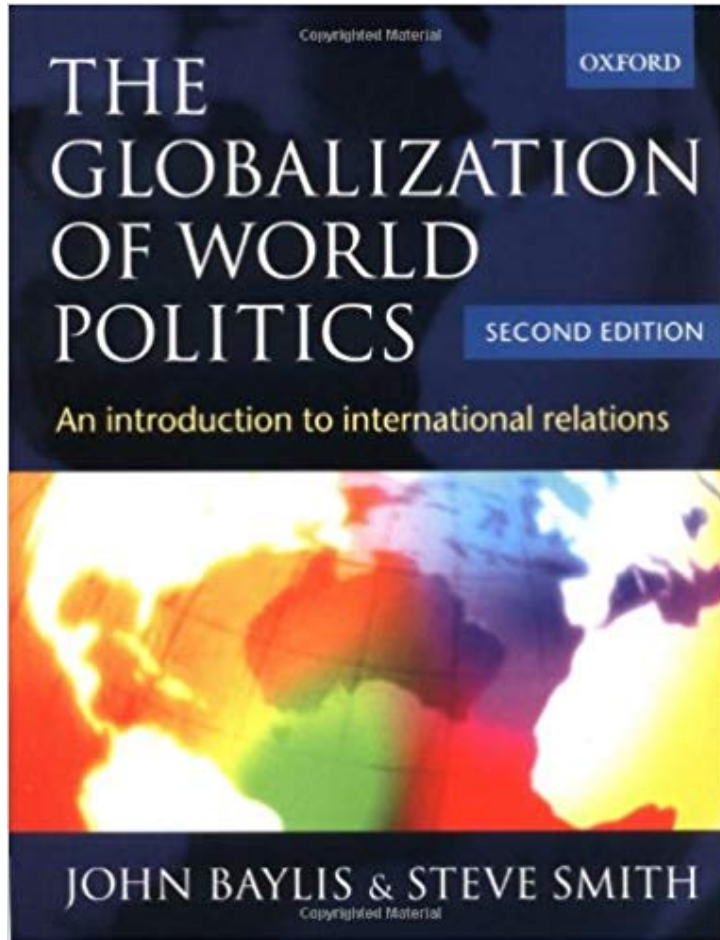
Introduction for the specialisations:

- Culture and Politics
- Global Conflict in the Modern Era
- Global Order in Historical Perspective
- Global Political Economy

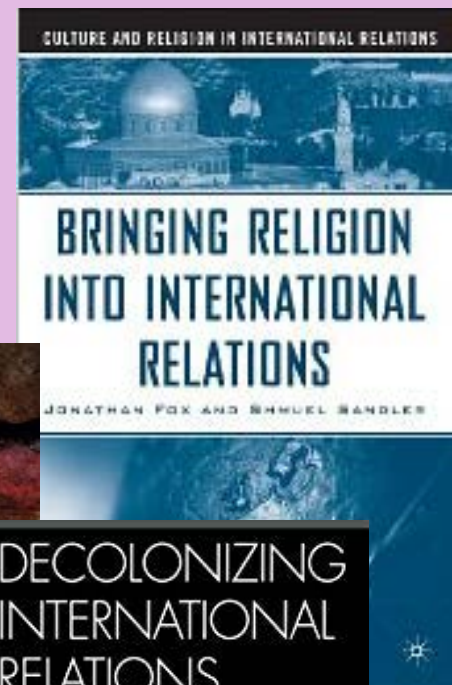
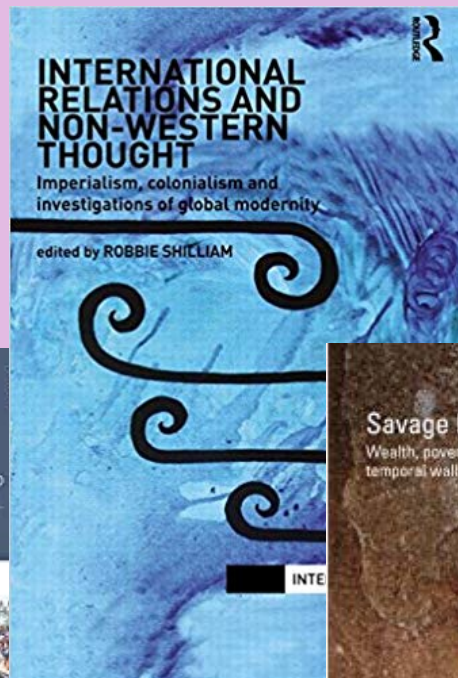
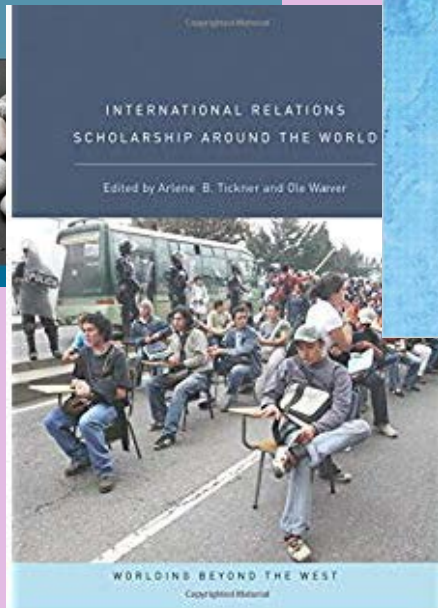


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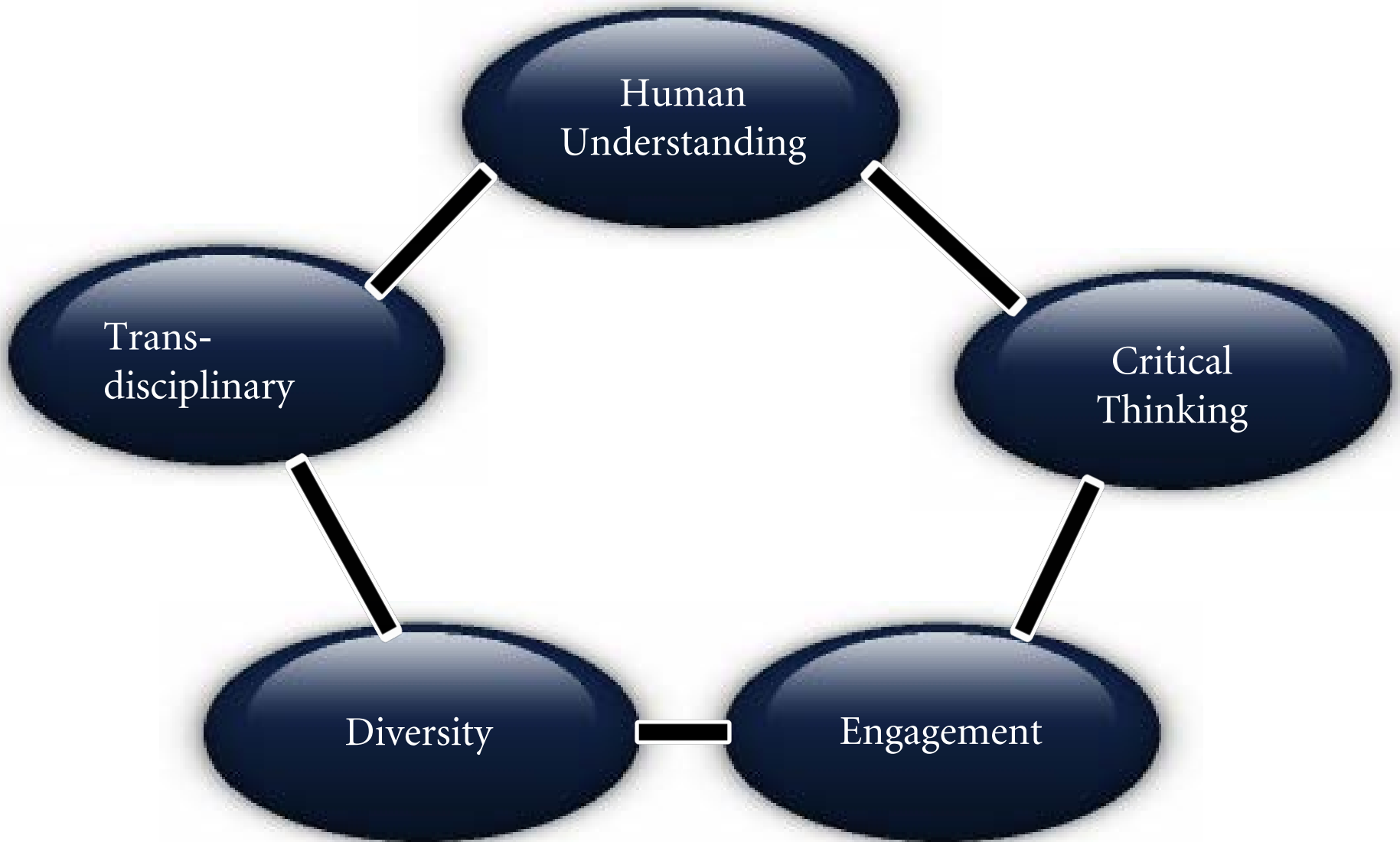
# International Relations (IR) discipline



# MAIR – Humanities-based



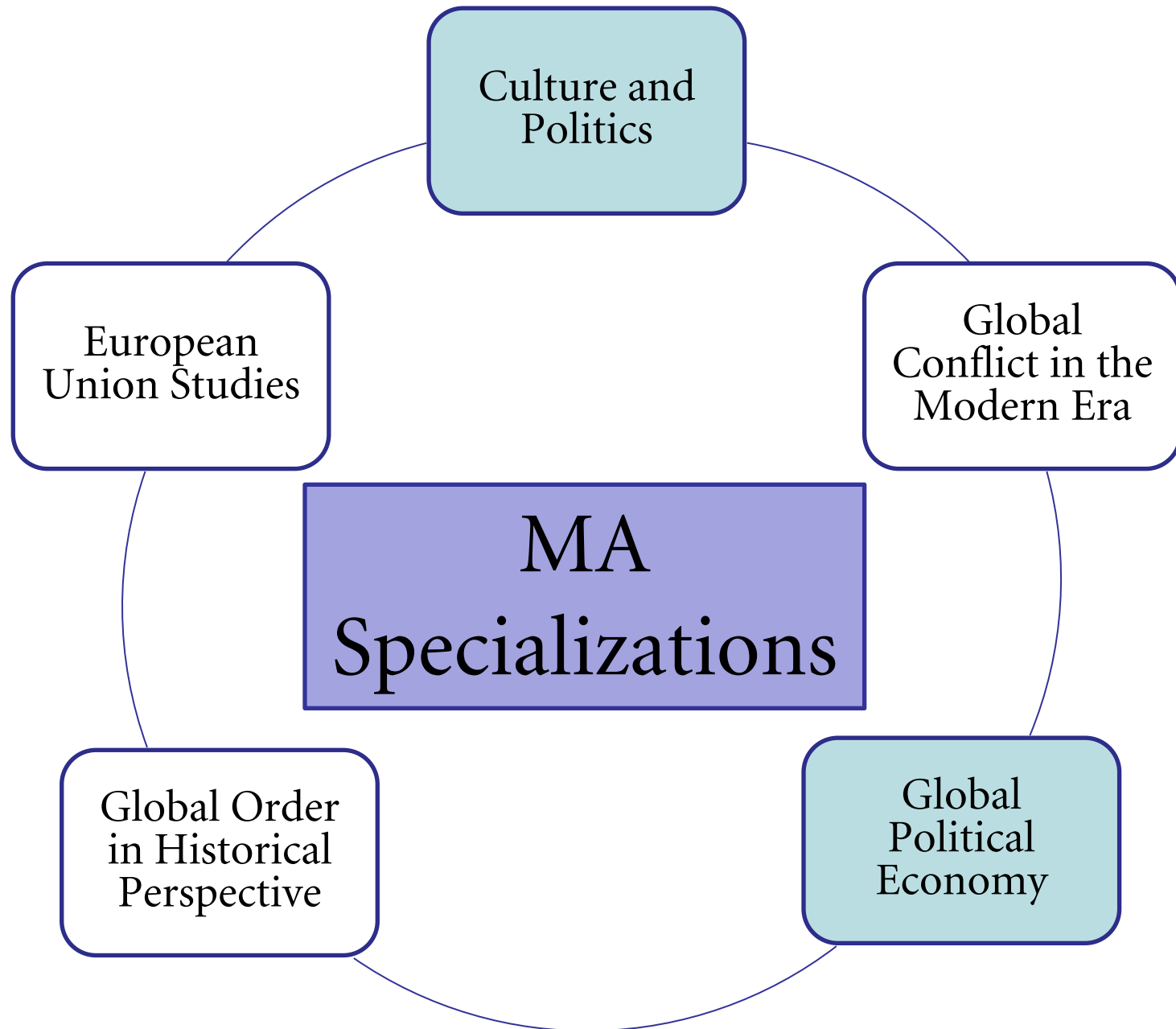
# Pillars of Humanities-based IR



# Master in International Relations

Mission Statement:

*“The MA International Relations at Leiden University engages with frameworks and concepts from a myriad of different national, international and cultural perspectives and uses qualitative approaches to comprehend contemporary global politics.”*



# Why Leiden?

Because....:

- Leiden University offers an unrivalled range of Area Studies, History, Language and Cultural Studies expertise.
- Our staff are specialists in a broad range of subjects.
- We offer a multidisciplinary and humanities based approach.

And because we are good....:

- ***Times Higher Education rankings:***

Humanities no.25 (2017)

- ***QS rankings:*** Politics & International

Studies no. 25 (2016 – first Dutch university)



# Admission requirements

- You will need a BA degree from a university in the field of social sciences, humanities, law or economics.
- No pre-master programme.
- Students with a HBO-diploma can't be admitted.
- Provide essay (if no 30 EC in field of International Studies), motivation letter, reference letters, transcript of records, CV.
- From September 2018: minimum grade requirements and limited number of students per specialisation.
- A good academic record demonstrated by either an **average grade of 7,0** (out of ten), or the equivalent thereof, for the Bachelor thesis, and/or other indicators such as relevant extracurricular activity or participation in an honours programme.

For more detailed entry requirements, please visit:

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/study-programmes/master/international-relations> and/or the information market.



# MA International Relations Students

- International Relations students are **highly motivated students**.
- Our students have **diverse** backgrounds, about 40% are international students (both EU and non-EU students).
- We offer **research-based** teaching and learning.
- You will have about **6-8 contact hours** per week (lectures, tutorials, seminars).
- You will devote most of your time to **self-study** (about 30 hours per week).

# Some of our staff...



Dr. Ruben Gonzalez  
Vincente



Dr. Eugenio  
Cusumano



Prof. Isabelle  
Duyvesteyn



Dr. Noa Schonmann



Prof.dr. E. Amann



Dr. Eelco v/d Maat



Prof. André Gerrits



Dr. Jonathan  
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Prof. Alanna  
O'Malley



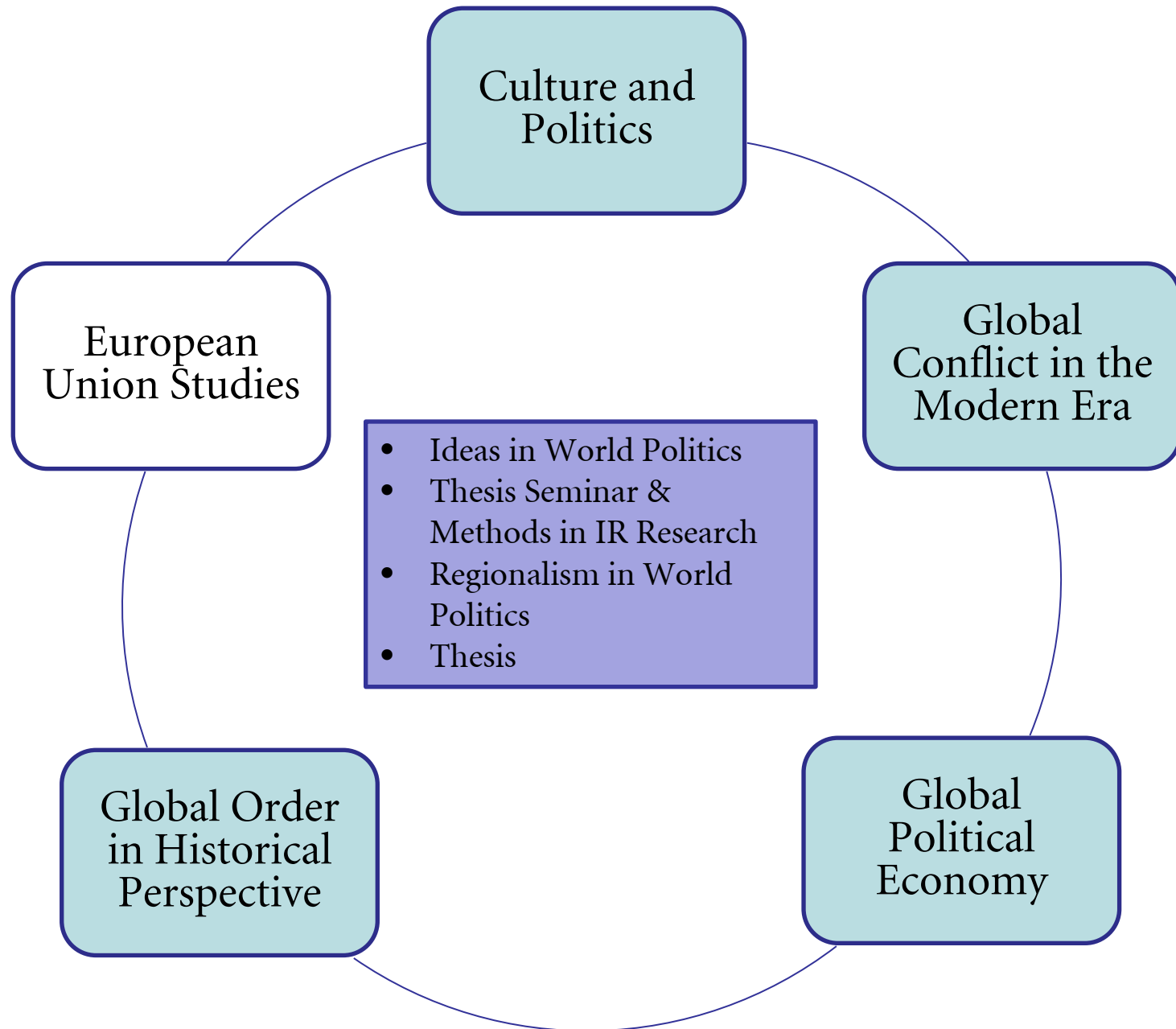
Dr. Salvador  
Regilme



Dr. Karen Smith



Dr. Vineet Thakur



# The Curriculum



= compulsory



= compulsory but free choice

Semester 1 - Block 1	Semester 1 - Block 2
Ideas in World Politics - lectures	Ideas in World Politics – seminars (5 EC)
Thesis Seminar and Methods in International Relations Research - lectures	Thesis Seminar and Methods in International Relations Research - seminars (5 EC)
Core Course specialisation	Core Course specialisation - continued (10 EC)
Elective	Elective – continued (10 EC)

Semester 2 - Block 3	Semester 2 - Block 4
Regionalism in World Politics	Regionalism in World Politics - continued (5 EC)
Thesis	Thesis – continued (15 EC)
Elective	Elective – continued (10 EC)

# Some electives...

- Best Practice: Legislating and Regulating a Better Global Economy
- BRIC: Emerging Powers and Changing Global Relations
- Global Environmental Politics and Ethics
- Global Governance and Human Rights
- International Relations of the Asia-Pacific
- Nation-building and Resistance
- Neoliberalism and Illegality
- Violent Non-state Actors in International Affairs
- Women and Politics in Asia

# And some more...

- Collective Memory: A Shared Historical Narrative in Reconciliation
- Contemporary Brazil
- Decentering International Relations: Views from the Global South
- Genocide, Civilian Victimization, and Violence
- Internationalism, Empire and the Cold War: 20th Century International Relations
- Legacies of War and Memory in World Politics

See the e-prospectus for a full overview: <https://studiegids.leidenuniv.nl>

# Thesis subjects

- *What impact has Felipe Calderon's declaration of war against drug trafficking organizations had in Mexico?*
- *Assertive BRICS & Iran's Nuclear Issue*
- *Diasporas and Reconciliation: The Case of the Armenian Diaspora in the Netherlands*
- *Between a Rock and a Hard Place: a Security Dilemma in the Baltics?*
- *Neo-Sufism: Examining the Roots of the Islamic reform Movement called "Neo-Sufism"*
- *Rivals and Cooperation in Outer Space*
- *Is the Indonesian Manufacturing Industry Ready for the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)?*

# Joint programme with Johns Hopkins

- Due to a special agreement, it is possible to earn a second master's degree in International Affairs at the Johns Hopkins Bologna Center in Italy.
- After admission to Johns Hopkins, a Leiden MA in International Relations gives you access to the second year of the MA in International Affairs
- Candidates admitted to the Bologna programme would be given a full year's credit towards this two-year MA



# Internships

In the past years many Leiden International Relations students have completed internships at organisations, including:

- International Center for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)
- United Nations (UN)
- The Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law
- Embassies
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

You can exchange one elective for an internship or you can do this as an extracurricular activity.

# Job perspectives

**Students who graduated in International Relations found, for example, the following jobs:**

- *PhD candidate and research assistant at Durham University*
- *Consultant at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons*
- *Communications Officer at World Student Christian Federation – Europe*
- *Senior Immigration Expert at EY*
- *Executive Officer Projects and Events at the Economic and Social Research Institute*
- *University Relations Manager at the Center for International Studies*

# Job perspectives - *continued*

- *Communications assistant at HelpAge International*
  - *Research assistant at ETH Zurich*
  - *Consular information office Dutch Ministry of For. Affairs*
  - *Management trainee at Dutch Railways*
  - *Senior officer for multilateral relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kosovo*
  - *Project Assistant at Publistat*
  - *Trainee at the European Parliament*
  - *Tutor at Leiden University*
  - *Product manager at l'Oréal*
  - *Intern programme officer at Cordaid*
- > Visit our alumnus at the information market!**

# What kind of job preparation works?

- Acquiring relevant work experience alongside your studies (internship, board membership, job)
- A master's programme pays off! In their first job, but also after a few years of work experience, master's students often occupy higher-level positions than bachelor's students
- Contact the Career Service for advice on internships and work.

# Important deadlines

- You can submit your application through Leiden University's online application system after you have registered on Studielink.
- **February 2019 intake: 1 November 2018.**
- **September 2019 intake: 1 April 2019 for all students (no direct admission for BAIS students)**

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/study-programmes/master/international-relations> and/or the information market.

# Relevant websites and contact info

- Contact information study adviser:  
Janneke Walstra MA [e.j.walstra@hum.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:e.j.walstra@hum.leidenuniv.nl)  
(or visit the information market at the Arsenaal)
- Course descriptions: e-prospectus:  
<https://studiegids.leidenuniv.nl/en>
- Website for prospective students:  
<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/study-programmes/master/international-relations>

# Questions?

