

Course Outline

Course number	RBB244				
Course title	Political and Economic Challenges for Europe				
Credit points	3 ECTS				
Total hours	30				
Lecture hours	24				
Seminar and other hours	6				
Course level	Bachelor				
Prerequisites	None				
Category	Mandatory		Restricted elective	X	Free elective

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Dirk Linowski	Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c.	Full Professor

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Dirk Linowski	Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c.	Full Professor
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COURSE ABSTRACT

The course intends at its start to provide the basic vocabulary and concepts of demography and to enable the student to understand the past demographic development in his or her home country and in Europe in general. A special focus is on interdependencies and the interrelation between demographic developments, education, technological achievements and labour markets in a globalized world.

In the second part will we compare Europe with the two remaining economic and political "heavy weights" China and the US but have a special focus on Russia and India, too. Special attention is paid to the situation of the countries of the bottom billion and their importance for security in particular and our future development in general.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge: To develop a basic understanding of the recent economic and political tensions and challenges of the EU member states and to understand in particular the dynamics and interdependencies of economic, political and social processes.

Competencies and skills to be gained through the course: To train critical thinking and to develop methodological capacities to ask “smart” questions instead of providing or accepting short answers on complicated economic, political and social phenomena.

Skills: To enable the student to think in, to evaluate and to develop scenarios.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Course paper	80 %
Course participation, hand-in assignments	20 %

COURSE LITERATURE

No.	<i>Author, title, publisher</i>
1	Graeber, D.: Debt. The First 5.000 Years, Melville House, 2008
2	Keynes, J.M: The Economic Consequences of the Peace, Harcourt, Brace and Howe, 1919
3	Morris, I: Why the West Rules. For Now. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2010
4	Collier, P.: Exodus. Immigration and Multiculturalism in the 21 st Century, Random House, 2014
5	Stiglitz, J.: The Price of Inequality, W.W. Norton, 2012
6	Klingholz, R. : Sklaven des Wachstums (in German), Campus, 2015
7	Mazzucato, M.: Th value of everything, Penguin, 2018
8	Course compendium with additional material