

DESCRIPTION AND SYLLABUS

Name of the subject in Hungarian:	Global Conflict or Global Society: A Brief History of Future International Relations
Name of the subject in English:	Global Conflict or Global Society: A Brief History of Future International Relations
Credit value of the subject:	3
The code of the subject in the electronic study system:	BN-GLKOSO-03-GY
Classification of the subject:	Optional
Language of instruction (in case of non-Hungarian courses):	English
Institute or department responsible for the subject:	Institute of Social Sciences and International Studies
Course type and number of contact hours:	Practical, class per week: 2, class per semester: 0
Mode of study: (Full-time / Part-time):	Full-time training
The semester in which the subject is open for registration:	2022/2023 1st semester
Prerequisite(s):	-

THE PURPOSE OF THE SUBJECT, LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By concentrating on the effects of the contradictory processes in International Relations, the course will navigate students into "future history." During the study, the accumulated knowledge of Social and Life Sciences will be utilized multidisciplinary to find answers.

SUMMARY OF THE CONTENT OF THE SUBJECT

Mankind has spent most of its history fighting starvation, epidemics, and wars. Yet, in this 21st century, we are facing an amazing new reality. Today more people die from overeating than eating too little, more people die of old age than from infectious diseases, and more people commit suicide than are killed by soldiers, terrorists or criminals combined. Are we witnessing the coming of an earthly paradise, the "perpetual peace" Immanuel Kant has dreamed of? What about global warming, the catastrophic degradation of the planet's ecosystem, overpopulation, mass migrations, terrorism, and the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological threats? What about psychopath rulers, demented dictators, and delusional prophets? Has reason triumphed over irrational greed, envy, egoism, or vanity? Has the rule of law replaced planetary anarchy in International Relations?

STUDENT'S TASKS AND PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Students receive a small task weekly and must submit their written responses in a timely fashion.

EVALUATION OF THE SUBJECT:

Students will practice critical thinking by submitting their views and ideas in response to weekly tasks, and there is a midterm test but no final exam. The final mark will have three components: midterm test (50%), weekly assignments (25%) class participation (25%).

OBLIGATORY READING LIST:

- Harari, Yuval Noah: *Homo deus : a brief history of tomorrow*. Vintage, 2017
- Bradley A. Thayer: *Darwin and International Relations (On the Evolutionary Origins of War and Ethnic Conflict)*, The University Press of Kentucky, 2004,
http://www.kentuckypress.com/live/title_detail.php?titleid=1875#.WhR4xTtrzIU